

# **Teaching, Learning & Rising Up:** The Power of Education



March 5 – 7, 2020 | Albuquerque

# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2020 Educators Rising NM State Conference! The conference is a unique opportunity for you to make new friends from all over the state, interact with various universities, and learn more about education so you can make an even greater impact when you head home. This year's conference is the largest Educators Rising conference we have held in the history of the states Educators Rising program, and we are honored to have you as a part of it. With passionate people just like you - new schools throughout the state are wanting to join our Educators Rising organization. Since our last conference, we have also launched the new EdRising Collegiate program, and we look forward to seeing many of you start and join an EdRising Collegiate chapter as you graduate. This year's conference will be a nonstop extravaganza with opportunities for you to learn, connect, meet some new people, compete with everything you've got. Use your team building skills to escape from danger and have fun! Individually, we make a difference. Together, we create a movement to change education for our students and our country. Tweet and post photos on Instagram with the hashtags #EdRisingNM2020, #TeachingLearning&RisingUp, #PowerOfEducationNM.





#### **PHOTO BOOTH: Take A Group Photo**

\*Thursday, March 5, 2020 11:30am— 4:00pm \*Friday, March 5, 2020

1:00pm— 4:00pm



### **OPENING SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



# José Gonzalez March 5, 2020 1:00pm-2:00pm

José Gonzalez is in his twenty-eighth year of teaching and currently works for Tucson Unified School District teaching the Culturally Relevant (CR) American History: Mexican American Perspective and CR American Government Social Justice Perspectives classes at Tucson High Magnet School. As a practitioner and a student advocate, José anchors his instruction by implementing a Xicanx Critical Race Theory, simultaneously interweaving a humanizing pedagogy, which at its core is grounded in an indigenous epistemology. He operationalizes this indigenous epistemology to foster and facilitate within his student's a strong sense of identity (ancestral and academic) and student's voice infusing a self-discipline approach to life. José received his bachelor's from Emporia State University; a master's from Northern Arizona University and is currently pursuing his doctorate in Educational Policy Studies and Practice at the University of Arizona.



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

# Mandi Torrez March 6, 2020 11:30am-12:30pm



Mandi Torrez is the 2020 New Mexico Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching for ten years, eight of which have been at Placitas Elementary School. Ms. Torrez is a member of the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics and the National Education Association. She has served on the Placitas Elementary Leadership Team since 2017, and was nominated for the Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award in 2017.

Her first work with children was in college, while volunteering at an English as Second Language after-school program in a low-income housing community. Ms. Torrez's volunteer service was her first look at the achievement gap and the support needed for minority students. A central component of Ms. Torrez's teaching is her focus on cultural diversity. She has worked to highlight cultural awareness at Placitas Elementary by organizing annual celebrations for National Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month and National Black History Month.

Prior to teaching, Ms. Torrez was a journalist for eight years. She attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. Ms. Torrez also attended Wheelock College in Boston, MA, where she received a Master of Science degree in Integrated Elementary Education and Special Education.



June 17-21, 2020 **=** Washington, D.C.

# **RISING**

**Marriott Marquis Washington DC** 

## **Vendor Tables**

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### Friday, March 6, 2020 | 9:30am—3:30pm











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# **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

#### **Thursday, March 5**

Time	Room	Event
10:30 a.m.— 12:45 p.m.	Registration	Check-in
11:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom	Judges Orientation
11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.	Off-site	Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m.— 1:45 p.m.	Grand Ballroom	Opening Session - CLOSED
2:10 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	Grand Ballroom	Jose Gonzalez (Breakout Session)
2:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.	Uptown Ballroom	Job Interview - CLOSED
	Serenade	Inside Our Schools - CLOSED
	Sonata	Lesson Planning & Delivery - CLOSED
	Albuquerque Ballroom	Job Interview - CLOSED
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	Baldwin	Teacher Recruitment PSA - CLOSED
2:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Ebony	Ethical Dilemma - CLOSED

#### The following competitions are **OPEN** to spectators:

Time	Room	Event
2:00 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Ambassador	Educators Rising Moment
3:30 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Ambassador	Public Speaking
2:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Roxy	Creative Lecture (TED Talks)
5:00 p.m.—	Off-site	Dinner on your own

# Need HELP?

Ask a Student Ambassador



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6:30 a.m.— 7:45 a.m.	Grand Ballroom	Breakfast ( <b>for hotel guests ONLY</b> )
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.	Uptown Ballroom	Exploring Education Careers - CLOSED
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.	Serenade	Children's Literature K-3 - CLOSED
8:30 a.m.— 2:00 a.m.	Sonata	Children's Literature Pre-K - CLOSED
8:30 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.	Registration	Breakout Session Check-in
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Sonata	Job Interview - CLOSED
8:30 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.	Albuquerque Ballroom	Research Learning Challenges - CLOSED
11:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.	Grand Ballroom	Keynote Lunch
12:40 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Albuquerque Ballroom	Impromptu Speaking - CLOSED
2:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Ebony	Children's Literature K-3 - CLOSED

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Time	Room	Event
8:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	Ambassador	Creative Lecture
5:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.	Off-site	Student Networking Event
		Escape the Room—Coronado Mall
		*Wear your HS chapter t-shirts**
5:00 p.m.—	Off-site	Dinner on your own

#### Saturday, March

Time	Room	Event
6:45 a.m. — 8:20 a.m.	Grand Ballroom	Breakfast ( <b>for hotel guests ONLY</b> )
9:00 a.m.— 10:30 a.m.	Grand Ballroom	Award Ceremony
10:45 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.	Grand Ballroom	Conference Group Photo
11:00 a.m.		Dismissed

#### **Thursday, March 5**

#### Culturally Humanizing Pedagogy, Conscientization and Intersectional Solidarity in Community Building

Presented by: José Gonzalez, Tucson HS Audience: High School Students and Teacher Leaders

**Description:** In this session, participants delve into the tenets of a culturally humanizing pedagogy, which was fundamental in the success of the renowned Mexican American Raza Studies Department in abating the "achievement" or opportunity gap.



NEW MEXICO

#### Friday, March 6

### Connecting Students to the World through Inquiry

Presented by: Jennifer Chavez-Miller, ELA Teacher Support Specialist, Albuquerque Public Schools Audience: High School Students and Teacher Leaders

Description: How can we inspire our students to become curious, empowered, and globally competent citizens? Let's show - not just tell - our students how to engage with the world! In this hands-and-feet-on session, participants will explore ways to connect students to the world through inquiry-based activities that promote curiosity, engagement and learning. Join us for a fast-paced session that includes exploration using a Giant Map. Be ready to shed your shoes and participate in your socks! However, I would like to include an activity in which participants are interacting with a Giant Map that measures 17' x 21'. Thus, I'd

need a space big enough to accommodate the map.

#### Friends of the New

Presented by: Jeff Tuttle, Teacher, Albuquerque Public Schools Audience: Teacher Leaders

**Description:** Welcome to teaching, the most optimistic of all professions. We are the dreamers of dreamers, and the navigators to captains of worlds yet to be discovered. This presentation will be around thoughts and stories of the different ways teaching advocates for the new, and the connects to the past, and the power in the redistribution of power through education.

#### Equity vs. Equality

Presented by: Daisy Boyar, Shane Evans, Madison Nyska; Rio Rancho High School, Educators Rising Audience: General Interest

**Description:** A presentation by the Rio Rancho High School officers that explores the differences between Equity and Equality and how future teachers can change these inequities. It is an interactive presentation that starts with music and a game, followed by a power point made by the officers, a video and end with a final activity that includes prizes.

#### Got bias?

Presented by: Celina Corral, Daisy Maldonado, Empowerment Congress of Doña Ana County Audience: High School Students and Teacher Leaders

**Description:** The presenters will provide a list of social identities to the audience, which will allow them to reflect for a couple of minutes. Then they will join groups assigned by presenters and rank the list of social identities. Finally, we will gather as a large group and reflect upon our choices and the reasons behind those decisions. Participants will be given the resources to further identify their biases and feel comfortable throughout their bias dismantling process.

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### Bilingual Educators Needed: Community and Professional Support to be Successful

Presented by: José Azul Cortés, Dual Language Education of NM; Dr. Patricia Jiménez-Latham, Transforming Education NM Audience: All Students

**Description:** In this presentation we delve into the Teacher crisis. We invite you to come learn about the critical need for Bilingual teachers in the State of New Mexico. We present a quick summative overview of the legal implications of State laws and what it means to language learners, people of color and those typically marginalized and why the role of the bilingual educator is critical. Language provides equity and access while retaining and honoring your culture and identity. Join us to learn why your next step as a bilingual educator will save our world.

### Homeless Students: How Do Schools Support Them?

Presented by: Jeffrey Beg, Shannon Trujillo, Penelope Buschardt; Albuquerque Public Schools, Title I McKinney-Vento Program Audience: Students

Description: The trauma of homelessness, severe poverty, and high mobility combine to wreak havoc on the academic progress of children and youth in school. The largest and most important safety net for homeless children and youth is the public school system, which provides both basic services as well as the education that is necessary to avoid poverty as adults. This session will demonstrate how the Albuquerque Public School system, through the McKinney-Vento Act, has been instrumental in providing supports and services to ensure success for some of the most vulnerable and marginalized students in the district. Their mission is to provide the means, motivation, and encouragement needed for homeless students to reach their potential as productive members of society in an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Attendees will participate in discussions, activities, and games which will increase their awareness and understanding of homelessness in our schools and in our communities. Participants will walk away with strategies, ideas, and resources to use in any classroom.

#### Tloke Nauoke: Indigenizing Curriculum in the Classroom and OST

Presented by: Anita Lara, Kayla Martinez; Indigenous Educators Corps, NACA-Inspired School Network, and Raices Del Saber Xinachtli Community School

Audience: General Interest

**Description:** This presentation will entail aspects of identifying Indigeneity and the resources needed to create an Indigenized space for students and teachers to learn. To better understand these concepts, presenters will facilitate a session dialogue and discussion of "What it means to identify as Indigenous?" Presenters will speak about their experience teaching within the first Indigenous based curriculum community school in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Including a dive into concepts of "The Xinachtli Project" and the inclusion of the indigenous pedagogy in the classroom. Interactive activities involving the creation of classroom resources and sharing ancestral knowledge.

#### Once Upon a Time: STEM in Fairy Tales Presented by: Lauren Butcher, Educator, Explora Audience: All Students

**Description:** How tall is the Giant from Jack in the Beanstalk? How much weight can Rapunzel's hair hold? Discover the answers as you explore the STEM in your favorite fairy tales. Using hands-on activities ranging from measurement and ratios to structure and function, this workshop will uncover science and engineering principles that are almost too good to be true.

### Ratio of Interactions: Building Positive Relationships with Students

#### Presented by: Greg Howell, CORE-NMSU Audience: General Interest

**Description:** This session will focus on the importance of utilizing the 5 to 1 ratio of interactions to support students in the classroom. We will look at research that supports this concept as well as explore practical steps that will support achieving the desired ratio of interaction in classrooms.

New Teacher Orientation: Maneuvering the College of Education and the Years to Come After Presented by: Jenna Hagengruber, Teacher, Sandia High School; Karah Hagengruber, Student Teacher Audience: General Interest Description: As a sister-duo made up of a 2nd year high school English teacher, and a College of Education Jun- ior who just began student teaching in a 1st grade class- room, we have A LOT of advice for new teachers in the field. This is going to be an interactive and engaging session where upcoming educators will be asked to problem solve real scenarios that many new teachers go through, and come up with solutions on the spot individually and in groups!	Raise Your Voice Presented by: Janea Menicucci, Educational Technology Specalist, Albuquerque Public Schools Audience: General Interest Description: Participants will learn about some free technology tools to help raise students voice. We will take a look at Flipgrid, GarageBand and a few other tools. They will learn to interact with the simple fea- tures of the tools. They will also see how they can take these tools and apply them to their classes, classrooms or to share with colleagues.
Rapping Not Required	Reflective Practice for Professional Growth
Presented by: Mandi Torrez, Teacher of the Year NM 2020 Audience: High School Students and Teacher Leaders Presented by: A look at what culturally responsive teaching can look like in your classroom.	Presented by: Zaira Falliner, CORE-NMSU Audience: All Students Description: In this workshop we will discuss ways to reflect on our teaching practices and the importance continuous professional growth.
Rising Up Together	Rising Up with Powerful Field Experiences
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Presented by: David Byrd, Tenley Smith, Manuel Chavez, Gabriela Garcia, Raul Diaz; Clovis HIgh School, Educators Rising Audience: All Students	Presented by: Dr. Kathleen Wagner, Eastern New Mexico University Audience: High School Students who are members of Ed Rising
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### Teaching Beyond the Books: Supporting Student Social-Emotional Well Being

Presented by: Alyssia Torres, Aimee Sanchez, Mia Tafoya, Sarah Hunnicut; Eldorado High School, Educators Rising Chapter Audience: High School Students and Teacher Leaders

**Description:** Come and learn about the new strides Albuquerque Public Schools is making in improving & supporting student mental health in schools. Students and teachers will learn how to come together to improve students' mental health through a focus on social -emotional well being using engaging activities. We will talk about the NEW concept of school wellness rooms, classroom strategies, and ways you can help others as an individual.

#### Your Path is Your Choice

Presented by: Dr. Karen Trujillo, Superintendent, Las Cruces Public Schools Audience: General Interest

**Description:** What does it mean to be an educator? Is teaching the only pathway? Come and discover what a career in education can be, both in and out of the classroom. There are many pathways in education to choose from. What will yours be? Join me as we discuss the many different career options in education!

### STUDENT NETWORKING EVENT!!! Friday, March 6, 2020



6600 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite T-004, Albuquerque, NM 87110-3439

### **COMPETITION DO'S & DON'TS**

- Be sure to check in for your competition on Day 1 from 10:00 am to 12:45 pm in the hotel lobby.
- If you are using media, please make sure you have it on a flash drive. Please bring an additional flash drive with you to the competition just in case there are technical difficulties.
- Please report to the appropriate competition room 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. If you are not present when your name is called, you will be disqualified from the competition.
- If participating in an "OPEN" competition, you must attend the entire time block of the competition or you will be disqualified.
- It is important that you dress appropriately for your competition.
  Wear your Sunday best or business casual attire.
  - ⇒ Girls: Appropriate length skirts or pants with a blouse that covers sufficiently.
  - ⇒ Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt, or polo. A tie would be appropriate, but not required.

### **HAVE FUN!**

### This is a learning experience! Be prepared and do your best.

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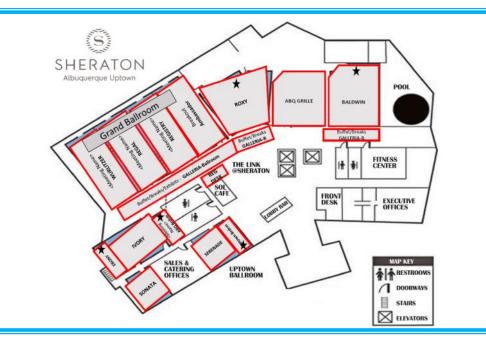
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8:30-9:20 AM	Rising Up with Powerful Field Experiences	Dr. Kathleen Wagner, ENMU	
9:30-10:20 AM	Teacher Leader Roundtable: Educators Rising (by invitation only)	Kate Stephens, Educators Rising National	
10:30-11:20 AM	Role Playing Games for Classroom Management	Chris Speck, Albuquerque Public Schools/ Golden Apple Foundation of NM	
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1:30-2:20 PM	Your Path is Your Choice	Dr. Karen Trujillo, Las Cruces Public Schools	
2:30-3:20 PM	Helping Students Graduate: Tools and Techniques to Lower the Dropout Rate and Increase the Graduation Rate	Franklin Schargel, School Success Network	
3:30-4:20 PM	Homeless Students: How Do Schools Support Them?	Jeffrey Beg, Shannon Trujillo & Penelope Buschardt; Albuquerque Public Schools, Title I McKinney-Vento Program	

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Atrisco Heritage Academy High School Aztec High School Carlsbad High School Chaparral High School V. Sue Cleveland High School Clovis High School Clovis Freshman Academy Del Norte High School Deming High School Eastern New Mexico University Eldorado High School Gadsden High School Hatch Valley High School Laguna-Acoma High School Las Cruces High School Logan Middle-High School Los Lunas High School Lovington High School Manzano High School Newcomb Highs School Rio Rancho High School Roswell Early College High School Piedra Vista High School Portales High School Santa Teresa High School Taos High School Thoreau High School