



Putting More Community in Community College and Beyond: Scholars, Professors, Writers, Teachers, Students and Families Unite to Open Higher Education to our Youth

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Feb. 26-28, 2015
Lone Star College-North Harris
2700 W.W. Thorne Drive, Houston, TX 77073

TEJAS FOCO 2015

The 2015 Tejas Foco Conference is a one-stop shop for high school teachers, administrators, and high school students to get thrilled about education by bringing Latino literature, culture, and history into the classroom.

Presentation tracks specifically for teachers:

Teaching M.A.S. Más: Use Chicano Poetry and Personal Writing to Take the Fear Out of Poetry Discussions • Friday, February 27, 2015 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM • ACAD 132

Teaching M.A.S.: The Team-Based Learning Approach to Anaya's Bless Me, Ultima • Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM • ACAD 139

Teaching M.A.S.: Innovations and New Releases in Mexican American Fiction for Young Adults • Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM • ACAD 143

Unique panels designed for administrators:

Recent research confirms that Mexican American Studies courses increase student success. Don't miss panels that walk through the process of bringing these classes to your school.

Teaching M.A.S.: How to Implement Mexican-American Studies in Your High School • Friday, February 27, 2015 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM • ACAD 139

Positive Latino and Latina role models for students:

We have cultivated our conference to also add current college students and also community members. High school students will get to listen to and meet college students who are not only presenting their own writings, but who are also actively engaged in their community, and who resemble them and their family members.

Student Panel: LMAS: Finding our roots deep in the Heart of Texas • Friday, February 27, 2015 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM • CMED 202/204

The University is embarking on is the creation of a Latino Mexican American Studies (LMAS) minor on campus. But, the idea did not come from the university, or the Board of Regents. Rather, the idea and implementation of the minor was a grassroots movement by a group of Texas A&M University students. The students would like to explain the need for the minor at Texas A&M, the process of getting the minor approved and implementing the minor, as well as the adversities that had to be overcome in order to achieve their goal.

I look forward to your attendance. Please let me know if I can be of any service. To register for the conference, please visit **www.tejasfoco2015.org**

Tony Diaz, Director of Intercultural Initiatives, Lone Star College-North Harris Chair of the 2015 NACCS Tejas Foco