

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS	8:30 AM - 10:15 AM	LOCATION	
Welcome & Overview	Dr. Steve Bautista	JSC-219	
Keynote Address	Ms. Sonia Águila	JSC-219	
SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	LEVEL	LOCATION
Centering Black and Brown Joy, Not Trauma, Through Children's Books	Dr. Abigail Amoako Kayser & Dr. Brian Kayser	A	I-102
Communication and Classroom Community	Alondra Diaz	A	I-107
Pandemic Impacts on Child Development: Identifying Developmental Red Flags and Next Steps	Ms. Yvette Nunez	A	I-203
Safe Spaces in Uncertain Times: How to be an Ally for LGBTQ+ Students and Families	Dr. William Toledo	A	I-109
Working with Young Children: Careers and Pathways	Dr. Chris Becerra	P, E	I-208
EDUCATION FAIR	11:30 AM - 12:10 PM	JSC-219	
LUNCH	12:10 PM - 12:40 PM	JSC 2nd Floor	
SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS	12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	LEVEL	LOCATION
AI in Education: Opportunities for Teaching and Learning	Dr. Nancy Watkins	A	I-203
Embed Positive Mindful Moments in Your Classroom and Beyond	Ms. Alyson Hoberecht	A	I-209
Experiences from an Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Educator	Erika R. Santizo, Grace M. Diaz, & Melina M. Melgoza	A	I-107
Landing Your First Teaching Job	Principals Panel	A	I-206
Visual Arts: Creativity Ready to be Tapped	Ms. Barbara Finnell	A	I-102
SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	LEVEL	LOCATION
Change the World! Become an Education Specialist!	Martin Guadalupe Quiroz	SE	I-103
Pathways to Teaching	Jennifer Robles	A	I-108
Positive Classroom Management Strategies and Discipline Techniques	Ms. Alyson Hoberecht	A	I-209
Teachers Tell It All: New and Veteran Teachers Panel	Dr. Steve Bautista & Panelists	A	I-207
Teaching Science with Trash	Shawn Kirby & Veronica Silva	A	I-101
CONFERENCE WRAP-UP	3:10 PM - 3:30 PM	JSC-219	

Key: A=All Levels, P=Preschool, E=Elementary, SE=Special Education

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Saturday, November 18

8:30am - 3:30pm

at Santa Ana College

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Johnson Student Center (JSC) Room 219

Welcome & Overview

Dr. Steve Bautista, Santa Ana College
and
SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union



KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Ms. Sonia Águila
2023
National Bilingual
Teacher of the Year
From English Learner to
National Bilingual
Teacher of the Year...
¡Se Vale Soñar!

Sonia Águila was selected as the 2023 National Bilingual Teacher of the Year. This award celebrates her commitment as an advocate for multilingual students and their families, and as an exceptional educator throughout her 26-year career. Prior to earning this award, Águila was selected as the 2022 California Bilingual Teacher of the Year and the 2017 Carpinteria Unified School District Teacher of the Year. Águila currently teaches second grade dual-language immersion at Canalino Elementary School in Carpinteria, California. She also serves the Carpinteria Unified School District as the Dual Language Immersion Chairperson and co-wrote the Plan Maestro for the district's Dual Language Immersion Program.

Águila was born in Santa Barbara, but grew up in a small town near Guadalajara, Mexico. At the age of eleven, her family migrated back to California and she entered the school system with limited English skills, only knowing how to count one to ten. Despite this, Águila continued to persevere in school and went on to be recognized as salutatorian at her high school graduation and Latino Student of the Year in college.

After high school, Águila attended Santa Barbara City College before transferring to the University of California, Santa Barbara. She continued her studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara and obtained a Multiple Subject Credential with BCLAD Certificate, as well as a Master's degree in Education.

Águila resides in Santa Barbara County, California's central coast. In addition to her day job as a teacher, Águila is a radio host, producer, and director of Festival Infantil, a children's radio show for Radio Bronco 107.7 FM. She is also a columnist for the Education section of Santa Barbara Latino Newspaper. Águila gives back to the profession as a mentor teacher for credential students attending University of California, Santa Barbara and Westmont College. Águila considers herself to be a lifelong learner and is also a current student herself, pursuing a Ph.D. in Education from Utel Universidad.

SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
I Building Classrooms

Centering Black and Brown Joy, Not Trauma, Through Children's Books

Dr. Abigail Amoako Kayser & Dr. Brian Kayser, I-102
Cal State Fullerton

Join us for an enlightening teacher workshop where we explore the powerful potential of children's literature to center Black and Brown joy, steering away from narratives of trauma. In this interactive session, educators will discover strategies and resources for selecting and incorporating books that celebrate the vibrancy, resilience, and positivity within Black and Brown communities. Participants will engage in discussions, activities, and collaborative learning, leaving with practical insights to create a more inclusive and uplifting classroom environment for their students. This workshop is designed to empower educators to foster a sense of pride, connection, and cultural understanding among their students through the transformative medium of literature. (A)

Communication and Classroom Community

Alondra Diaz, I-107
Sycamore Magnet Academy

In this engaging session, we will learn about ways to motivate students to communicate with each other in a safe structured setting. A few strategies that will be presented are: lines of communication, mingle-mingle, and think-pair-share. At the core of this presentation is a focus on teacher-student and student-student relationships. This session will highlight the importance of oral language practice and how a positive classroom community can help engage students. This session embeds opportunities for educators to reflect on how they can promote equitable participation and inspire them to try new ways to hear every students' voice, every day. (A)

Pandemic Impacts on Child Development: Identifying Developmental Red Flags and Next Steps

Ms. Yvette Nunez, I-203
Santa Ana College

This workshop explores the direct and indirect effects of the pandemic on child development, including providing an overview of developmental red flags and how to navigate connection to community resources. (A)

Safe Spaces in Uncertain Times: How to be an Ally for LGBTQ+ Students and Families

Dr. William Toledo, I-109
Cal State Fullerton

This workshop will provide tips and resources for future educators to help them build queer-affirming, LGBTQ+ friendly spaces for students and families. (A)

Working with Young Children: Careers and Pathways

Dr. Chris Becerra, I-208
Santa Ana College

Desire to work with young children in early childhood education (ages 0-8)? This workshop will cover the many pathways in the field of early childhood education. (P, E)

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Lunch
12:10 PM – 12:40 PM
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SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS

12:50 PM - 1:50 PM
I Building Classrooms

AI in Education: Opportunities for Teaching and Learning

Dr. Nancy Watkins, I-203
Cal State Fullerton

This workshop is an opportunity to collaborate, exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education. This workshop is designed for prospective and current educators looking to leverage AI for teaching and learning. The goal is to explore possibilities and deepen understanding of AI's role in shaping the future of learning. (A)

Embed Positive Mindful Moments in Your Classroom and Beyond

Ms. Alyson Hoberecht, I-209
Garden Grove Unified School District

Would you like your students to better understand themselves, their emotions, their needs, and their personal options? Would you like your classroom to be a safe haven for students to investigate and develop their own mindful practices whether in person or during distance learning? Come experience routines, activities, and methodologies that enable your students to enhance their awareness, balance, focus, and peace of mind on a consistent basis. Mindful breathing, meditation, and techniques to quiet the mind and enhance well-being will be included for both your students and yourself. (A)

Experiences from an Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Educator

Erika R. Santizo, Grace M. Diaz, & Melina M. Melgoza, I-107
Los Angeles Unified School District

This session will cover experiences from the classroom that address humanizing and transformative curriculum from the perspective of an Ethnic Studies teacher. The presenter will share how students develop critical hope and individual and collective self-determination as they engage in activities and lessons that highlight the intersection of identities, pressing social justice issues, and importance of stories from our communities. (A)

Landing Your First Teaching Job

Principals Panel I-206

Getting your foot in the door can be a big challenge! Learn how to make your application stand out, as well as how to nail your interview using tips and tricks that will give you the advantage. Learn directly from a panel of school principals on how you can prepare to apply for a successful career and the teaching position of your dreams! (A)

Visual Arts: Creativity Ready to be Tapped

Ms. Barbara Finnell, I-102
Cal State Fullerton

Come for an interactive workshop using bleeding tissue paper to create a mood on a page. Then continue with Zen Tangle to add an intriguing design. The process is unique for each person and can be used in any grade level. Limited to 25 attendees. (A)

SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
I Building Classrooms

Change the World! Become an Education Specialist!

Martin Guadalupe Quiroz, I-103
Cal State Fullerton

Hear how you can make an impact on our community by becoming an Education Specialist! Learn about the pathways into the field of special education, as well as the admission requirements to ensure you are ready to begin this credential program. (SE)

Pathways to Teaching

Jennifer Robles, I-108
Cal State Fullerton

In this presentation, you will learn about the steps to become a teacher in California, the best pathway for your journey to teaching, and teacher preparation/credential programs. (A)

Positive Classroom Management Strategies and Discipline Techniques

Ms. Alyson Hoberecht, I-209
Garden Grove Unified School District

Students take on the characteristics of the teacher they are with each day! Who are you teaching your students to be? Through a high-energy, interactive method, you will be exposed to multiple positive classroom management strategies and discipline techniques that you can use during distance learning and in person instruction. Come learn to effectively and consistently balance consequences with care within your classrooms and schools. Time management challenges will be addressed along with community-building ideas and teaching techniques that can be implemented throughout the school year. (A)

Teachers Tell It All: New and Veteran Teachers Panel

Dr. Steve Bautista & Panelists, I-207
Santa Ana College

Listen as new and veteran teachers share their classroom joys and challenges. Discover the things they wish they had known before their first day of teaching. Participants will gain insight into the classroom and receive helpful information about the responsibilities and unexpected realities of teaching today. (A)

Teaching Science with Trash

Shawn Kirby & Veronica Silva, I-101
Palm Springs High School

Join us for this fun and hands-on workshop will that teach you how to do engaging, low-cost science demonstrations...many of which use literal trash! (A)

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