

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS	8:30 AM - 10:15 AM	LOCATION	
Welcome & Overview	Dr. Steve Bautista	JSC-219	
Keynote Address	Ms. Alondra Diaz	JSC-219	
SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	LEVEL	LOCATION
Experiences from an Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Educator	Erika Rebeca Santizo	A	I-101
Landing Your First Teaching Job	Principals Panel - Administrators from Anaheim, La Habra, and Santa Ana	A	I-104
Social Justice through Children's Literature	Dr. Abigail Amoako Kayser & Dr. Brian Kayser	E	I-103
Pathways to Teaching	Jennifer Robles	A	I-109
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SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS	12:40 PM - 1:40 PM	LEVEL	LOCATION
Change the World! Become an Education Specialist!	Lori Sadler	SE	I-103
Embed Positive Mindful Moments in Your Classroom and Beyond	Ms. Alyson Hoberecht	A	I-108
Safe Spaces in Uncertain Times: How to be an Ally for LGBTQ+ Students and Families	Dr. William Toledo	A	I-109
Technology Integration in a Culturally Diverse Classroom	Dr. TJ Naman	A	I-101
Working with Young Children: Careers and Pathways	Christina Smith	P, E	I-106
SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS	1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	LEVEL	LOCATION
A Transformative Community Schools Approach: From Vision to Action	Mr. Carlos J. Hernandez & Mrs. Lisa Eck	A	I-102
Positive Classroom Management Strategies and Discipline Techniques	Ms. Alyson Hoberecht	A	I-108
Teachers Tell It All: New and Veteran Teachers Panel	Dr. Steve Bautista & Panelists	A	I-107
EVALUATION & OPPORTUNITY DRAWING • 2:50 PM - 3:00 PM • JSC-219			

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

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# ROAD TO TEACHING 2022 CONFERENCE

Presented by SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Saturday, November 19

8:30am – 3:00pm

at Santa Ana College

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## WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

8:30 AM - 10:15 AM  
JSC-219 Conference Center

### Welcome & Overview

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



### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“THE JOURNEY”

Ms. Alondra Diaz

2022 California  
Teacher of the Year

Alondra Diaz is a fifth grade dual immersion teacher at Sycamore Magnet Academy in the Tustin Unified School District and the 2022 California Teacher of the Year. Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, also nominated Alondra as California’s representative for the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Alondra is also a proud graduate of Santa Ana College.

Alondra’s commitment to education is rooted in the sacrifices that her single mother made to provide a better life for her children in what she describes as “the land of opportunities.” For Alondra, school was her safe haven, and she calls her bilingual classroom her own land of opportunities. It is her goal not only to provide a sense of belonging and connectedness for her students, but also to provide opportunities that expose her students to different cultures, beginning with the ones represented in her class. She works tirelessly and with great passion to create bicultural, bilingual and biliterate scholars who play an active, responsible role in their careers as students. Alondra feels that being part of a dual language immersion community helps her build confident and empowered students by raising their awareness of cultural differences and the need for acceptance. “I value their native language, traditions and experiences. Language connects us,” she believes.

## SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS

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

### Experiences from an Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Educator

**Erika Rebeca Santizo** I-101  
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-104  
Administrators from Anaheim, La Habra, and Santa Ana

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)

### Social Justice through Children’s Literature

**Dr. Abigail Amoako Kayser**  
**Dr. Brian Kayser** I-103  
Cal State Fullerton

Explore and discuss ways to use children’s literature to introduce issues of social justice in the K-8 classroom. (E)

### Pathways to Teaching

**Jennifer Robles** I-109  
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)

## SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS

12:40 PM - 1:40 PM  
I Building Classrooms

### Change the World! Become an Education Specialist!

**Lori Sadler** 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)

### Embed Positive Mindful Moments in Your Classroom and Beyond

**Ms. Alyson Hoberecht** I-108  
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)

### 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)

### Technology Integration in a Culturally Diverse Classroom

**Dr. TJ Naman** I-101  
Santa Ana College

Bridging the digital divide through technology integration in a culturally diverse classroom requires the educator to actively pursue developmentally appropriate resources that will meet the needs of the young scholar. This workshop is for bridge builders who are eager to acquire new tools, activities and resources that will help meet diverse students’ needs. (A)

### Working with Young Children: Careers and Pathways

**Christina Smith** I-106  
Saddleback 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)

## SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS

1:50 PM - 2:50 PM  
I Building Classrooms

### A Transformative Community Schools Approach: From Vision to Action

**Mr. Carlos J. Hernandez** I-102  
Anaheim Union High School District  
**Mrs. Lisa Eck**  
California Teachers Association and Anaheim Educators

Learn how the Anaheim Union High School District’s Community Schools Approach serve as a means to create a safe place at the heart of a community where students, families, educators and school staff, and community members and partners are connected and work together to expand opportunities and address the needs of the whole child. (A)

### Positive Classroom Management Strategies and Discipline Techniques

**Ms. Alyson Hoberecht** I-108  
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 (Moderator) & Panelists** I-107  
Santa Ana College & Panelists

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)

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## EVALUATION & OPPORTUNITY

DRAWING

2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

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