

M.E.Ch.A Regional Conference



AZTLÁN DEL NOROESTE

In Lak'ech

Tú eres mi otro yo.
You are my other me.
Si te hago daño a ti,
If I do harm to you
Me hago daño a mi mismo.
I do harm to myself.



Si te amo y respeto,
If I love and respect
you,
Me amo y respeto yo.
I love and respect
myself.

Mayan-inspired poem, "Pensamiento Serpentino"
-Luis Valdez.



Patricia Cortez

Patricia was born in El Salvador, and is the first in her family to earn a university degree. Her indigenous roots taught her to fight for social change early on: starting at just nine years old! Patricia has volunteered for social change groups in El Salvador, California, and Eugene and is the co-founder and of Juventud FACETA, a leadership development program for Latino immigrant youth who focus on Human, Immigrant, and Environmental Rights. Patricia has been recognized by Causa Oregon and Latino Club at the Oregon State Penitentiary for youth engagement work. Patricia is an inspiration to many youth and has strengthened the inner leader in them to speak their powerful voices.

“My grandma always taught me to work hard for what I want. Being part of MRG's Grantmaking Committee reminds me of those words and keeps my passion for social change vibrant.”



Ramón Ramírez

A lifelong advocate of immigration reform and president of Causa Oregon, Ramirez also is president and a founding member of Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, or the Northwest Tree planters and Farmworkers United. Located in Woodburn, PCUN is Oregon's farmworker union and the largest Latino organization in the state.

“My main goal is to educate students on the contributions that farmworkers have made to the state of Oregon,” Ramirez said. “I want them to understand that farmworkers are paying a price for feeding America. I also want talk about how students can play a role in making food more sustainable, while also addressing workers' rights issues.”



MEChA de LCC Regional Conference March 3rd-5th, 2017
LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE • EUGENE, OREGON
"La Voz del Pueblo"

Friday, 3rd

- o **6:00pm – 7:00pm** Check-In Registration Longhouse (Building 31)
- o **7:45pm-10:00pm** Baile

Saturday, 4th

All Workshops & Break Out Sessions are in Building 19, Second Floor

Room 201 Conference Center

Rooms 232, 234,239, 241, 243,245, 248

- o **8:00am – 8:45am** Arrive Building 1, Room 201 (Multi-Cultural Center)

Check in Registrations
Breakfast Snacks

WORKSHOPS

- o **9:00am – 10:20am** 1st Workshop Session
- o **10:30am – 11:50am** 2nd Workshop Session
- o **12:00pm – 1:00pm** Lunch Longhouse (Building 31)
Community Recognition / Awards Presentations

- o **1:00pm - 2:00pm** Longhouse (Building 31) or Building 17, Room 308
Keynote Speaker: Ramón Ramírez, President of PCUN

WORKSHOPS

- o **2:05pm – 3:25pm** 3rd Workshop Session
- o **3:30pm – 4:50pm** 4th Break out for Caucuses

* 2 sessions of 40 Minute Caucuses

- o **4:50pm–5:30pm** Conference Break
- o **5:30pm-6:30pm** Dinner– Longhouse (Building 31)
- o **7:00- 8:00pm** Longhouse (Building 31) or Building 17, Room 308
Keynote Speaker: Patricia Cortez, Co-Founder, Juventud FACETA
- o **8:05pm till it ends** Open Mic Speak Out (Political Action Let Our Voices Be Heard)

Sunday, 5th LCC Longhouse (Building 31)

- o **10:00am – Till it Ends** Regional Meeting Regional Chapters Only)

Snacks, Fruits, Drinks will be provided
Lunch on Our Own

Workshop Session #1
Bldg. 19, 2nd floor
9:00am -10:20am

***Radicalizando tu Chapter, by Manuel Mejia González. #241**

This workshop brings to light historical methods that mobilize underserved communities and puts them in a contemporary context exploring developed bureaucracies that have evolved alongside the tactics of the insurgent. We will explore the historic right wing response to the conjunction of civil rights movements in the late 60s and early 70s in effort to understand the nature of the evolution in tactics and rhetoric that seek to hinder efforts of radical change.

*** Queer Terms and Definitions, by Linda Pelayo. #239**

With this workshop students will be able to learn new language and the right definitions of each terms.

*** El símbolo de el águila, by Yasmeeen González, Arianna González, Rafael Torres. #248**

The background about the meaning of the eagle, also we are going to explain where they got the idea from and how it all connects to each other and how it represents M.E.Ch.A

*** Seeking Justice for the Land and the Worker: How Oregon Fails to Meet Human Right Principles, by Mysti Frost. #232**

How Oregon has undercut federal law regarding protecting farmers and loggers from unsafe toxic working conditions. Will speak about osha regulations and current standards and what Beyond Toxics is doing to change these regulations to protect farmers and loggers.

***From Sunrise to Sun Dusk: Raising the Crop with The Pain of Our Backs, by Lucero Castañeda. #234**

There will come a moment in our life at least once when we will all need a doctor, an attorney, or an engineer, pero por lo menos tres veces al dia, every day we need an agriculturist. Farmworkers feed our entire Nation and are hardly noticed. Cada persona merece ser tratada con dignidad y respeto. In this workshop, we will explore the internationally-recognized farmworker organization—The Coalition of Immokalee Workers—that has been working for two decades to transform the US agriculture industry and ensure human rights for every person who is harvesting this country's food. Farmworkers have taken their sweat from los campos del jitomate to the corporate consumers who profit from their poverty to demand they be treated with dignity and respect.

Workshop Session #2
Bldg. 19, 2nd floor
10:30am -11:50am

*** History of Music and Dance in Latin America, by MEChA de Linfield. #239**

Learn about the roots of different types of dances and music genres from Latin America.

*** MEChA 101, by Leah Barrera and Andrea Castillo. #241**

An introductory workshop to the Chicax Movement that we are taking part of as well as the history leading up to MEChA.

*** Womyn of the Revolution, by Niria Alicia. #243**

We will explore the herstories of our community and other oppressed communities and discuss ways in which we can bridge our struggles and build solidarity across struggles. What does it mean to be a leader? Come learn about the amazing womyn who have fought tirelessly for their people. Our communities are under attack and it is important now more than ever to weave the fabric of our collective movement stronger! Come learn about incredible womyn who have lead and inspired movements in our Xicanx, Black, Indogenous communities.

*** #purpleDACAletters, by Luis Cisneros, Carolina Reyes, Josselyn Rendon, Zaira Flores and Leonardo Reyes. #245**

#purpleDACAletters campaign aims at raising awareness about the DACA program and all the wonderful contributions by DACA recipients. The goal is to raise awareness in various ways; holding community workshops and panels to talk about DACA, tabling at community events, and the essence of the campaign, by having supporters write letters of advocacy that our coalition can collect, mass produce, and send to state and federal legislators. The letters will be sent in purple envelopes to symbolize the hope we have for the preservation of this program. Through our efforts, we hope to educate those with anti-immigrant opinions, those who are pro-immigration but do not know about DACA, and we also hope to empower DACA recipients by giving them an opportunity to advocate for themselves.

Workshop Session #3

Bldg. 19, 2nd floor

2:05pm - 3:25pm

*** An integration into the United States structure: It's our turn, by Hector Virgen-Márquez. #232**

Since the start of the United States of America, the minority populations have been mistreated and oppressed. For over two hundred years, the minority populations have had structurally constructed obstacles that halted their full potential. Today, we are all growing, becoming stronger, and becoming bigger. It is our turn to integrate ourselves into the United States, and bring the change we want to see. Today, there are more Latinx and Chicanx individuals than ever before, we are all growing, gaining a college education, and beginning to expand. It is our turn to take up the position, titles, and status laid out in front of us. It is our turn to learn to use the system, and learn to make a better life for everyone.

*** Woke & Brown: Intersectional Resistance in Trump Era, by Mariana Paredones. #241**

Advanced workshop: participants are expected to have an understanding system of oppression, white supremacy, direct action organizing and brief knowledge of fascist regimes. This workshop aims at breaking down the different approaches to take towards resisting the current presidency and its movers. Providing unique organizational tips and strategies to arm our communities with especially undocumented folx.

*** Be Aware, Be Safe, by Angel Mandujano and Stephanie Lerma. #239**

Presentation on sexual health education and how to prevent STI's/STD's/HIV/AIDS.

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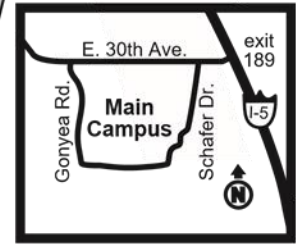
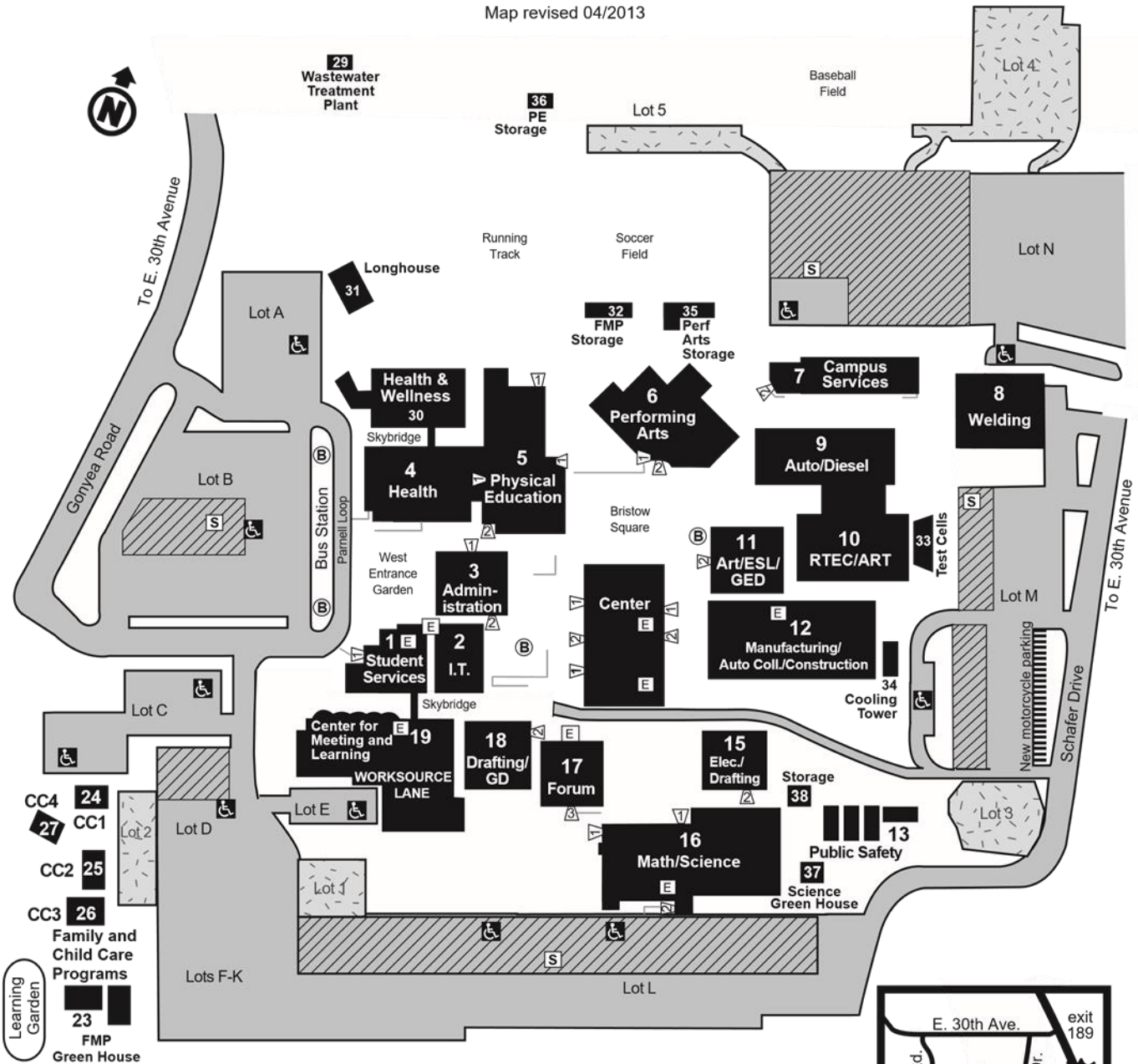
***From the classroom to the streets: Know Justice, know peace! by Lucero Castañeda. #234**

In this workshop we will discuss the power we have in community organizing! We will brainstorm what community organizing means y como se ve. Together, we will explore movements that have been lead by (Continue on Next Page 9) →

youth across the country, in our state, and what we can do aqui mismo en Oregon. It is important to strive for a better future and higher education; in doing so, we must also understand the importance of staying connected to our raíces, as well as constantly engaging in the struggle for Justicia, peace, and fighting for dignidad y respeto not only para nuestras familias, but our entire community y nuestra raza as a whole.

NOTES

Map revised 04/2013



KEY

- Ⓟ Bicycle Parking
- Ⓜ Elevator
- Covered Smoking Area
- ⚡ Electric Door
number designates floor
- ♿ Parking with Handicapped Permit
- ▨ Compact parking
- ▩ Gravel Parking Areas
- ≡ New motorcycle parking

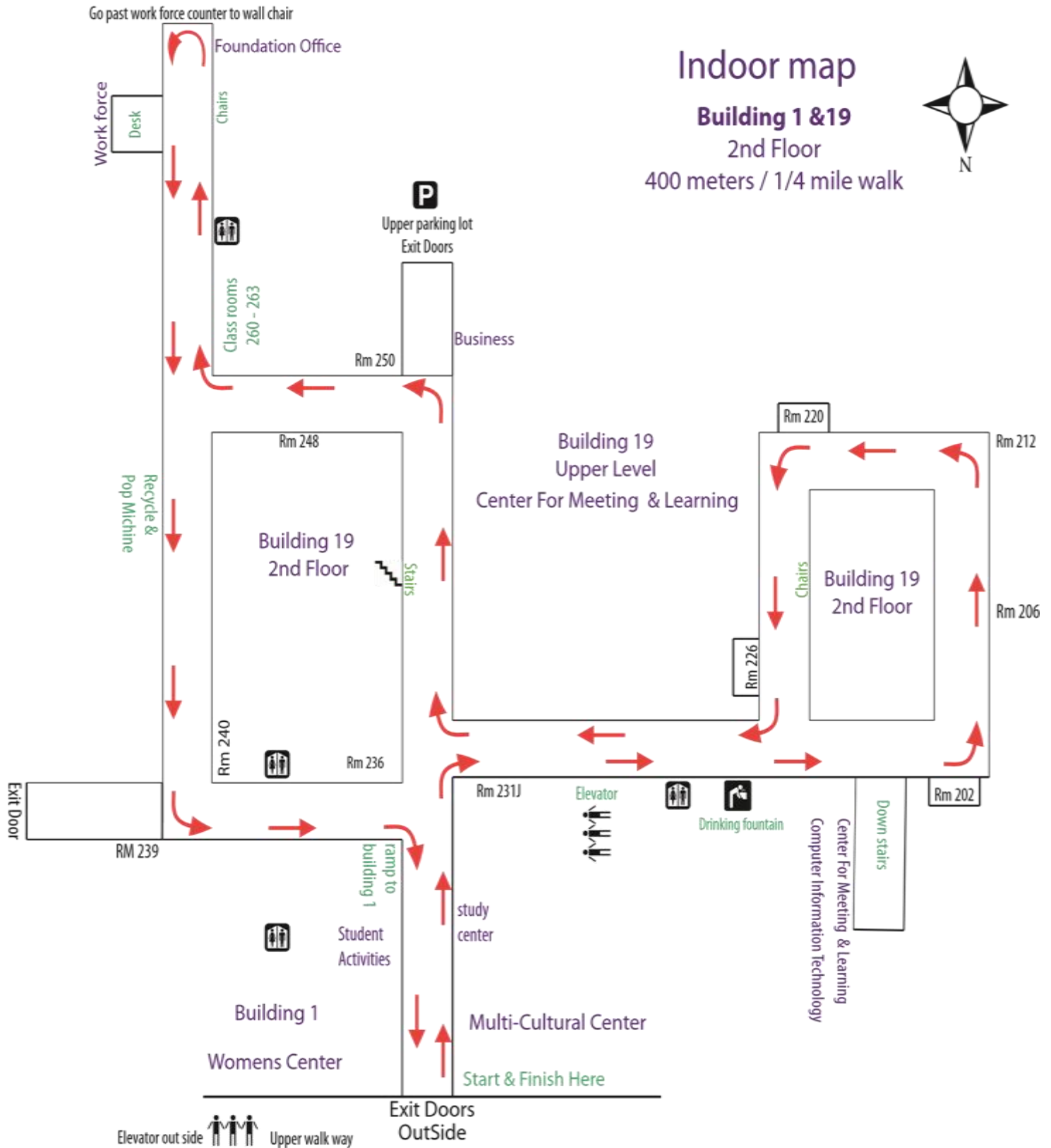
Building 19- Center for meeting and Learning
 Building 31- Longhouse

Indoor map

Building 1 & 19

2nd Floor

400 meters / 1/4 mile walk



Appreciations

Jim Garcia

Chicano/Latino Student Program Coordinator, Faculty Advisor, MEChA de LCC
Multi-Cultural Center, Student Life & Leadership Development

Tina Lymath

Department Coordinator Student Life and Leadership Development and
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Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Office of the President Lane Community College

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Lane Community College Student Recruiter

James Florendo

Native American Student Program Coordinator
Longhouse

MEChistAs from LCC

Patricia Cortez, Co-Founder, Juventud FACETA

Ramón Ramírez, President of PCUN

Chapala Mexican Restaurant Catering – Dinner Martin and Elvira Pelayo

Sra. Silvia and Kim Varo Catering – Lunch

Raul de la O – Latino Lane County

Lane Community College

Workshop Presenters and Conference Attendees