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¡BIENVENIDOS!

North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) and NC State University welcome and thank each one of you for attending our 23rd. Hispanic Educational Summit.

We offer our sincerest appreciation to North Carolina State University-College of Education for hosting and co-presenting the largest educational conference for middle and high school Hispanic students in North Carolina!

In addition, we would like to thank all of the teachers and school administrators that have brought their students to the Summit today. Thank you for encouraging them to excel, stay in school, and pursue their educational goals and dreams!

¡Nuestros mejores deseos para que aprendan y se diviertan mucho durante **SU** conferencia!
¡Únete a los estudiantes Hispanos que están terminando con su "High School".

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AGENDA

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	**Check in / Registration** - Lobby
8:15 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.	**Welcome & Opening Ceremony** Rocio Anderson, NCSHP President **Paola Sztajn**, Dean of NC State University College of Education
8:40 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	**Greetings** Ricardo Ekmay, NCSHP Board Chair
8:45 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	**Recognitions & Introduction of Keynote Speaker** Dr. MariaRosa Rangel, NCSHP Vice-President
8:50 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	**Keynote Speaker: Eliazar Posada**
9:15 a.m - 9:20 a.m.	**Conference Logistics** Dr. MariaRosa Rangel, NCSHP Vice-President
9:25 a.m.- 10:10 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions I**
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions II**
11:05 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	**Breakout Sessions III**
12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.	**Closing Keynote Speaker: Sabrina Hurtado**
1:25 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	**Scholarship Recipients Recognition & Raffles** Ricardo Ekmay, NCSHP Board Chair
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Middle School	**Room 7a** **Transitioning from Middle to High School - Jorge Pacheco** **Room 7b** **How to become an organized Middle Schooler - MariaRosa Rangel, WCPSS**
High School	**Room 4** **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Social Media - Eric Chaney, WCPSS** **Room 5** **The Importance of Maintaining Culture, Language and Identity - JohnnyVargas & Paola Acuña, WCPSS** **Room 6** **Your Guide to College, Career Planning and Beyond - Juana Hernandez-Lira, CFNC** **Room 3** **The Power of Bilingualism in Education and Work - Gerardo Santoyo** **Room 8b** **How to become (the Path to) a teacher - NC State College of Education - Erin Thomas Horne, NC State University** **Exhibitor Visit - Mandatory Session (Rooms 1a & 1b)**

Session/Time	**BREAKOUT SESSIONS II - 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Middle School	**Room 7b** **Transitioning from Middle to High School - Jorge Pacheco, WCPSS** **Room 7a** **The Importance of Maintaining Culture, Language, and Identity - Johnny Vargas & Paola Acuña, WCPSS**

Session/Time	BREAKOUT SESSIONS II - 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
High School	**Room 3** The Power of Bilingualism in Education and Work - **Gerardo Santoyo** **Room 4** Planning a Career in STEM - **Ricardo Ekmay - NCSHP** **Room 5** Technical Career Options - certificates, technical vs. university/college - **Prudencio Martinez, Lenoir Community College** **Room 6** Your Guide to College, Career Planning and Beyond - **Juana Hernandez-Lira, CFNC** **Room 8b** How to become (the Path to) a teacher - NC State College of Education - **Erin Thomas Horne, NC State University** **Exhibitor Visit - Mandatory Session (Rooms 1a & 1b)**

Session/Time	BREAKOUT SESSIONS III - 11:05 - 11:55 a.m.
Middle School	**Exhibitor Visit - Mandatory Session (Rooms 1a & 1b)**
High School	**Room 3** Planning a Career in STEM - **Ricardo Ekmay - NCSHP** **Room 4** The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Social Media - **Eric Chaney, WCPSS** **Room 5** Technical Career Options - certificates, technical vs. university/college- **Prudencio Martinez, Lenoir Community College** **Room 8a** Tips & Tricks For Self Care and wellbeing - **Heidy Gómez** **Room 6** The Importance of Maintaining Culture, Language and Identity - **JohnnyVargas & Paola Acuña, WCPSS**
12:00 - 12:50 p.m.	**LUNCH - Rooms 2 a, b, & c**
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SPEAKERS

Rocío Anderson

Rocío Anderson holds degrees in Physics, Mathematics, and Business Administration. She currently resides in Holly Springs, NC with her husband, Shawn, and their two sons Fabrizio and Carmines. Rocío Anderson is the UPSTREAM USA Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement. One of Rocío's personal and professional passions is women's health and ensuring that services are tailored to meet individuals with an equity lens and with a life course perspective as opposed to episodic or acute. Rocío is an active leader in the NC Perinatal Health Equity Collective, the NC Preconception Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Networks (CoIIN) Leader-ship.

Rocío's professional accomplishments are pronounced by more than 17 years of experience as a consultant in the fields of Health Care and Education, Public Health, and Public Safety. Rocío has held many volunteer positions working with and for the Latinx community in North Carolina. Rocio is currently serving as Governor Roy Cooper's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs' Secretary.

Dean Paola Sztajn

Paola Sztajn began serving as dean of NC State's College of Education on April 1, 2022. She is a professor of mathematics education who previously served the college as associate dean for research and innovation, as head of the Department of Teacher Education and Learning Sciences, and as interim dean (from Oct. 5, 2021-March 31, 2022).

She has also worked at NC State as a special assistant fo faculty research and development with the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost and the Office of Research and Innovation and as NC State's interim associate vice provost for academic personnel and policy.

Sztajn is originally from Brazil. She earned a bachelor's and master's in physics. While working with the Suruí people in the Amazon jungle as part of an ethnomathematics research project, she became passionate about early mathematics and eventually came to focus her work and research on teachers of elementary mathematics. "Teachers are the biggest school-based factor impacting student learning," she says. "And so, because I wanted more kids to learn math, I started working with teachers."

After earning a Ph.D. in mathematics education at Indiana University, Sztajn returned to work in academia in Rio, Brazil, before joining the faculty at the University of Georgia and then becoming a program officer with the National Science Foundation. She joined the faculty at NC State's College of Education in 2008 and helped establish its STEM-focused elementary education program — the first and only one of its kind in North Carolina and one of the few in the nation.

Eliazar Posada

Eliazar Posada became the first openly LGBTQ Latino elected in North Carolina after winning a special election on May 17, 2022. Born in Florida and raised in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas, he has worked and lived in Carrboro since 2016. He serves as the Organizing Director of Equality NC, the oldest statewide organization in the country dedicated to securing rights and protections for the LGBTQ Community. He is also the Founder of Posada Strategy Consulting, a consulting firm that works with nonprofit and grassroots organizations to build capacity, develop programs, and create strategies around fundraising, community outreach, and advocacy.

Eliazar began his work with El Centro Hispano as a Community Specialist and grew to be Acting President and CEO, where he led the programs and advocacy efforts that impact the low income, LGBTQ and undocumented communities. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of several local nonprofits including The Chamber of Commerce for a Greater Chapel Hill and Carrboro, PORCH - Chapel Hill/Carrboro and Enlace Latino NC. Eliazar has received numerous awards for his service to the community including The 2021 Frida Kahlo Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2021 Latino Diamante Latino Advocate Award. A graduate of Campbell University with a degree in Political Science and Government with Pre-Law Concentration, Eliazar is proud to continue to serve our community.

Ricardo Ekmay

Ricardo Ekmay is the Senior Vice President of Product Development for Arbiom Inc., a Durham, North Carolina-based agricultural technology company. He also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas. Prior to his time at Arbiom, Ricardo spent several years as a Research Scientist with Dow AgroSciences LLC. While at Dow, Ricardo also served as the communications chair of the Hispanic-Latin Network and was an active member of the science outreach team, Science Ambassadors. He is originally from Los Angeles, CA and is of Mexican and Colombian heritage. Ricardo received his BS in Animal Science from Cornell University, and his MS and PhD in Poultry Science from the University of Arkansas. Ricardo returned to Cornell for completion of his post-doctoral studies. He serves on various committees including the nutrition and aquaculture committees of the American Feed Industry Association, and the diversity, equity, and inclusion committee of the American Society of Animal Science. Ricardo values community outreach and the promotion of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, especially in the Hispanic-Latin community.

Dr. MariaRosa Rangel

Dr. MariaRosa Rangel has over twenty-five years of educational experience. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Bilingual/ Bicultural and Elementary Education from the Northeastern University of Chicago, Illinois and her Master's Degree in School Administration and Doctoral Degree in Education from North Carolina State University.

Currently, Dr. Rangel serves as the Director for Family and Community Engagement in the Office of Equity Affairs for the Wake County Public School District (WCPSS). She is responsible for the planning, developing, and coordinating family and community activities/events and programs to improve student's academic achievement; oversees the District Family Academy which offers FREE workshops and educational events for WCPSS families in various schools and community sites throughout Wake County. Dr. Rangel also provides Cultural Proficiency staff development to WCPSS faculty and staff.

Jorge Pacheco

Jorge Pacheco is a Teacher at Fuquay-Varina High School of Wake County Public School System. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Technology, Design, and Engineering Education with a minor in Graphic Communications from North Carolina State University (NC State) in Raleigh, NC. He was the president of "Mi Familia", a Hispanic student organization at NC State University. Also, Jorge was a College Student Board member for the NC Society of Hispanic Professionals from 2014 to 2016. Jorge has been a member of the Hispanic Educational Summit planning committee since 2015. He was born in McMinnville, Oregon, and was raised in Graham, NC attending school in the Alamance-Burlington School system in Alamance County. Jorge believes that education and hard work are the fundamental keys to being able to contribute to not only the Hispanic community but our society as a whole.

Johnny Vargas

Johnny Vargas, was born in Colombia, South America, and has lived and taught Spanish in the United States for the past 19 years. He graduated from Universidad Libre in Colombia, and has a bachelor's degree in Philology and languages.

Johnny also taught in Colombia with experience in English and Spanish language education, translation, and language program coordination. He is a National Board-Certified Teacher in World Languages and licensed to teach Spanish and English as a Second Language (ESL) for K-12 in North Carolina. He enjoys working with the Hispanic community. He currently serves as a presenter and parent trainer for the family Academy, an initiative of the office of equity affair of Wake County public school system. Johnny comes from a family of teachers with strong values and respect for education, and teaching is my number one passion.

Paola Acuna

Paola Acuña was born in Colombia; South America and has been living and teaching in the United States for the past 9 years. She graduated from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional in Bogotá, Colombia and has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Foreign languages and a Master's degree in Bilingual Education.

Paola taught Spanish and Literature and English as a Second Language in Colombia for 15 years. She is licensed to teach Spanish, French and English as a Second Language (ESL) for K-12 in North Carolina.

I have been teaching Spanish as a Second Language at Apex Friendship High School in Wake County for 5 years and I love it! This is my dream job and I do it with passion and dedication.

Eric Chaney

Eric Chancy was born and raised in Miami, Florida, earned his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an English concentration in 1993, and completed his master's degree in K-12 School Counseling in 1996. Eric moved to North Carolina in 1999, working as a high school counselor until 2013, at which time he began working with the WCPSS Office of Student Assignment, overseeing the transfer of students to and from 39 schools within the Wake County Public School System. Eric has also authored "The Mechanics of School Counseling Workbook", a guide to help counselors acclimate to new counseling positions, and speaks with school and community groups about the proliferation of and cautions necessary when engaging in social media. Eric frequently seeks to learn about and share information on how technology is affecting our culture, and in turn how that technology is affecting relationships with students.

Juana Hernández

Is originally from Estado de Mexico, Mexico, but raised in Raleigh, NC, which she considers her hometown. She has over ten years of experience in college access and education and working with young adults and their families navigate educational systems. Hernández Urquiza served as a ¡Graduate! Coach with the NC Society of Hispanic Professionals, Program Coordinator with Communities in Schools of Wake County, State Director of Juntos For a Better Education Program, and a Team Leader at Haven House Services. She is currently a State Representative for Spanish Services with the College Foundation of North Carolina where she dedicates her time helping Spanish-speaking communities plan, apply, and pay for college and fostering positive relationships with education leaders to identify college access strategies for underrepresented students. As a Latina immigrant and first-generation college graduate, she understands the challenges immigrant populations face in navigating systems and accessing higher education in the United States. Hernández Urquiza believes that knowledge, preparation, advocacy, and connections can lead students to achieve their post-secondary educational goals.

Gerardo Santoyo

Gerardo earned a major in Electronic Engineering and a specialty in Hygiene, Safety, and Environmental Science in Guadalajara, Mexico.

He worked for IBM in Mexico for 16 years. He then held several management positions at IBM Corporate HQ in New York, responsible for Latin America and the IBM Asia Pacific region. He then transferred to the IBM US Southeast region for eight more years.

Co-owner since 2008 of Maracas Montessori in Raleigh, NC. He quit IBM in 2012 to fully dedicate himself to this educational project.

President of the Foundation of the NC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (NCHCC) in Raleigh.

Co-founder, member, and former president of the Raleigh Chapter for the Red Global Mx (RGMx) and leader of the Project in Bilingualism in this chapter.

Erin Thomas Horne

Erin Thomas Horne is the Assistant Dean for Professional Education and Accreditation in the NC State University College of Education. A native of Garner, North Carolina, she earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees in Elementary Education Curriculum from Campbell University. In 2010, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Curriculum and Developmental Supervision from NC State University.

Erin began her teaching career in Wake County Public Schools, teaching 4th grade. In 2003, she was named one of Wake County's First Year Teachers of the Year. Her teaching has continued at NC State as a Teaching Assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education and Learning Sciences.

In addition to serving as the Assistant Dean for Professional Education and Accreditation, Erin serves as the Graduate Program Coordinator of the Curriculum and Developmental Supervision program and Director of Research for SUCCEED. She has led the formation of many innovative programs in the College. Dr. Horne impacts educator preparation at the national level through work with accreditation by co-chairing the 2020 standards revision process and workbook creation for CAEP, leading multiple workshops on quality assessment in educator preparation accreditation, and participating or leading over 15 CAEP visits. Her research focuses on the areas of teacher preparation, beginning teacher induction and retention, and accreditation.

Prudencio Martinez

Born and raised in Puerto Rico. His father was a professor of physics, and his mother an academic administrator. He holds a B. S. in Biology from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Campus. He completed his graduate studies at ECU with a M.A. in International Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Economic Development, focusing on cross-cultural communication and Latin American issues. He has conducted studies in the Caribbean, Australia, and Peru. He is a trained Spanish Interpreter and has been involved with the Hispanic/Latino/Latinx community in North Carolina for the past fourteen years. Prudencio has been a member of the City of Greenville Human Relations Council, and currently serves on the University of North Carolina's NC TraCS Community Advisory Board. He is a member of the Go Global NC's Latino Initiative Strengthening the Talent Pipeline, and a member of the Steering Team of the Hispanic/Latino Action Coalition. He currently works as the Workforce Development Coordinator in Continuing Education and the Centro Educativo Latino, at Lenoir Community College. Prudencio endeavors to seek out new ideas that encourage education and understanding between peoples and their cultures. His heart holds the ideal of a brighter and more inclusive future for all Latinos in North Carolina.

Heidy Gomez

Heidy Gomez is a lawyer and accounting graduate from Venezuela. She is an entrepreneur, passionate for education and mental health, and the well-being of the Latino family.

She is a national Hispanic leader in education and serves as the Hispanic representative of the nonprofit organization Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina for School Choice. Heidy is also the North Carolina Hispanic Ambassador for Schools Choice The American Federation for Children.

Heidy is a single mother of three wonderful kids: Mafer, Naty, and Eddie.

Sabrina Hurtado

Sabrina is an NC State graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Arts Studies with a Visual Arts concentration and a Minor in Arts Entrepreneurship. Sabrina is an outstanding person, conscientious, hard-working, creative, respectful, open-minded, and enterprising. Sabrina was in the University Honors Program, and a Caldwell Fellow (a program focused on service and leadership). She was the co-founder and president of NC State's Arts Club. And this past summer, she completed her undergraduate work studying abroad in Prague. At her graduation, she was her department's commencement student speaker and received the Bob Patterson Interdisciplinary Studies Fellow Award.

The award is given to a student that has a strong scholastic record, generosity, empathy, humility, open-mindedness, creativity, altruism, and gratitude As the first person in her family to attend university in the United States, she arrived ready to engage at NC State, has received accolades and honors, and has defined her role as a leader. Her family and Latinx heritage provide a foundation for her diverse and interdisciplinary research in both her individual and community work. She is now a full-time employee in her field of study, as the Manager of Teen and College Programs at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Carolina Diaz

Mrs. Diaz is originally from Venezuela and brings to the Society a valuable trajectory as an Associate Director of the Meredith College MBA Program and Client Relations & Operations Manager at Arenas Immigration Law. Carolina holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, bringing 18+ years of experience in client relations, recruitment, sales, higher education, and management. She is experienced in planning and hosting conferences, workshops, and seminars for students and professionals.

Carolina has served as a Guardian Ad Litem for Wake County's Family Court since 2010. In 2019-2020, Carolina served as treasurer on the board of the Southeastern U.S. regional chapter of NAGAP (SEAGAP), dedicated to professional development in graduate enrollment. In 2018 and 2019, she was part of the planning committee and task force for the Women's Leadership Conference hosted by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. She defines herself as a culturally competent leader who loves helping individuals make discoveries about themselves and applying them to their goals. She strongly believes in the power of collaboration.

Mrs. Diaz has been on post since January 16, 2023, and has already become an integral part of the team. “Carolina’s skills and experience will be a valuable asset to the Society as we develop our strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. We are looking forward to taking advantage of Carolina’s wisdom” said NC Society of Hispanic Professionals President, Rocio Anderson.