

2016 Alsame Conference

WORKSHOPS

* **"LATIN@S UPLIFTING ME" STUDENT PANEL**

Moderator: Laura Gonzales, Ph.D.

Meet current Latin@ college students from Michigan colleges and universities to learn about their own experiences so far in college. Ask them any questions about college life, what to expect, or any other aspects of college you're curious about, and learn what it takes to be successful and enjoy college life!

* **THE STRUGGLE IS REAL...NEVER GIVE UP!**

Presenter: Juan Flores, Michigan State University

Motivation and Inspiration are essential elements in overcoming failures and discouragement that get in the way of pursuing your purpose in life. In this workshop, participants will learn strategies for success through one man's journey of overcoming obstacles from living undocumented, in extreme poverty, being homeless in the streets of Southwest Detroit, to finding his purpose in life.

***MONEY MATTERS – BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE!**

Presenter: Andrea Sanchez, Saginaw Medical Family Credit Union

Learn the basics of a budget and how to make it work for your future, gain confidence in your ability to save money, strengthen your consciousness about money – Become more proactive and less reactive, make realistic financial goals and prioritize them, locate resources and tips on cutting expense. We will also touch on credit vs. debit card and credit report.

* **POWER OF STORY**

Presenter: Gil Guevara, Artists Latinos en Accion Siempre (A.L.A.S)

Once upon time - As every story goes. But what about yours? How did your story begin? Where are you with your own story? Today - We will question, explore and answer, and come up with where do you want your story to go, and what will be your "happy" ending.

*** EMPOWERING LATIN@S THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE JOURNEY**

SVSU Presenters: Dr. Danilo Sirias and Monica Reyes

Our panelists have experienced so much in their successful careers. Join us as they share their collection of lessons learned, provide advice and suggestions for building yourself and your career. The panelist will give a voice to the challenges that Latin@s still face today and share their stories of how they overcame them. The team will share beyond simply telling their stories, they will share their insight into persistence, vigilance and the power of the self-confidence that is within each one of us.

*** VALDEZ INFLUENCE IN ART**

Presenter: Vito Valdez

Join Vito Valdez, DIA-affiliated muralist responsible for so much of the iconic artwork in the Detroit area. Mr. Valdez will discuss various aspects of his artwork and influences. If you walked around Detroit, you probably glimpsed his art without even knowing it. This talented creator's public works grace several of Motown's walls and corners.

*** HIP HOP AND ACTIVISIM**

Presenter: Olmeca

Art helps us provide perspective to the issues around the world. It can also be a tool for inspiration, organization and participation in the fight for peace, dignity and justice. We will look at the power structure narrative in the media and how art helps us challenges it by providing a counter narrative.

*** POWER OF YOUTH**

Presenter: Carlos Ojeda

Coming straight from the pages of his book, the Power of Youth, this session will teach participants that we are all leaders, we have the power to change, but we don't change alone. Come laugh, have fun and learn strategies, skills and tactics that will ensure that you leverage the power you have to change your world.