



5th Annual CLUES Latinx Youth Conference: Formando Nuestro Futuro

9:00 am – 9:30 am Registration & Breakfast Opens

9:30 am – 9:40 am Welcome Ceremony

Welcome to Metro State University:

Virginia Arthur, President of Metro State University

Welcome Message:

Emcee:

Camila Mercado Michelli, Logros Tempranos Manager @ CLUES

Gisela Fiedorow, Director of Economic Prosperity @ CLUES

Julietta Cervantes, Youth Empowerment Coordinator @ CLLUES

9:40 am – 9:55 am Keynote Welcome Message and Dance Performance

Dance Performance by Kuyayki Peru

9:55 am – 10:05 am Transition to Breakout Session 1

10:05 am – 11:15 am Youth Workshops Session 1 (WHO AM I?) Exploring Culture and Identity

Workshops will be in English

Celebrating the Diversity of Latinidad, Latino Identity and Intersections Workshop

Founders Hall, Room 117

Gabriela Spears, Assistant Professor of Chicano Latino Studies @ the University of Minnesota

Ethnic Studies Workshop: Our Own Stories, A Movement led by Black and Brown Studies

Founders Hall, Room 118

Jose Alvillar Hinojosa, Director of Youth Programming @ Unidos MN

Maricruz Lozano Rios, Youth Programs Manager @ Unidos MN

iÉchale ganas! Thriving VS Surviving as Latinx College Students Workshop

Founders Hall, Room 119

Javier Salinas Vega, Latino Outreach Coordinator @ Normandale CC

Ritmos Latinos Workshop: Learning Together Introductory Latinx Dance Moves

Founders Hall, Room 120

Eda Kachiri, Dance Instructor @ Yirii Dance Studio

Tommy Valerio, Dance Instructor @ Yirii Dance Studio





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Abriendo Caminos Workshop – Promoting Mental Wellness

New Main, Room 213

Hannah Nelson, CTSS Skills Worker @ CLUES

Amanda Rodarte, Children's Mental Health Case Manager @ CLUES

Silvia Toledo Ramos, Children's Mental Health Case Manager @ CLUES

Karen Morales Nieves, Children's Mental Health Case Manager @ CLUES

Rompiendo Cadenas Workshop: Machismo, Phobias, and Other Stigmas

New Main, Room 215

Mayra Davila, Sexual Health Program Supervisor @ CLUES

Alex Palacios, Manager of Community Health & Wellness @ CLUES

10:05 am – 11:15 am Adult Breakout Session I – My Family / Mi Familia

Taller Será en Español

Promoviendo una Buena Salud Mental en la Familia

Founders Hall Auditorium

Carolina Melguizo Gentry, MSW, LICSW, Manager of Children's Mental Health Case Management @ CLUES

Juan Quiñonez, CTSS Skills Program Intern @ CLUES

11:15 am – 11:30 am Transition to Lunch/Resource Fair or Session II

11:30 pm – 1:50pm Resource Fair in Founders Hall Reception Area

11:30 pm – 12:40pm Youth Workshops Session II (WHERE AM I GOING?) Interactive Career Panels

Panels will be in English

Careers in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Medicine) Panel

Founders Hall, Room 117

Facilitator: Norma Carrera, Community Building Special Projects & Clinical Outcomes Intern @ CLUES

Panelist(s):

- 1) Marie Lopez del Puerto, Professor and Chair of Physics Department @ University of St. Thomas
- 2) María Isa Pérez-Hedges, MN State Representative-Elect District 65B and Artist/CEO @ SotaRico
- 3) Karina Boos, Product Application Engineer @ Danfoss Power Solutions
- 4) Luisa Torres, Urban Water Resources Engineer @ Stantec
- 5) Nohemi Feltl, Director of Software Engineering @ Sana

Careers in Education Panel: K-12, Adult Basic Education and Higher Education

Founders Hall, Room 118

Facilitator: Gustavo Manjarrez Villanueva, Admission Officer @ Macalester College

Panelist(s):



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- 1) Javier Salinas Vega, Latino Outreach Coordinator @ Normandale Community College
- 2) Reies Romero, School Social Worker @ Twin Cities Omega Zuluz/J Dilla Foundation
- 3) Buffy Smith, Dean of Dougherty Family College @ University of St. Thomas

Careers in Government, Social Services and Legal Field Panel

Founders Hall, Room 119

Facilitator: Camila Mercado Michelli, Logros Tempranos Manager @ CLUES

Panelist(s):

- 1) Sandra Filardo, Senior Attorney @ Hennepin County
- 2) Inti Martinez-Aleman, Founding Attorney of Ceiba Forte Law Firm, PLLC
- 3) Andrea Pena, Associate Attorney @ The Law Offices of Iris Ramos LLC
- 4) Kimberly Marquez, Senior Administrator Assistant @ Hennepin County
- 5) Amada Simula Marquez, Mayor of Columbia Heights

Careers in Business, Marketing, and Communication Panel

New Main, Room 213

Facilitator: Jose Alfredo Velazquez, Small Business Program Lead @ CLUES

Panelist(s):

- 1) Elvis Rivera, Financial Advisor @ Morgan Stanley
- 2) David Martinez Carrasquillo, Senior Consultant @ TriunfoConsult, LLC
- 3) Rodrigo Rivera, Supply Chain Manager @ Reviva Engines
- 4) Hazzen Munoz, VP of Human Resources @ Ecolab
- 5) Julio Villasenor, Marketing Manager @ Ecolab

Careers in Medicine and Healthcare Panel

New Main, Room 215

Facilitator: Melissa Olanda, Family Systems Project Coordinator & Supports Manager @ CLUES

Panelist(s):

- 1) Maia Knox, Education Supervisor at TRIA Orthopedic Center
- 2) Andrea Martinez, Community Partnerships Manager @ M Health Fairview
- 3) Beatriz Faisca, Veterinarian @ Banfield Pet Hospital
- 4) Stephany Juarez, Registered Nurse @ Planned Parenthood



12:40 pm – 1:50pm Adult Breakout Session II – My Child / Mi Hijo/a/e
Taller Será en Español

How Can I Support My Child? Tips and Tools for Navigating the Transition from High School to College

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Anali Crispin, Senior Transfer Admissions Counselor @ University of St. Thomas

1:50 pm – 2:00 pm – Transition to Session III



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2:00 pm – 3:10 pm Youth Workshops Session III (HOW DO I GET THERE?) Preparing for your Future

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"Profesionalismo" and Navigating the Job Market While Latino Workshop

Founders Hall, Room 117

Martin Figueroa, Job Developer @ CLUES

Social Capital Workshop: Tools to Opportunity

Founders Hall, Room 118

Dr. Carla Manzoni, Director of Leadership Development @ LatinoLEAD

Breaking Down Higher Education Workshop

Founders Hall, Room 119

Jessica Castellanos, Program Director for Career Foundations @ Carleton College

Latinos as the Future of Tech Workshop

New Main, Room 213

Ricardo Bennett, Latino Youth Enrichment Programs Manager @ CLUES

Greg Romero, Best Buy Teen Tech Center Educator @ CLUES

Melody Artega, Youth Rapid Response & Technology Specialist @ CLUES

Finances For Your Life Workshop

New Main, Room 215

Elvis Rivera, Financial Advisor @ Morgan Stanley

2:00 pm – 3:10 pm Adult Breakout Session Group III – Our Future / Nuestro Futuro

Taller Será en Español

Juntos, Fuerza Unida: Together for a Better Education

Founders Hall Auditorium

Dr. Patricia Conde-Brooks, Executive Director of Student Engagement and Inclusion @ University of St. Thomas

3:10 pm – 3:20 pm Transition to Afternoon Farewell and Afternoon Snack

3:20 pm – 4:00 pm Farewell Remarks and Participant Giveaway

Farewell Remarks by Keynote Speaker(s):

Erika Hernandez, Latinx Student Services Program Manager @ Augsburg University

Jose Alvillar, Director of Youth Programming @ Unidos MN

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