



# FUTURES Conference 2025



**Dear Los Angeles Area Community College Students,  
University Students, and Families**

On behalf of the California Student Aid Commission and in partnership with  
Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles.



**Keynote Speaker:**

**Jorge Xolalpa**  
*Award Winning Film Director*



**Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Daisy Gonzales**  
*Executive Director,  
California Student Aid Commission*

This one-day event will celebrate the diversity, resilience, and strengths of our Los Angeles Community while highlighting the resources available to students, their families, and the broader community.

**This Year's Sessions will include:**  
Keynote Speaker: Jorge Xolalpa,  
Award Winning Film Director

**Workshops:** Student Panels, Financial Aid Workshops, Know Your Rights Workshops, Mental Health & Wellness, Art Workshops, Music, and Much More.



**March 28th, 2025**  
**Mount Saint Mary's University  
Los Angeles**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

12001 Chalon Rd,  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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# Morning Program

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## Breakfast and Check In

8:00-9:15 am | Auditorium

Presenter: Diego Espinoza

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## Morning Session- Opening

9:15am-10:30am | Auditorium

- Pledge Reminders
- MC Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
- MSMU Welcome
- CSAC Welcome by Dr. Daisy Gonzales
- Keynote Speaker: Jorge Xolalpa

Moderator: Dr. Fabio Gonzalez

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## Conference Logistics

Logistics:

- Please arrive to your sessions on time.
- Instructions: Everyone will come back to Mission Room at 12:30 for lunch and the resource fair

**Transition- 10:35-10:40 am**





# Workshops and Panels

Join us for these engaging breakout sessions throughout the day:

## Breakout Session #1 (10:40am-11:30am)



### Undocu-Entrepreneurship

10:40am-11:30am | Room #1

This workshop redefines jobs and businesses as vital roles that address key community needs, offering a fresh perspective on entrepreneurship. It's tailored for undocumented students who are contemplating their entrepreneurial path but might not see themselves as traditional "hustlers" or "grinders."

Presenter: Undocu Scholars LLC | Moderator: Diego



### Defying Odds: Transfer Student Panel

10:40am-11:30am | Auditorium

Join us for an inspiring panel discussion featuring undocumented students from Los Angeles County community colleges who are turning their dreams into reality. Students will share their journeys, obstacles overcome, and strategies for success in higher education.

Presenter: Student Panelist | Moderator: Diego



### Financial Aid Options For Undocumented/DACAmented Students

10:30am-11:30am | Room #3

Join the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for an informative session about financial aid options available in California, including the California Dream Act, AB 540, and scholarships/grants for undocumented and DACAmented students.

Presenter: CSAC | Moderator: Dr. Gonzales

## Transition: 11:30am-11:40am

## Breakout Session #2 (11:40am-12:30pm)



### Transferring with Confidence: Application Workshop

11:40am-12:30pm | Room #2

This interactive session provides step-by-step support on completing applications, writing compelling personal statements, and understanding transfer requirements. Receive expert advice from university representatives to submit a strong application.

Presenters: MSMU REP, CSU REP, UC REP | Moderator: Fabio



### Strokes of Resilience: Painting Workshop for Dreamers

11:40am-12:30am | Room #1

A Paint & Self-Care Workshop for Dreamers is a supportive space explicitly designed for undocumented students to explore their identities and experiences through art. Participants will engage in guided painting activities that foster self-expression and healing.

Presenter: Leysar



### Dream Movement

11:40am-12:30pm | Room #3

Learn about this pivotal social movement predominantly led by young high school and college-aged women and queer individuals, whose bravery redefined what it means to be undocumented. Discover how their strategies can inform modern activism.

Presenter: Undocu Scholars LLC



### The Monarch's Flight

11:40am-12:30pm | Auditorium

The Monarch's Flight is an intimate exploration of survival, migration, and identity through the lens of the music and personal experiences of Carolina Imperial. Learn about her inspiring story.

Presenter: Carolina Imperial

# Lunch, Performance, and Closing

## Lunch and Resource Fair

12:35pm-1:30pm | Auditorium

Presenters: Diego, Fabio

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## Performance

1:30-2:00pm | Auditorium

We will end the conference on a high note with a captivating performance by Carolina Imperial, a mariachi artist from Texas. Carolina will share her powerful music, blending tradition with personal stories of resilience and cultural pride. This closing session will celebrate the strength and spirit of our communities through the vibrant art of mariachi.

Performer: Carolina Imperial- Mariachi |  
Moderator: Fabio

## Thank you and Closing

2:00pm | Auditorium

-Thank You's to MSMU and Colleges

-Closing and Survey

Clean Up: 2:00-3:00pm | Auditorium

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