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EDUCATION ADVOCACY & GOVERNANCE

Scheduled Alumni Panelists -- Wednesday, October 23

NADINE BARRAGAN ’09
Current Position: Scholarship Supervisor, LA Conservation Corps
Past Positions: Urban Outreach Coordinator, USDA Forest Service Angeles National Forest
Undergraduate Major: Whittier Scholars Program: Public Policy and the Individual
Undergraduate Activities & Awards: President of the Palmer Society, Circle K, and the Hispanic Student Association; Program Board and Latina Alumni Mentorship Program (LAMP)
Additional Degree(s): Master of Public Administration, Walden University

M. RENE ISLAS ’00
Current Position: Director of the Center for Results, Learning Forward
Past Positions: Director of Institutional Advancement, Council for Basic Education; Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Senior Vice President, B&D Consulting
Undergraduate Major: Political Science and Sociology
Undergraduate Activities: Benjamin Franklin Society, President of ASWC, President of Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society)
Additional Degrees: Master of Business Administration

CECILIA SANTIAGO-GONZALEZ, ’02
Current Position: Senior Coordinator for Orientation Services, Cal Poly Pomona
Past Positions: Adjunct Faculty Member, Cal State Fullerton; Associate Director for Student Support Services, Art Center College of Design; Coordinator of the Cesar E. Chavez Center for Higher Education; and Associate Director, Cultural Center/Director of the Ortiz Programs, Whittier College
Undergraduate Major: Social Work
Undergraduate Activities: Hispanic Student Association, Social Work Council
Additional Degree: Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, USC

SANDRA THORSTENSON ’77
Current Position: Superintendent, Whittier Union High School District
Past Positions: Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, WUHSD; Principal, Santa Fe High School; Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Santa Fe High School; Assistant Principal of Business and Activities, California High School; Social Science Teacher, Pioneer High School
Additional Degree: Master of Education, Cal State Fullerton

SEAN JERNIGAN ’00
Past Positions: Principal Senior Technical Expert, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Director of The Multiple Pathways Initiative, Los Angeles Small Schools Center; Director of Operations, Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools; Education & Workforce Development Coordinator, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce; Project Manager of Small Learning Communities Initiative, Urban Education Partnership; Campaign Organizer, Burnside & Associates
Undergraduate Major: Political Science
Undergraduate Activities: AOKP, Pi Sigma Alpha, Quaker Campus, William Penn Society
Additional Degree: Stanford Educational Leadership Institute (SELI) Certificate, Stanford University

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