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**CSUDH** | COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

2024 was an exciting year in the College of Education at California State University, Dominguez Hills. We are busy implementing two major grants—the Multilingual Educator Development Advancing Language Learning Achievement/Activism (MEDALLA) and the Multilingual/Minoritized Educators Networked-Learning (MEND) Projects—and we began our Ed.D. program. We also got approval to start our new PK-3 credential in spring of 2025. Six new tenure-track faculty joined our ranks, as did several new staff. Amidst all of this growth, we remain true to our vision and our commitments. Please join me in celebrating this year!



*Jessica Z Pandya*

**Jessica Zacher Pandya, Ph.D.**  
**Dean, College of Education**

California State University Dominguez Hills

# VISION AND COMMITMENTS

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## VISION:

Grounded in principles of justice, equity, and critical consciousness, we are committed to reflective, responsive, and purposeful praxis in teaching, scholarship, and leadership. Alongside the communities we serve, we prepare critical educators to co-create and enact transformative change.

## COMMITMENTS:

Through self-examination, collective learning, and research, we construct brave spaces that foster the holistic development of educators. Together, we challenge and dismantle systems of power and privilege in institutions of education. We re-imagine equitable, responsive, and just learning experiences for all learners, especially those from minoritized groups within our college and in our local schools. We are committed to advancing the following:



A justice-focused agenda



The pursuit of equity



Innovation in teaching and learning



Rigorous and responsive research



Collaboration with professional, local, and global communities, and student-centered partnerships



Belief in the limitless potential of our work, each other, and those we serve





## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Undergraduate Degree

Liberal Studies

### Credentials

- Clear Induction Administrative Services
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Education Specialist
- Multiple Subject

### Master's Degrees

- Dual Language Learning
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Special Education
- School and College Counseling with Pupil Personnel Services
- School Leadership with Administrative Services



*Dr. Adriean Mancillas,  
Associate Dean.*



I think so highly of my colleagues and the students in the College of Education. I'm looking forward to supporting their hard work every semester.



*Amber Olmos, MS  
School & College  
Counseling, CTC  
Educator Preparation  
Student Liaison.*



As a first-generation college graduate and a Master of Science in School Counseling candidate, I am a firm believer in the transformative power of education, committed to fostering continual improvement in educator preparation. My academic journey and leadership roles at CSUDH have allowed me to advocate for the voices of students and promote greater access to resources for graduate scholars.



*Dr. Peter Watts, CEO  
of Watts of Power  
Foundation, Teacher  
Village.*



We are proud to be part of this collaborative effort to increase teacher diversity in the school district giving real measurable results and tangible outcomes as a result of the Black Student Excellence through Educator Diversity, Preparation, and Retention Resolution.



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Doctoral Degree

Educational Leadership for Justice (Ed.D.)

### Certificates and Professional Development

- Assistive Technology
- Community College Teaching
- Critical Embodied Wellness (CrEW)
- Dual Language
- Higher Education Administration & Leadership (HEAL)

### Centers & Partnerships

- Academic Research and Evaluation Center (AREC)
- Snap Inc. Institute for Technology & Education (SITE)
- Toros Teach Los Angeles (TTLA)



*Dr. Margarita Landeros,  
Assistant Professor  
& Acting Dept. Chair,  
School and College  
Counseling*



The elevation of the School and Counseling program to a department affirms the university and college's commitment to continual growth.



*Julio Parra, MA  
Curriculum &  
Instruction*



My degree (Curriculum & Instruction) has always been about challenging myself to be the best teacher I can be. Now that I am finishing this semester, I have seen so much growth in myself. This program has shaped me to be a much better educator and I'm so thankful for that.



*Treaunna Campbell,  
Liberal Studies, COE  
ASI Representative*



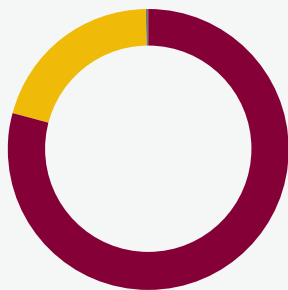
I am committed to amplifying the voices of my peers, ensuring their ideas and concerns are heard. With the help of faculty and staff, I will strive to create a space where every student feels empowered and supported in their academic journey to be educators.



# COE AT A GLANCE

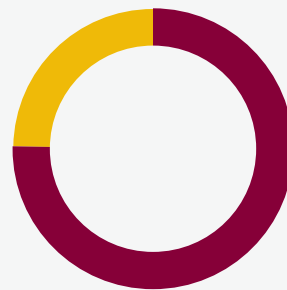
Fall 2024 Enrollment  
**1,086 Students**

Student Percentage by Gender:



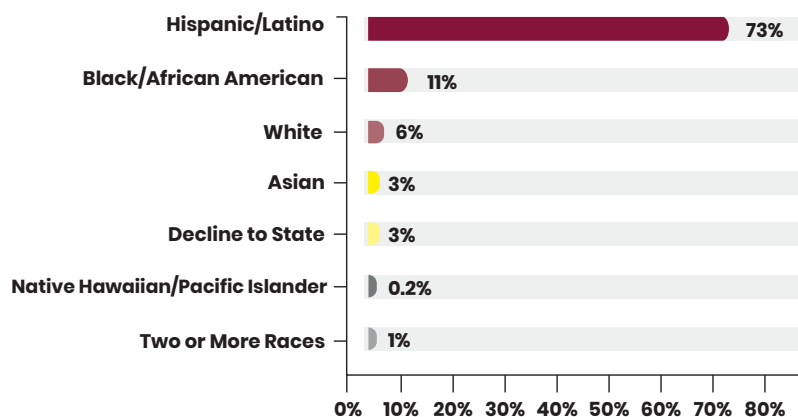
Female 79.4%  
 Male 20.4%  
 Non Binary 0.2%

Students Enrolled as Full Time and Part Time:



Full-Time 75.3%  
 Part-Time 24.7%

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity:



## 2024 Program Graduates

Liberal Studies, BA	<b>131</b>
School & College Counseling	<b>42</b>
Teacher Education	<b>287</b>
School Leadership	<b>148</b>
Special Education	<b>62</b>

# DONORS



**SUPPORT COE  
DONATE NOW!**

Help us shape the future of education. Make a secure, tax-deductible gift today. Scan the code to learn more.

## Benefactors Give Big in Annual Scholarships for Aspiring Educators

The distribution of scholarships each year by the College of Education (COE) demonstrates the generosity of CSUDH's many benefactors, but it also reinforces the university's commitment to education and to the training of our next generation of educators.

**"We're awarding more than 40 scholarships today, totaling more than \$100,000,"** said Jessica Pandya, Dean of the COE, during opening remarks at the awards ceremony in April.

"In the current context, with the state budget as it is and with rising tuition costs, these dollars are so critical to our students' success."

Thomas A. Parham, President of CSUDH, gave a warm welcome to student recipients and their parents, as well as the many donors in attendance.



**"I want to thank all those who have given of their time and treasure to support these students," said Parham. "There's no better investment that we can make than in the personal and intellectual growth and development of students, particularly in the College of Education."**



## TTLA Awards over \$1 Million in Scholarships to Future Early Childhood Educators

CSUDH honored nearly 150 new scholarship recipients in the Toros Teach Los Angeles (TTLA) program during a ceremony in October, hosted by the College of Education and the College of Health, Human Services and Nursing. Over **\$1 million in scholarships** supported Liberal Studies and Child Development undergraduates, post-baccalaureate credential students, and graduate students with their education. Scholarship recipients were enrolled in various College of Education programs that prepare future educators for careers in early childhood education.

Funding for the TTLA program comes from a historic \$22 million donation by Ballmer Group—the largest in CSUDH's history. About \$17 million will provide funding over six years to prepare more than 1,000 new educators addressing California's severe shortage of early childhood educators.







# COE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to all of our generous donors for supporting the future generation of teachers, counselors, and school leaders!

Barry “Poppa” Levinson Endowed Scholarship in Education

Bergen Family Endowed Scholarship

Brazzeller Family Credentialing Assistance Scholarship

California Retired Teachers Association Orange County Central Division #44

California Retired Teachers Association South Bay Division #46

Carson Companies Scholarship

College of Education General Scholarship

College of Education Honorary & Memorial Scholarship

College of Education Master’s Endowed Scholarship

College of Education Toro Counselors Endowed Scholarship

Christine Gaul Endowed Scholarship in Special Education

Davis Family Graduate Education Endowed Scholarship

Doris A. Davis Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Gil & Shirley Smith Scholarship

Hilda S. Baca Fetcenko Memorial Endowed Scholarship

James E. Williams Memorial Endowed Scholarship

JE Anderson Scholarship in Special Education

Joette Lavarini Memorial Scholarship

Kaufman Family Endowed Scholarship

Laura E. Settle Foundation Scholarship

Lawrence DeVoogd Endowed Scholarship

Liberal Studies Transformative Educator Endowed Scholarship

Maureen P. McCarthy Scholarship

Miguel Gallegos Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Naomi Byers Endowed Scholarship

Robert DeVries Endowed Scholarship

Sidney Family Scholarship

Stanley Prep CSUDH International Endowed Scholarship

Teaching Credential with Added Authorization in Computer Science Scholarship

Toros Teach Los Angeles

# COLLEGE GROWTH

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## COE Expands, Elevating School and College Counseling Program to an Academic Department

The College of Education has elevated the School and College Counseling program into a full academic department. The new Department of School and College Counseling will continue to offer master's degrees in counseling with concentrations in school and college counseling, the pupil personnel services credential in school counseling with the child welfare and attendance authorization, and a certificate in college counseling.

Academic diversity and exploration are built into the College of Education's academic structure of centers, programs, and partnerships. This structure allows the college to explore disciplinary opportunities at the program and center level, then expand offerings into full-fledged departments over time.



## New Curriculum

### Ed.D.

The first cohort of Educational Leadership for Justice (ELJ) doctoral candidates started class in summer of 2024. They will spend three years learning how to expand their critical consciousness to be equity-focused leaders in their school sites, community colleges, and nonprofits.



### S.H.E.R.O.E.S. Certificate

In summer 2024, we launched the S.H.E.R.O.E.S. certificate in partnership with the Teacher Village Fellowship lead by Drs. Peter and Didi Watts (both CSUDH alumni). S.H.E.R.O.E.S. stands for: Holistic, Equity-driven, Responsive, & Outspoken Black Educators, seeking racial justice for Students. The "S" is used to include and center the experiences and contributions of Black women teachers.



### PK-3 Early Childhood Education Credential

In September 2024, the CTC's Committee on Accreditation approved CSUDH's PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential. We were able to start admitting students in fall for spring 2025 courses. Thanks to a generous gift from the Ballmer Group, students who enroll in the program will receive up to \$5,000 per semester in scholarship dollars for up to three semesters.



### Assistive Technology Certificate

Students can now enroll in our redesigned Assistive Technology certificate, which prepares school district personnel to offer a full range of assistive technology services to provide access to curriculum content for all students.



# NEW LEADERSHIP & FACULTY PROMOTIONS

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## NEW LEADERSHIP

The university announced Dr. Adriean Mancillas as its new Interim Associate Dean of the College of Education effective until July 2025. Mancillas entered her role in July after serving as the Graduate Program Director for the School & College Counseling program for several years.



I am honored to have the opportunity to step into this new role as Interim Associate Dean. I am especially excited to get to work with our college's staff and faculty in different ways.



Mancillas has over 20 years of experience teaching, supporting students, faculty, and staff with curriculum, accreditation, and program development. As Associate Dean, she is tasked with ensuring the college builds on its degree programs and community engagement, while also addressing any emerging issues the field of education faces.

## NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY



Ed.D. Executive Leadership

Dr. Inman joins the Educational Leadership for Justice (ELJ) Program in GED.

**Laurie Inman**



Ed.D. Research Methods

Dr. Goel joins the Educational Leadership for Justice (ELJ) Program in GED.

**Priya Goel**



School Leadership

Dr. Zinger joins the School Leadership Program.

**Doron Zinger**



School & College Counseling

Dr. Baird joins the new Department of School & College Counseling.

**Anna Baird**



Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Díaz-Montejano joins the Division of Teacher Education (TED).

**Sara Díaz-Montejano**



Dual Language Learning

Dr. Herrera joins the Dual Language Learning program in TED.

**Luz Yadira Herrera**

## TENURE AND PROMOTION

Faculty members have been granted Tenure and/or Promotion for the 2024-2025 Academic Year:

- **Dr. Julie Kim Jhun**  
School Leadership Program
- **Dr. Jenny C. Chiappe**  
Special Education
- **Dr. Kai J. Greene**  
Special Education
- **Dr. Conrad Oh-Young**  
Special Education



# FACULTY RECOGNITION

## Spring 2024 Faculty Award Recipients

Each year, the College of Education's faculty, staff and students are honored with CSUDH highest awards for service, leadership, and achievements. Congratulations!

### Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Awardees

- *From School Counselor to School Administrator: Exploring Training Opportunities for School Counselors*

**Dr. Margarita Landeros**  
**Graduate Education**

- *Bridging the World of Education with Gaming Culture*

**Dr. Angela Macias**  
**Liberal Studies**

- *Towards Linguistic Justice: Unpacking the Raciolinguistic Pushout of Latine Emergent Bilingual Students*

**Dr. Nallely Arteaga**  
**Teacher Education**

- *Ungrieved Endings: A Visual Understanding of Teachers of Color Who Leave the Classroom*

**Dr. Stephanie Cariaga**  
**Teacher Education**

- *Exploring Cultural Competence of Early Childhood Education Students*

**Dr. Minhye Son**  
**Teacher Education**

- *Individuals with a Sibling with a Developmental Disability and their Perspectives on Special Education*

**Dr. Jenny Chiappe**  
**Special Education**

- *Utilizing ChatGPT-4 To Assist With The Systematic Review of Special Education Research Studies*

**Dr. Conrad Oh Young**  
**Special Education**

### Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

**Dr. Edward R. Curammeng**  
**Teacher Education**

### Presidential Outstanding Professor

**Dr. Jeffrey Sapp**  
**Teacher Education**



### Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative Recipients

**Dr. Adriean Mancillas** – **Graduate Education**

**Dr. Anthony Normore** – **Graduate Education**

**Dr. Gary Rhodes** – **Graduate Education**

**Dr. Allyn Trott** – **Special Education**

**Dr. Conrad Oh-Young** – **Special Education**

**Dr. Kai Greene** – **Special Education**

**Dr. Kelli Beard** – **Special Education**

**Dr. Lynn Busia** – **Special Education**

**Dr. Beth Mossman** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Elexia Reyes McGovern** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Glenn DeVoogd** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Gwen Brockman** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Stephanie Cariaga** – **Teacher Education**

### Sabbatical Leaves

**Dr. Edward R. Curammeng** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Stephanie Cariaga** – **Teacher Education**

**Dr. Angela Macias** – **Liberal Studies**

# STAFF

## STAFF COUNCIL

Formed in 2021, the college's Staff Council is the staff's forum for leadership, shared governance, and community building. Supported by a generous donation from emeritus faculty member Dr. Farah Fisher in honor of Donna Alderman, a former COE staff member, and from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, the staff have engaged in professional development, team building, and celebratory activities in 2024. In August, they held their first staff awards ceremony.

Jasmine Vaca, Clinical Practice Analyst and 2024-25 Staff Council Chair



## NEW STAFF HIRES



Karla Chacon  
Education Pathways  
Specialist



Rebecca Ellis  
Credential Advisor

## COE STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AT CSUDH

### Lauren Ansoorge

Academic Resource Manager  
Dean's Office  
20 Years of Service  
Division of Academic Affairs

### Elena Henriquez

Program Data Analyst  
15 Years of Service  
Division of Academic Affairs

### Jasmina Zuljevic

Associate Vice President of Development  
10 Years of Service  
Division of University Advancement

### Hasina Zaman

Scheduler & Resource Manager Assistant  
10 Years of Service  
Division of Academic Affairs

### Esteban Palma Aguilar

Instructional Technologist  
5 Years of Service  
Division of Information Technology



# ADVISING AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS

## STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

With **1,500 student appointments in 2024**, the Student Success Center meets regularly with undergraduates and credential students to engage students and frame their academic preparation and journey towards their professional goals. Their partnership with Toro Care provides holistic support to students across the college.



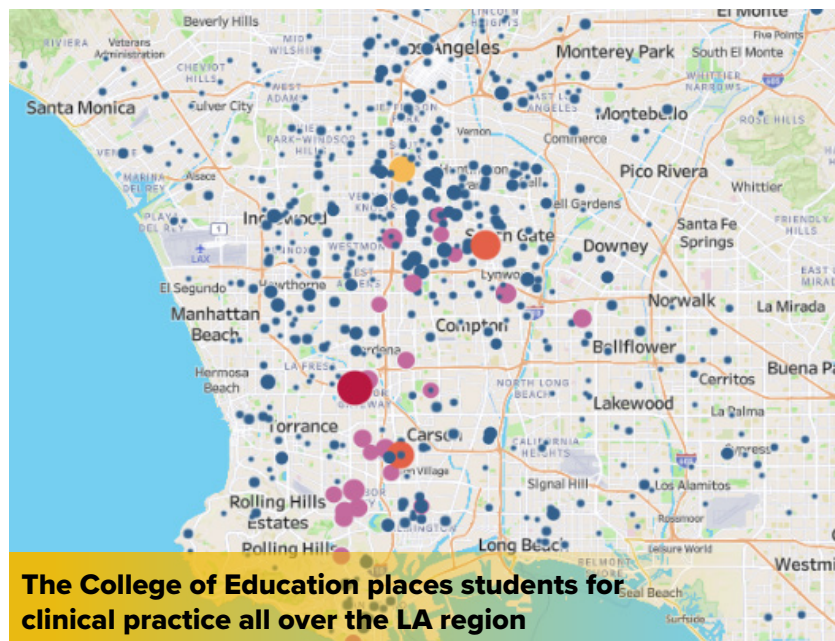
## CLINICAL COORDINATORS

Marcia Reed, Debbie Evers-Allen, and Dr. Elaine Semple are the college's Clinical Coordinators. Together, they place over **200 students per semester** in schools around Los Angeles and the South Bay.

They support candidates in all of our initial credentials (PK-3, Early Childhood Special Education, Education Specialist, Multiple, and Single Subject).



## WHERE WE PLACE OUR STUDENTS



The College of Education places students for clinical practice all over the LA region

SCAN TO VIEW INTERACTIVE HEAT MAP



# EVENTS AND IMPACT

## SITE Brings Classroom Robotics to the City of Gardena

During the spring 2024 semester over 40 pre-service elementary teachers from CSUDH's Liberal Studies program co-facilitated hands-on computer science and robotics activities for kindergarten and 4th grade students at 186th St. Elementary School. Activities were co-designed with the local in-service teachers at 186th St., and over 200 students were served across March and April.

186th Street is a Title I school, serving predominantly students of color, with similar demographics to our pre-service teachers. This event supported students and teachers who have been historically marginalized and underserved in computer science education.



## SITE & STEM From Dance Partner to Host Summer Dance Camp

Over the summer, the Snap Inc. Institute for Technology & Education (SITE) cohosted a summer camp in partnership with the non-profit STEM (Science, Technology, Education, Math). STEM From Dance is transforming the STEM field by empowering girls of color with the know-how, experience, and confidence to dream big in STEM — all through the power of dance. Led by Dr. Mahya Minaiy and Marco Carreon, the camp hosted over 20 girls of color for over three weeks as they offered dance and STEM instruction supported by 13 women of color STEM experts. The camp culminated with a sold-out showcase on CSUDH's campus.

## Careers in Education: COE'S First Open House

The college hosted an open house highlighting careers in education in the fall. We hosted students from El Camino, LA Southwest, LA Harbor, Cerritos, Long Beach, and other community colleges.



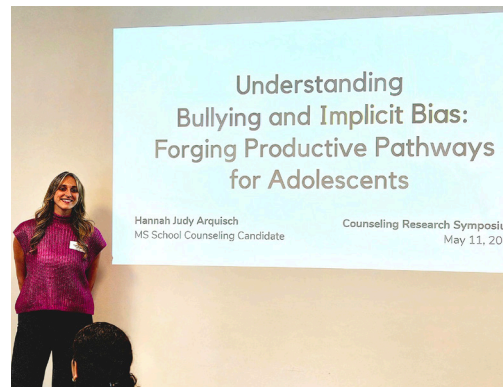
SCAN FOR MORE COE NEWS



# EVENTS AND IMPACT

## School and College Counseling Research Symposium

In May 2024, the School and College Counseling department hosted its first annual Counseling Research Symposium, where graduating students presented their action research capstone projects in partial fulfillment for the Master of Science degree in Counseling. Students conducted research in their school and college sites throughout the academic year and presented their results to faculty, supervisors, district partners, family, and friends attending the symposium.



## Bilingual Teacher Conference

In September, the college hosted the annual Bilingual Teacher conference for over 200 bilingual teachers to spend the day learning from experts and each other, in Spanish. The conference fosters spaces for teacher activism to advocate for our multilingual students. All present were treated to a performance by the Mariachi Juvenil band from the City of Carson.

## Neuroscience Educators Convene on CSUDH Campus

Almost 100 educators, researchers, and administrators descended on the CSUDH campus for the UC | CSU Collaborative for Neuroscience, Diversity, and Learning summit in November. The event's theme was "Bridging Research, Practice, and Policy to Improve Educational Opportunities." It offered a chance for neurodiversity experts from across the state to meet, exchange information, and strategize.



**"Through this convening of leading researchers, faculty practitioners, and school district leaders, we hope to not only share the most recent research, but to inform the preparation of current and future teachers to meet the needs of all learners," said Mary Esposito, CSU Faculty Lead for the UC | CSU Collaborative.**



The summit gave stakeholders from across the state the opportunity to learn about connections between research and practice related to new education initiatives and policies in California. The group included educational leaders, practitioners, interdisciplinary researchers, policymakers, and community members.

# EVENTS AND IMPACT

## ELJ Community Building and Development Opportunity Luncheon

The Educational Leadership for Justice (ELJ) program hosted an inspiring event in November on campus that united current students, prospective students, and ELJ program personnel for an afternoon of connection and shared purpose. The gathering was an invaluable opportunity for participants to engage, network, and build meaningful relationships within the program’s vibrant community. Dr. Kitty Fortner, ELJ Program Director, says the gathering exemplified the collaborative and justice-oriented spirit of the ELJ program at CSUDH.



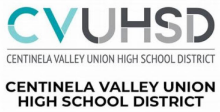
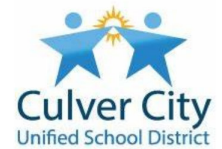
## SITE Awards Honors Three Teachers

The Snap Inc. Institute for Technology and Education (SITE) at CSUDH honored three local primary and secondary teachers for outstanding achievement in curriculum development and commitment to equitable and engaging computer science education during the second annual SITE Awards held on campus in December. Housed within the College of Education, SITE was founded in 2022 with a \$5 million gift from Snap Inc., a transformational mission of making computer science an integral part of K-12 education in Los Angeles. SITE and the COE recognized three K-12 educators for this year’s awards:

**Alex Lara**, elementary teacher at 96th Street STEAM Academy in Los Angeles

**Dr. Chibuzor Ojinna**, middle school teacher at Jessie E. Nelson Academy in Signal Hill

**Maria Camarena**, high school teacher at Maywood Center for Enriched Studies in Los Angeles



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