



**METROPOLITAN
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OF DENVER**

**Center for Equity and
Student Achievement**

Catch Up with CESA

April 5, 2019

Stories to Share



The ULHE 2019 Conference: Resilience in a time of Uncertainty took place at the Auraria Campus on March 30th-31st. It was a two-day event where undocumented and DACAmented college students and professionals got to connect with each other and share their experiences. This conference has been put together by The United Leaders in Higher Education (ULHE) group which is comprised of student leaders at Colorado colleges and universities including MSU Denver. One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote speaker for this year, Jennicet Gutierrez, who is an activist for transgender and immigrant rights and a founding member of La Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement; through her story, she empowered attendees and encouraged them to be proud of their intersecting identities and to keep fighting for their rights.

Upcoming CESA Events

Advancing our Community

Wednesday, April 10th

11am- 2pm

Tivoli Multicultural Lounge

TRIO Graduate School Day

Thursday, April 11th

9am- 2pm

Student Success Building, 2nd floor

CESA Equity Peer Leader Info Sessions

Monday, April 15th 2-2:30pm

Tuesday, April 16th 1:30-2pm

Wednesday, April 17th 9-9:30am

CESA Lobby- SSB 238

CESA Celebrations

Staff: Verónica González

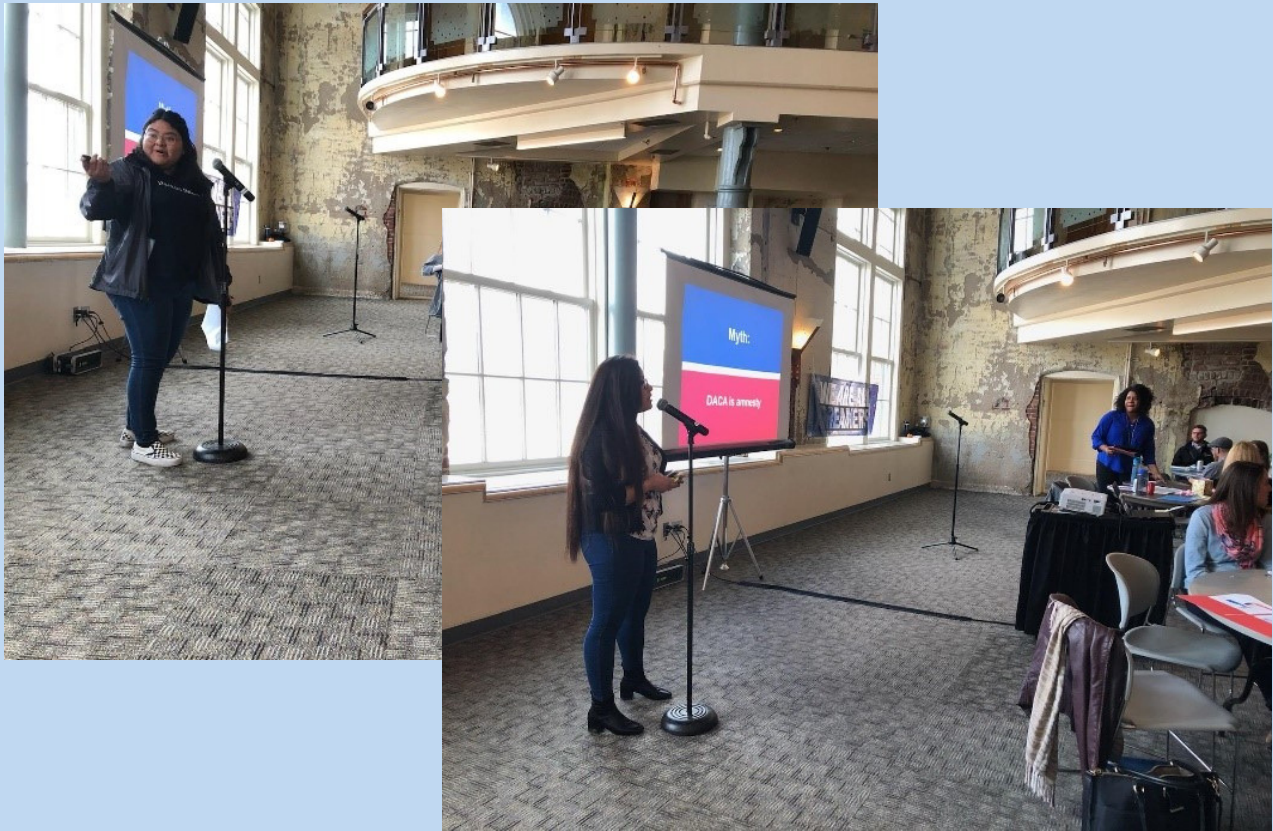
Born in Venezuela and raised in Miami, FL, Verónica completed her undergraduate degree in Bilingual Education at Boston University. Her work within various schools in the Boston area fostered her passion and dedication to high quality education for English language learners. Upon graduating, Verónica moved to New York City where she taught at The Point, a community-based organization in the South Bronx as well as at Bronx International HS, a school dedicated to serving recent immigrants. In her roles as teacher and college advisor, she partnered with families, colleges, and outside organizations, supporting many students to become the first members of their families to attend college.



In 2007 Verónica earned a MST in ESOL K-12 at Fordham University. Seeking a different kind of international experience, Verónica moved to México, where she taught English language and literature at an International Baccalaureate school. In addition to classroom teaching, she served as the curriculum coordinator and instructional coach. Before joining MSU Denver as the ESL and Student Support Specialist in the Immigrant Services Program, Verónica served students and teachers as a Language Acquisition Master Educator in Washington, DC Public Schools and later as College Track-Aurora's Academic Director. We are super glad to have her on our team, and you can reach out to Veronica via vgonza34@msudenver.edu.

CESA Celebrations

Students: Aileen and Estefani,



Peer mentors Aileen and Estefani took on the role of trainers in the Undocupeers training on March 12th! The training is meant to educate faculty and staff about the challenges and strengths undocumented students bring onto a college campus, and their contribution stole the show! They shared their experience as Dreamer students with the attendants, gave advice, and provided information to help raise awareness around the challenges undocumented college students face. They are also the first students to provide the training alongside the Dreamer Network trainers. Together with other student voices, they are clearly the most important part of the training!

What does CESA Do?

CESA Mission Statement



Center for Equity and Student Achievement's (CESA's) mission is to support and educate students throughout their MSU Denver journey and to advocate for a campus community that promotes equity and inclusion.

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