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**A message from the
2026 Nuestra Grad Planning Committee:**

“Para las familias y estudiantes que sacrificaron todo para llegar a este momento de éxito.”

“For the families and students who sacrificed everything to reach this moment of success.”

The Nuestra Grad Planning Committee, the Chicana/Latina Student Resource Center, and the Cross-Cultural Centers at California State University, Los Angeles
Present

**The Thirty-Eighth Nuestra Grad Celebration
2026**

*Saturday, May 16th, 2026
Cal State LA – University Gym*



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WELCOME

Celebrating our 38th Anniversary

Welcome to the 38th Annual Nuestra Grad Celebration. This event was created by the students to recognize the efforts and achievements of Chicax/Latinx graduates from our campus.

The ceremony honors Chicax/Latinx students, who along with their families and friends, are celebrating their graduation from California State University, Los Angeles.

BIENVENIDOS

Celebrando Nuestro 38 Aniversario

Bienvenidos a la ceremonia anual de Nuestra Graduación. Este evento fue creado por los estudiantes con el propósito de reconocer los esfuerzos y logros de los titulados de nuestra Universidad.

La ceremonia rinde a los estudiantes Chicax/Latinx, quienes juntos con sus familias y amigos celebran su graduación de la Universidad Estatal de Los Angeles.



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PROGRAM

Performance

Folklórico de Águilas

Procession

Mariachi Águila de Oro

Welcome from the Master of Ceremonies

Emily Urrutia
Coordinator, CLSRC

University Welcome

Claudio Lindow,
Vice-President of Finance
and Administration

Student Speaker

Jaqueline Fajardo

Student Speaker

Eder Perdomo Hernandez

Presentation of 2026 Graduates Closing

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PROGRAMA

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Bienvenida Con La Maestra de Ceremonias

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Bienvenida a la Universidad

Claudio Lindow,
Vice-President of Finance
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Palabras de Estudiantil

Jaqueline Fajardo

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Eder Perdomo Hernandez

Presentación de Los Graduados del 2026 Fin





STUDENT SPEAKER

Jaqueline Fajardo

Jaqueline Fajardo is a Mexican American, first-generation graduate student in the Educational Foundations M.A. Program, pursuing her passion for higher education. She also completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at Cal State LA.

She is a dedicated leader and advocate for student engagement, serving on the University-Student Union's Board of Directors. With a strong background in leadership development, she also works as a Student Programming Assistant with the Center for Student Involvement, where she facilitates workshops and events that empower students to grow professionally and personally.

She has also been recognized with honorable awards, including the Matt Cameron Outstanding Student Award from the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) and the Rising Golden Eagle Award from Cal State LA. Jaqueline is passionate about fostering inclusive spaces for students and encouraging student advocacy, and she will continue to serve students in her future career in higher education.



STUDENT SPEAKER

Eder Perdomo Hernandez

Eder Perdomo Hernandez is a proud Salvadoran and Honduran first-generation student completing his bachelor's degree and continuing directly into a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology. His long-term goal is to become a neuropsychologist with a specialization in forensic populations, using research, advocacy, and clinical practice to serve underserved communities. Eder has conducted literature reviews on stress, smoking behaviors, physical attractiveness biases, and cultural influences on mental health.

His leadership experience includes serving as Vice Chair of the University-Student Union's Board of Directors, as well as participating in both the Fiscal Committee (2025–Present), and the Personnel Committee (2025–Present). He also serves as Facilities Chair for the University-Student Union, helping oversee operational needs and campus spaces. Beyond governance, he serves as a Video Podcast Coordinator, focusing on mental health topics related to immigrants and ICE, helping amplify underrepresented voices through media. He is also involved in student housing food committees and has been active in NSLS as President and Social Chair, as well as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

His commitment to service extends into the community. Through the Mary Valencia Project (2022–Present), Eder coordinates an annual holiday donation drive that supports individuals experiencing homelessness on Skid Row, collecting essentials such as blankets, clothing, water, and hygiene supplies. He also serves as a mentor with Amistad in Boyle Heights and Crear Futuros, working to empower and guide underserved youth. Professionally, he has four years of experience as a CNA working across ER, psychiatric units, nursing homes, and pediatric settings. Eder is ABA certified and has accumulated approximately 8,000 hours of volunteer experience in hospital and clinical environments. As a first-generation student, Eder carries his journey with purpose grounded in service, leadership, and a commitment to creating opportunities for those who come after him.

MASTER'S DEGREES

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Jesse Arceo

Sociology, M.A.

GAD y a IFA

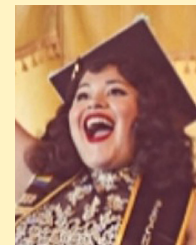
Agradecido con mi mamá y mi papá que me guía desde el cielo



Ana O Barillas

Social Work, M.S.W.

Thank you to my husband and daughter for their unconditional love and support. Thank you for not letting me give up. My friends and MSW peers, thank you for keeping each other accountable, for sharing tears, laughter and for being there for each other. To my professors, thank you for your support, your love for education; Without each and every one of you, I would not be where I am today, being a First-Generation Graduate!



Alina Jasmin Carmona

Social Work, M.S.W.

I am thankful for my ancestors for guiding me through this journey, I would have not made it without them, and the love and support of my mother, family, significant other and best friend. GRACIAS! This is for YOU!



Celeste Carrasco

Educational Technology, M.A.

Para mis padres





Lizette Ailene Cervantes

Social Work, M.S.W.

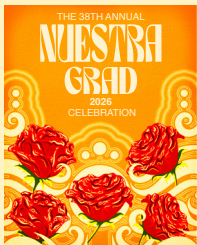
I would like to thank my parents for their never-ending support and love. My friends for being my anchors, and my professors for inspiring me to fight against injustices and support our communities. Mamá, gracias por tu amor y tus sacrificios. Pa, gracias por trabajar duro y enseñarme cómo valorar mi trabajo. A mi hermana, gracias por ser una de las mujeres más fuertes de mi vida. Todo lo que logro es por ti.



Berenice Contreras

Social Work, M.S.W.

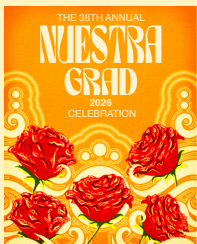
Quiero agradecer a mi familia por su apoyo y motivacion. Estoy agradecida con Dios por la oportunidad de volver a la escuela después de tantos años. Esto es para mis hijos Diego y Alex recuerden, nunca es demasiado tarde para volver a empezar. Gracias a mi familia por estar conmigo en cada paso del camino.



Priscilla Marie Cuellar

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, M.A.

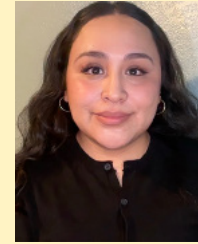
I would like to thank my ancestors, my spirit team, and god. I also want to acknowledge my parents for all that they have sacrificed for me to be in this space right now graduating with my Masters, also want to acknowledge myself for persevering, for believing in myself, and working hard every day to achieve greatness. This is for my community, myself, and my family. I am so proud to be Mexican.



Maria Isabel Diaz

Nutritional Science, M.S.

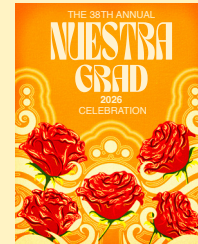
I want to thank my family for their support and belief in me during this journey. It was not easy, but their constant encouragement and reminders to not give up helped me keep going. I also thank my professors for their guidance when things felt hard. I am grateful for the lessons, opportunities, and friendships I found here. This milestone showed me that I am stronger than I thought and that anything is possible.



Aileen Dominguez Palacios

Social Work, M.S.W.

Thank you to everyone who supported me through the smallest and biggest barriers that I encounter during this journey. I would not have accomplished my goals without this support. Thank you! thank you ! I love you



Linda Anne Espinoza

Counseling, M.S.

Applied Behavior Analysis

Primeramente Dios, se quiso y se pudo. Para mis padres, quienes me dieron su mundo con las manos llenas y me inspiraron a estar aquí, gracias por su amor, sacrificio y apoyo incondicional. Para mis hermanos, quienes me apoyaron, me impulsaron y hasta me estresaron en el proceso.

Los quiero mucho y gracias por siempre estar a mi lado.



Jaqueline Fajardo

Educational Foundations, M.A.

No estaría aquí logrando mis metas sin el imenso amor y el apoyo de mis padres. Hoy comparto esta celebración con ellos, porque también es un día de reconocimiento por su esfuerzo.



Julie Josephine Fernandez

Communication Studies, M.A.

I would like to first thank my partner, Edwin, for staying up late with me to study, supporting me through stressful moments, and always being my peace and calm. To my mentor, Dr. Ruiz-Mesa, thank you for showing me I can do it and believing in me. To my parents, thank you for sacrificing so much for me to be here. This degree is as much yours as mine. I love you so much always!





Viridiana Flores

Ed.S School Psychology
Applied Behavior Analysis

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Brisa Flores

Business Administration,
MBA: Option in Marketing

I would like to take this moment to appreciate myself. I would not have accomplished what I have so far if I didn't push myself or believe in myself, during the good and bad moments. I will continue to believe in myself and celebrate everything I have/will achieve.

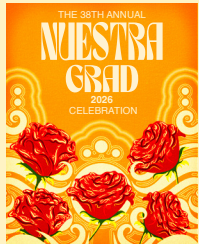
Todo pasa, todo enseña, todo sana.



Guadalupe Flores

Social Work, M.S.W.

Agradezco a Dios por caminar conmigo aun cuando dudé de mí misma. A mis padres, que cruzaron fronteras con el corazón lleno de sueños para regalarme oportunidades que ellos no tuvieron; su amor es mi mayor herencia. A mi esposo y a mis hijos, ustedes son mi razón y refugio. Como Dreamer e inmigrante, este logro nace de fe, sacrificio y esperanza compartida. Hoy mi triunfo lleva sus nombres.



Ernesto Franco

Business Administration, M.S.
Business Management

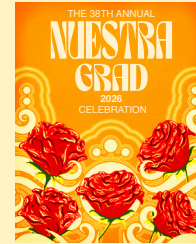
Gracias a mi padre y madre por traerme a este país y darme la oportunidad de seguir mi educación. Nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself! The more you know, the more you owe!



Betsy Amaris Garcia

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Esmeralda Gil

Ed.S School Psychology
Applied Behavior Analysis

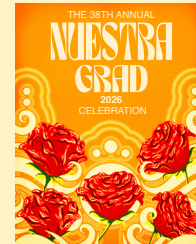
Thank you to my family and friends. This chapter of my life would not have been possible without each of you.



Ingrid Priscilla Gonzalez

Education for Social Change, M.A.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my husband and my son for their endless love, patience, and unwavering support throughout this journey. You have been my strength and motivation every step of the way. I am also truly grateful to my family and friends who encouraged me to keep going and never give up. This accomplishment would not have been possible without all of you.

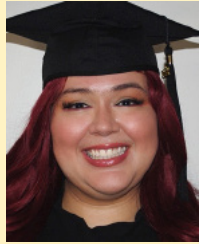


Ronnie Gonzalez

Kinesiology, M.S.

I would like to thank my Wife and Son for their continuous support and encouragement through my long journey pursuing higher education at Cal State LA. With my family and close friends, they have made it much easier for me to accomplish my goals and stay consistent. I am beyond grateful for their support and love while creating unforgettable memories and friendships I was able to make at this university.



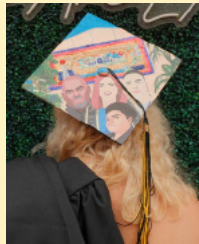


Precilla Jazmin Howl

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, M.A.

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A mi mamá, gracias por tus sacrificios. Los amo



Raquel Magali Huggins

Nutritional Science, M.S.

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Brianna Janelle Infante

Educational Technology, M.A.

Computer Applications in Schools (CAS)

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Social Work, M.S.W.

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-Deisy Juan, MSW 2026

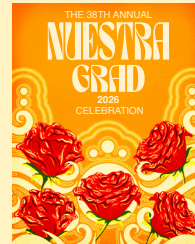


Bridgett Elaine Khoury

Educational Foundations, M.A.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

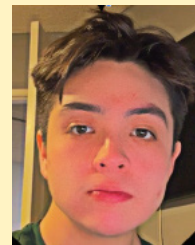
I would like to thank my Cal State LA comrades, and professors who have not only become my family but are the people that have kept me grounded throughout my educational career. It is because of you that academia has become my home and the place I feel most like myself.



Daniela Valentina Lara

Latin American Studies, M.A.

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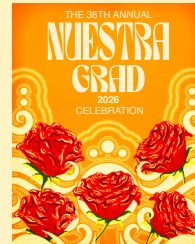


Vic B Lozoya-Hernandez

Business Administration, M.S.

Management

I would like to thank my parents for their love, support, and encouragement throughout my long journey at Cal State LA. I am grateful for the amazing people I have met at Cal State LA, especially at the University-Student Union. These experiences have shaped me into the person I am today, and I will always cherish them forever.



Evanjelina Cynthia Luna

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Itzel Macedo

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Natalia Jordan Maldonado

Sociology, M.A.

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Melody Yaira Mejia

Social Work, M.S.W.

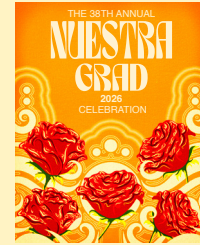
Por todos mis logros y la fortaleza que encontré en este programa, doy todo el honor y la gloria a Dios. Gracias por mantenerme cerca y con los pies en la tierra en este proceso. Thank you to my family and friends who supported me with encouragement, Starbucks money, advice, prayers, and presence. Special thanks to my partner, Yosmar, for holding my hand and reminding me to stay confident. You have an MSW too, honey!



Brianna Italia Molina

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Ruth Noemi Mulet Uribe

Psychology, M.A.

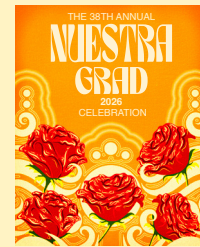
Thank you to my daughter for being my driving force. I will always fight to give you a better life. My hermanita for supporting me and believing in me. Gracias a mi mamá por su apoyo y todos los años que sufrió por sacarnos adelante. I love you all.



Penélope Neder-Muro

History, M.A.

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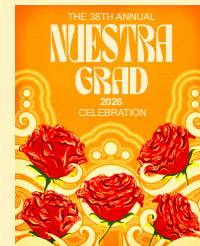


Jorge Armando Nolasco

Biology, M.S.

Biotechnology

En primer lugar, quiero agradecer a mi familia, a mis hermanos y a mis padres por su amor y apoyo durante mi trayectoria académica. Mi maestría no es solo un logro mío, sino un reflejo de los sacrificios que hemos hecho mi familia y yo. Sin ellos, no sería la persona que soy hoy. Así que, a todos ellos, muchas gracias por todo.



David Ortiz Jr

Special Education, M.A.

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Angel Eduardo Ortiz

Single Subject Teaching Credential

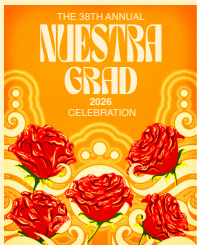
Although it took a few different steps and routes to get here, I would love to thank my friends, family, and everyone I've met along the way that kept me going. I will hold every single act of kindness near and dear to my heart. Without their support, I would have never made it. Esto es para todos los que nunca tuvieron la oportunidad de cumplir sus sueños, mi comunidad y mi cultura.



Ashley Palafox

Public Administration, M.P.A.

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Bethany Penelope Peralta

Nutritional Science, M.S.

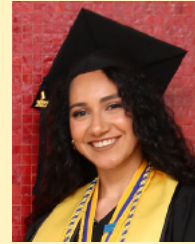
Without my family, I would not have gotten this far. The struggle in the first couple of months of my M.S degree was truly a test of my perseverance, but was eased by the love and support of my family. I completed this degree for them. For my brother, Isaiah. For my sister, Sharley. And most of all for my mother, Priscilla, who has pushed me to always take advantage of everything.



Jennifer Perez Cazarez

Material Science and Engineering, M.S.
Mathematics, B.S.

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Johanna Ramirez

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Diana Cazandra Rangel

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, M.A.

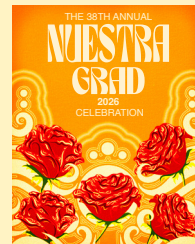
Quiero agradecer a todas las mujeres que me ayudaron llegar en donde estoy hoy. I want to shout out my cousins, being the first carries it's weight but everything I do, I do it with you in mind, and to my amazing cohort, you are the friends my inner child needed, and lastly, my family and partner. Thank you for supporting me in my darkest days.



Bessie Stephanie Rosario

Business Administration, M.S.

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Jocelyn Magali Saldana

Public Administration, M.P.A.

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Beth S Santana

Nutritional Science, M.S.

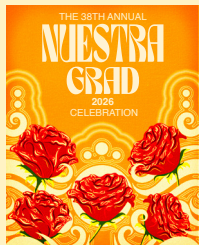
Today I stand here because of my family and friends who believed in me even when I was exhausted and unsure. To my mom, whose sacrifices and quiet strength made this possible, this degree is yours too. To my boys, you are my purpose and my greatest pride. To my village, thank you for the love, prayers, and encouragement. I proudly represent my culture, my community, and our truth that sí se puede.



Geselle Segura

Social Work, M.S.W.

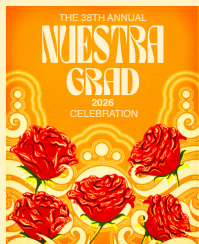
Estoy increíblemente agradecido a mis padres y a mi familia por su infinito apoyo, paciencia y aliento a lo largo de mi viaje a la graduación. Tu amor y fe en mí hicieron posible este logro. Esta graduación y diploma no son solo míos, pertenecen a mis padres y a mi familia que me apoyaron durante largas noches, momentos estresantes y momentos de duda.



Saul Soria

Educational Foundations, M.A.

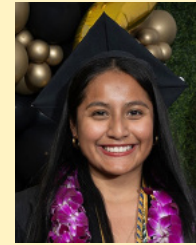
Solo quiero agradecer a mi familia por todo su apoyo y ánimo durante todo este proceso. No estaría donde estoy hoy sin ellos. Mamá, sé que nada te habría impedido estar aquí hoy. Espero que veas que lo logré y que tenías razón: todo lo que vale la pena requiere esfuerzo.



Krissia Alexandra Tochez Penate

Social Work, M.S.W.

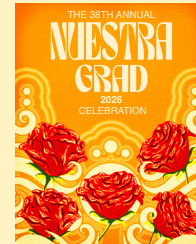
Para mí, porque cuando se cae, hay que levantarse mas fuerte. Gracias a Dios por ponerme en este camino. Gracias a mis padres por darme lo mejor de ellos. Y para todos aquellos que a veces necesitan una mano amiga: I become a social worker because your life is worth my time!



Melissa Torres

Social Work, M.S.W.

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Vincent Torres Ramirez

Social Work, M.S.W.

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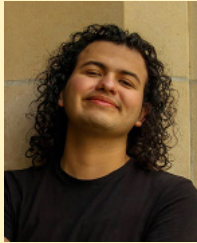
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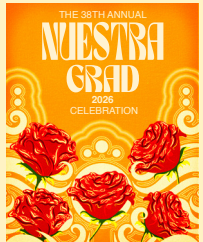
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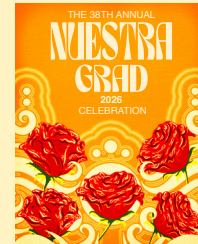
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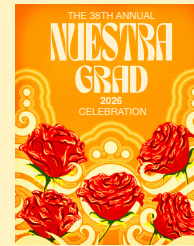
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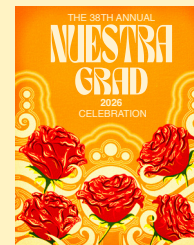
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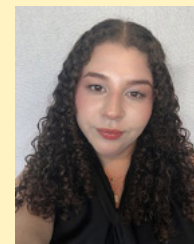


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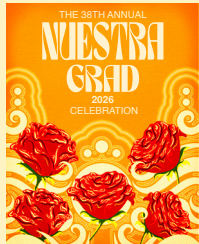




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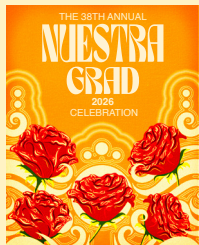


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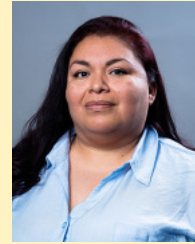
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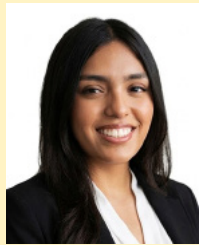
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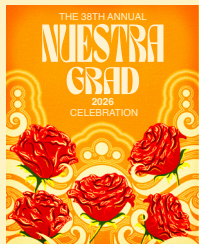
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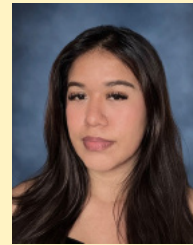
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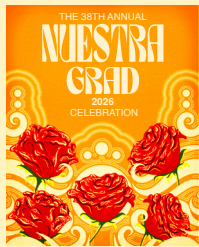
I would like to start off by saying, Gracias, Mamá y Papá, por todo su apoyo durante mi educación aquí en Cal State LA. Dedico mis logros a ustedes, por todos sus sacrificios para ayudarme a ser mejor. Thank you to my siblings & friends for their encouragement on my path to higher education. Finally, thank you to my partner, Izaiah, for all your love, encouragement, and support to accomplish all my educational goals. Lo Hicimos!



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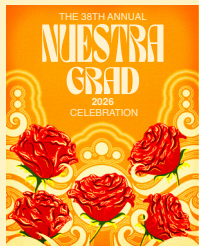
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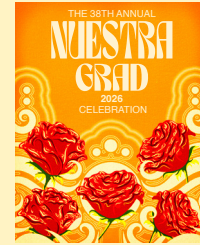
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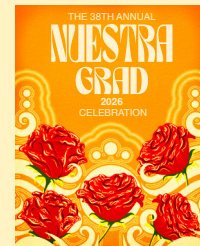
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Business Administration,
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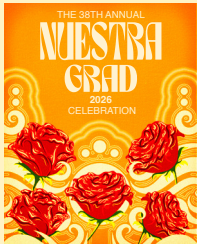




Jocelyn M Barrios

Child Development, B.A.
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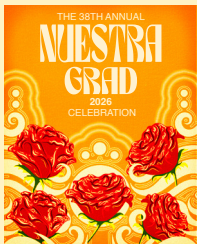
I would like to thank my parents and family through this long journey of mine. I am grateful for everyone that helped me out to get to where I am today. I would also like to thank all my loved ones from up above that are watching over me everyday. Thank you and love you all.



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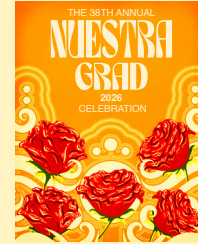
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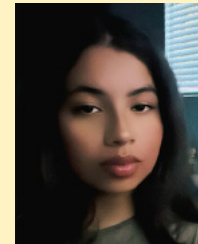
I want to thank my parents for always pushing me to be my best and for their constant love and support. To my sisters; Laura, for helping me pick classes and taking me to orientation; Jenny, for reminding me I'm smart and calling me a pineapple head; and Carina, for paving the way for us to follow. I also want to thank my amazing boyfriend, whose encouragement and belief in me helped me keep going.



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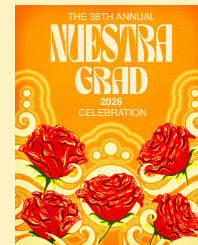
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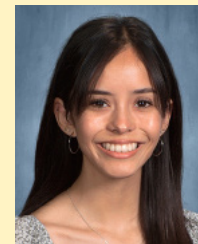
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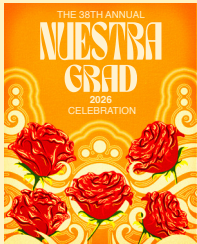




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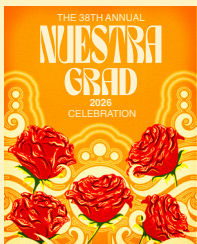
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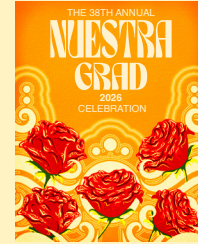
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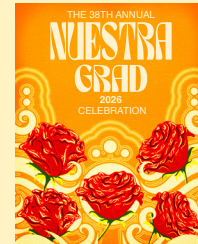
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Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

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Psychology, B.A.

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Criminal Justice, B.S.

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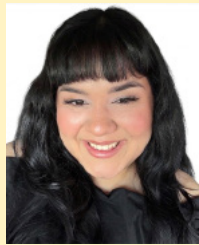




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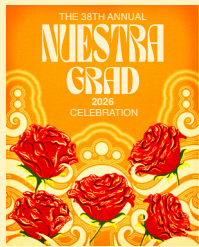
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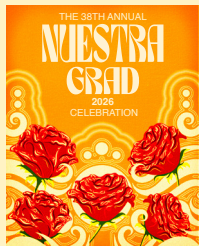


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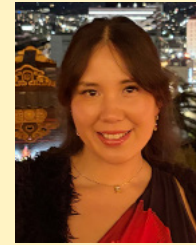
I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout my years at Cal State LA, all the wonderful people in my life such as my friends and family have been the reason why I am able to proudly stand here today. I will always cherish all the memories I have made here and I am excited for the next chapter of my academic journey.



Jasmin Carreon

Social Work, B.A.

I dedicate this achievement to my parents, whose sacrifices and strength made my education possible. As the daughter of immigrant parents, I carry their resilience with me. Thank you to my family, mentors, and friends for their endless support. I am proud to graduate and look forward to serving families and communities through social work.

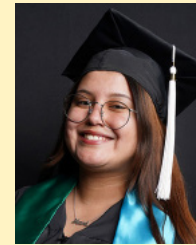


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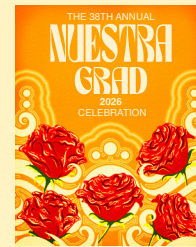
Gracias Dios por permitirme recibir este logro. Tambien me gustaria agradecer a mi familia por ser mis mayoress motivadores. Esto es solo el comienzo.



Mari Francis Catherine Casillas Mellini

Kinesiology, B.S.

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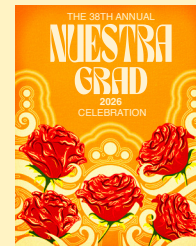


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Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, M.A.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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Business Administration, B.S.

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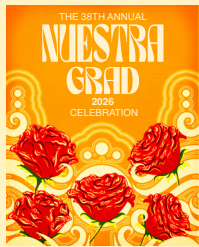
I am deeply grateful to my family for supporting and guiding me throughout my CSULA journey. My son has been my biggest supporter, and my husband encouraged me every step of the way. I am also grateful to my mother, sisters, and co-workers for their consistent love and support. I cherish the memories and friendships I made and look forward to the next chapter of my life, pursuing my MSW degree in social work.



Angel Castro

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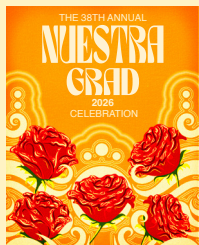


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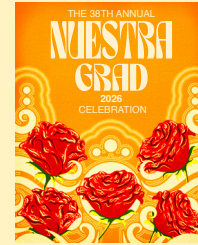
I would like to thank my family, especially my daughter, who stayed up with me through so many late nights while I studied. Your support made this possible. This is for us and for a better future. They're right when they say it takes a village and I am incredibly grateful for mine.



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Child Development, B.A.

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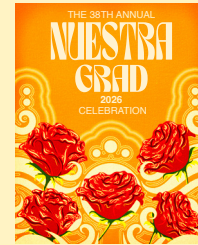


Karla Cisneros Gutierrez

Business Administration, B.S.

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Sociology, B.A.

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Catherine Florence Contreras-Bautista

Social Work, B.A.

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William Valen Correa

Business Administration, B.S.

International Business

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Sherlyn Nicole Cortez Garcia

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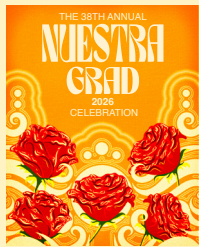
Quiero dar las gracias a mis padres por estar siempre a mi lado y apoyarme durante toda mi vida. Este título no es solo para mí, pero también para ellos. No estaría donde estoy hoy si no fuera por mis padres. Los quiero mucho mama y papa. Gracias por todo.



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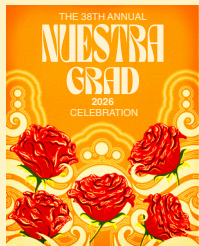
It's been a journey ever since I started at CSULA. I want to show appreciation to my family for always instilling a proudness in me, especially when I couldn't find it myself. The dedication I've brought forth everyday has been for myself, and as an example that when you have a love for what you do, it can make things easier. To my family; I love you!! This is just the beginning.



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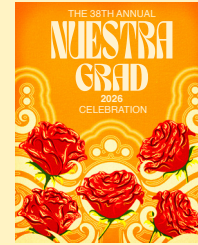
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Jennifer Cruz

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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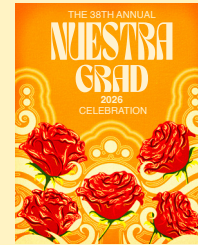
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Psychology, B.A.

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Criminal Justice, B.S.
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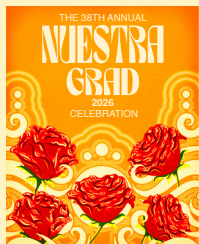
Este título universitario es en agradecimiento a mis padres por el esfuerzo y sacrificio que hicieron por mí. Y a mi hermanito y hermanita que también son parte de este logro. It took some time but I finally made it. Never give up.



Carlos Diaz

Business Administration, B.S.: Option in Accounting

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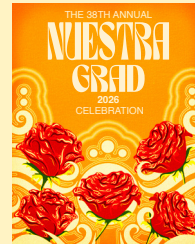
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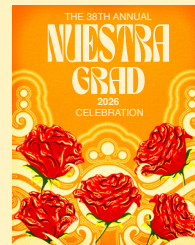
Thank you to my family for supporting me along my journey, I wouldn't be here without them. Los quiero con todo mi alma!



Jessica Christina Dorat

Psychology, B.A.

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Ashley Yamileth Dormuz

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Denisse Duarte

Nursing, B.S.

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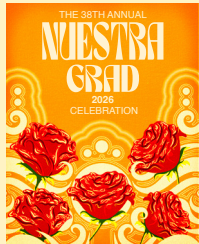




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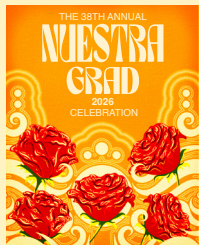
Mis padres son mi mayor adoración. Mi papá siempre me enseñó a salir adelante y luchar por todo lo que yo quiero. Mi madre me enseñó a siempre ser independiente y nunca rendirme a las metas que yo tenga en la vida. Mis padres sacrificaron mucho para que yo pudiera ser la primera en la familia en poder atender una universidad y que sea mi única preocupación. Esto va para mis padres, los adoro mucho.



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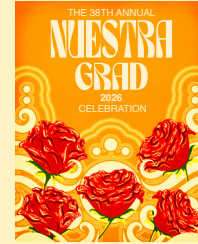
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Social Work, B.A.

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Liberal Studies, B.A.

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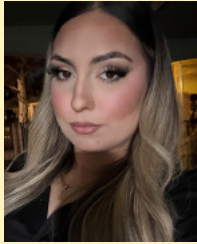


Nataly Guadalupe Estrella

Kinesiology, B.S.

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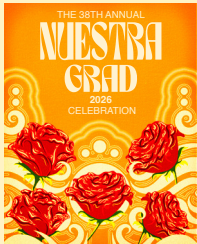




Daisy Farias

Biology, B.S.

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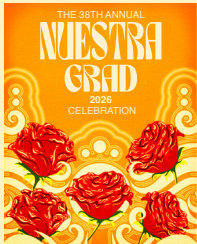


Albert Isaías Faz

History, B.A.

Religious Studies

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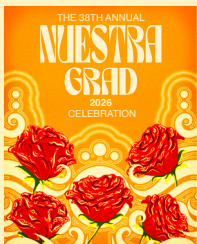


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Human Resources Management

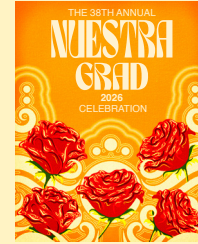
Thank you to my family, friends, and community. Without my support system, this journey would not have been possible. Their encouragement and belief in me gave me the strength to keep going and reach this milestone. As I begin the next chapter of my life, I strive to build a future that is fulfilling, purposeful, and reflective of who I am. One that shines a light on all that I have become.



Ali Florentino

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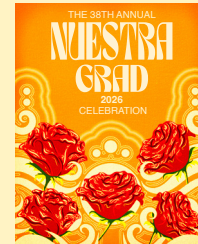
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Lezette Angel Flores

Communication, B.A.

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Ashley Rachel Flores

Child Development, B.A.

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Child Development, B.A.

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Norma Lizeth Flores

Business Administration, B.S.

Management

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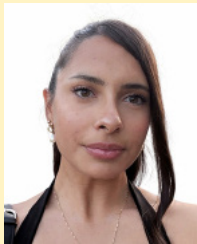




Ashley Crystal Flores

Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

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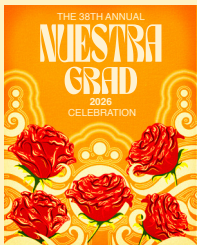


Isabella Cristine Fogli

Biology, B.S.

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

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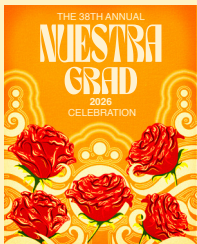


Merlyn Galicia

Business Administration, B.S.

Marketing

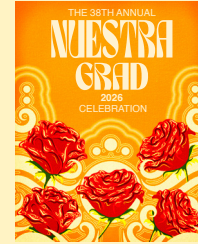
Quiero agradecer a mis padres por nunca dejar de creer en mí y por apoyarme en cada paso de este camino. Mi tiempo en Cal State LA no fue fácil; hubo momentos de cansancio, dudas y sacrificio, pero mi familia siempre estuvo ahí para levantarme. Gracias a mi hermano, hermanas, a mi prometido y a mi suegra por su amor, paciencia y apoyo incondicional. Este logro es por ustedes!



Aisha J Gama

Public Health, B.S.

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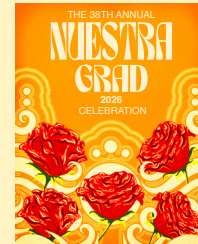


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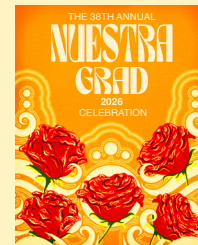
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Sociology, B.A.

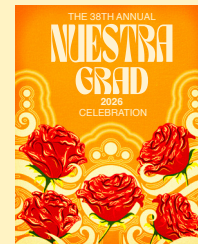
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Genesis Marie Garcia

Sociology, B.A.

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Maria Guadalupe Garcia

Urban Learning, B.A.

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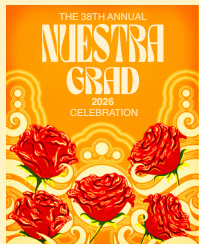
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Criminal Justice, B.S.

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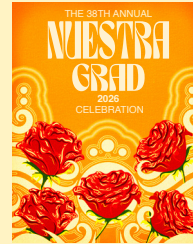
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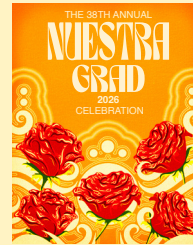
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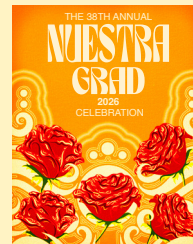
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Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Marina Gomez

Sociology, B.A.
Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

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Norma Lorena Gomez Perez

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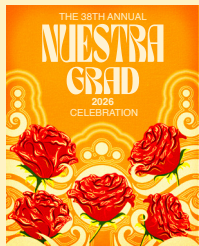
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Jeannette Gomez-Castillo

Liberal Studies, B.A.

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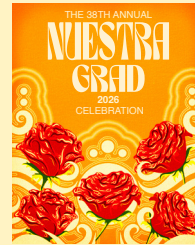
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Isabella Maria Gonzales

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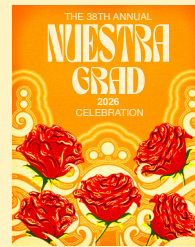
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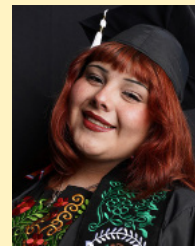
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Nathalie Elaine Gonzalez

Child Development, B.A.

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Liberal Studies, B.A.

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Jazmine Guadalupe Gonzalez

Psychology, B.A.

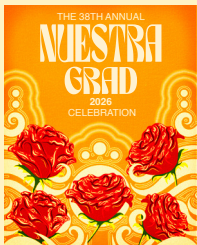
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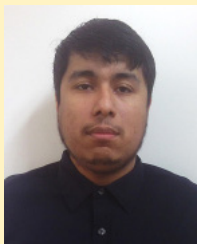
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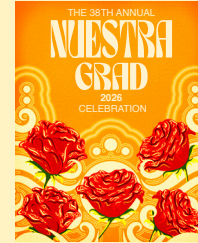
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Edward Gonzalez

Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

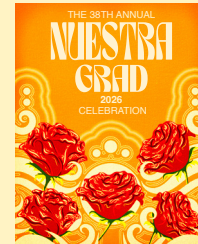
Gracias a mi familia y amigos Por su apoyo durante todo mi tiempo en Cal State LA. Estoy agradecido por las memorías que yo he hecho con mis amigos.



Daynah Chastity Gonzalez

Biology, B.S.

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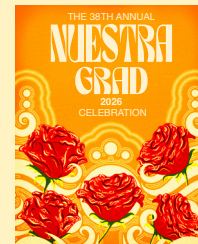
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Joselyn Grajeda

Computer Science, B.S.

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Alexandra Margarita Grosso

Sociology, B.A.

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Kinesiology, B.S.

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Hazel Victoria Gudino

Business Administration, B.S.

Management

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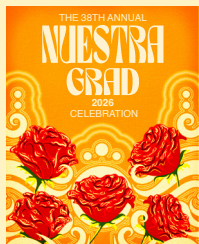


Alondra Vanessa Guerra

Psychology, B.A.

Rehabilitation Services

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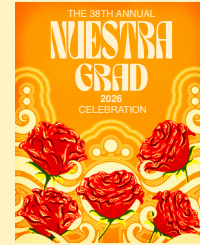


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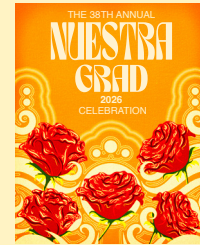
Gracias a mis padres y mi hermana por todo su apoyo. Los quiero mucho



Richard Gutierrez

Communicative Disorders, B.A.

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Communicative Disorders, B.A.

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Microbiology, B.S.

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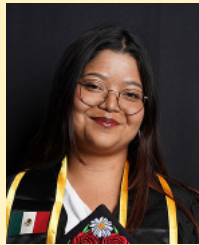




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Kinesiology, B.S.

Thank you, Mom. Go Steelers!

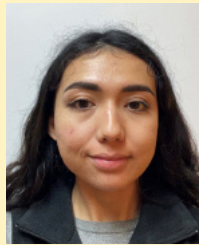


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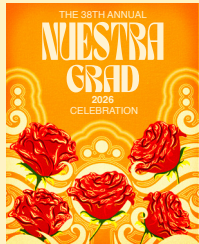
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Psychology, B.A.

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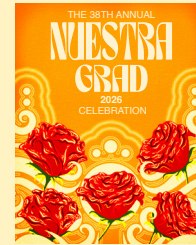
I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my friends and family, quienes siempre me apoyaron, whose encouragement inspired me to continue my education and pursue this journey. Their support carried me through moments of doubt and reminded me of my strength. This accomplishment is for those who stood by me every step of the way, y más importante, for my beautiful daughter, my pride, my joy, and my reason to keep going.



Nathan Thomas Hernandez

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Michelle Hernandez

Biology, B.S.

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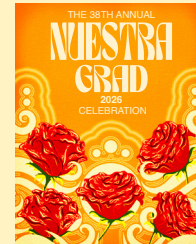


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Computer Science, B.S.

Biomedical Engineering (BME)

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Luis Felipe Hernandez

Business Administration, B.S.

Entrepreneurship

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

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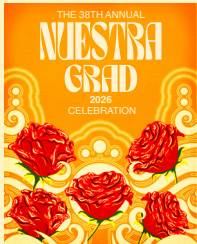


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Business Administration, B.S.

Marketing

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Valery Hernandez Alexander

Psychology, B.A.

Art

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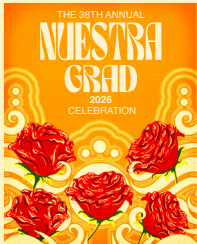


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Mariela Guadalupe Hernandez Zambrano

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Child Development

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Political Science, B.A.

Criminal Justice

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Criminal Justice, B.S.

Psychology

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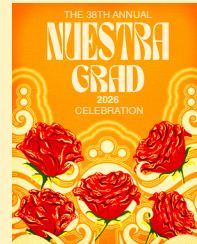


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Child Development, B.A.

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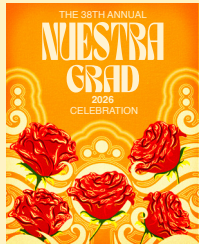
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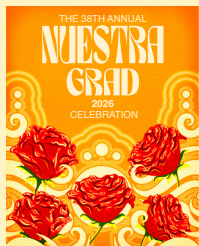
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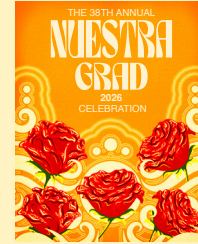
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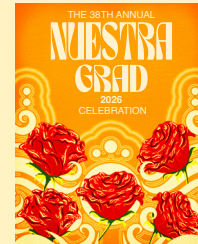
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Child Development

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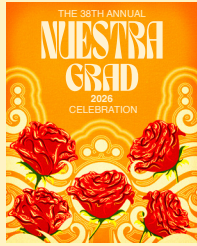
Wow... God, I made it. Thank You for never leaving me and always giving me strength. To my husband, thank you for believing in me and helping me through everything To my babies, Keily and Evan, I love you with my soul, You are my inspiration. Conquer your Dreams, There's no limit. Mom, thank you for your sacrifices. Abuelita, gracias por enseñarme perseverancia. To my younger me: you did it. Now go get that master's



Lilia Mirna Juarez
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Marketing
Management Business Management

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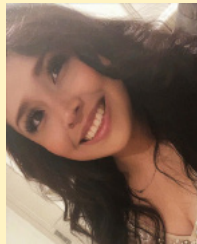




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Business Administration, B.S.
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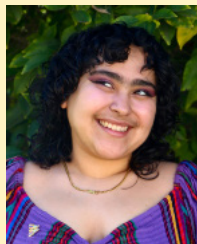
Thank god for giving me the strength in never giving up on myself. I want to dedicate this degree to my loved ones who supported me through out my journey. And lastly, nothing in life is impossible you just have to believe in yourself.



Melissa Marcy Ledesma

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Psychology Veteran Services

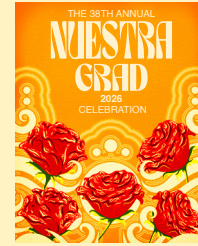
I give thanks to God for carrying me through every challenge and moment of doubt during this journey. As a first-generation college graduate, this accomplishment represents perseverance, growth, faith, and the breaking of generational cycles. I thank my children for their patience and understanding during the many moments I was busy pursuing this goal. I hope my journey shows my children and grandchildren that no matter the obstacles, keep going and rise above circumstances.



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Spanish, B.A.
Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

Quiero darles las gracias a mis padres por apoyarme e inspirarme a seguir adelante. Gracias a mis hermanitos por ser una fuente de inspiración y motivación en mi vida. Sin mi familia y mis amistades, no hubiera llegado hasta el final. Nunca olvidaré todo el amor y el apoyo que recibí a lo largo de este camino. ¡¡LOS AMO MUCHO!!



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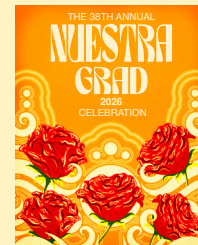
Gracias a mi Padres por todos su sacrificio y apoyo para mi educación. Y este titulo es para ustedes. Te amo con todo mi corazón.



Alejandra Leyva

Social Work, B.A.
Child Maltreatment and Family Violence

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Jenifer Concepcion Lezama

Psychology, B.A.

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America Aileen Lopez Lara

Psychology, B.A.

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Child Development, B.A.

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Ana Lucrecia Lopez-Ramirez

Psychology, B.A.

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Political Science, B.A.

Sociology

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Leslie Luna

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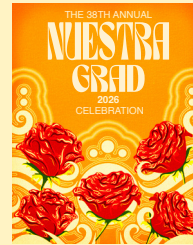
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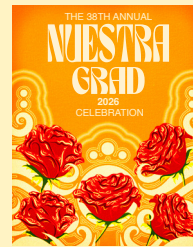
Today I would like to thank my biggest supporters that have gotten me to where I am. Thank you to my friends and my family, because without them I would not be standing here today. And may we continue to be stronger together, and be the examples for Latino generations to come.



Rocio Adaly Luna Perez

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, B.A.

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Maria Machado Guzman

Social Work, B.A.

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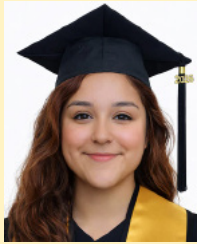


Aylin Rubi Macias-Fernandez

Communicative Disorders, B.A.

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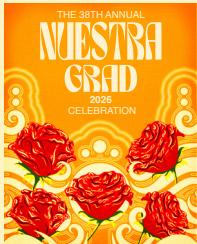




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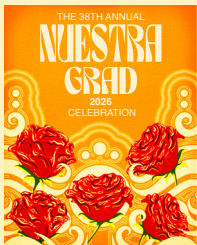
I would like to thank my family for supporting me on this journey to complete my degree. Ed for taking me to school when I needed it, and Z for all your amazing help. I would especially like to thank my boyfriend for always putting up with me and helping me when I needed it. This degree would not have been possible without you all. To my Ma Chayo, this is for you.



Alma Rocio Magallanes

Sociology, B.A.

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Oscar Maldonado

Television, Film, and Media Studies, B.A.

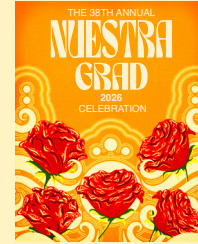
I want to thank my family for pushing me to keep going in my education journey and I want to thank my friends for always being there for me. I would not be where I am without these people inspiring me to keep going. I am grateful for the friends I have made here and the professors that made learning here fun.



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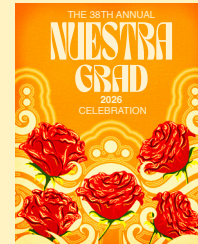
I would like to thank God, my family, and friends for supporting me through this academic journey. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for always being there for me. Los quiero mucho.



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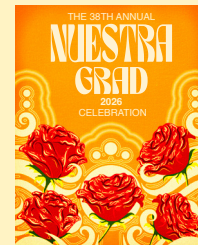
I would like to thank my grandmother for her support and encouragement throughout this long journey and hardships. My grandmother took a chance and left Mexico to look for greater opportunities. If it weren't for my grandmother I would not be here today. She made a lot of sacrifices so I could be standing here today. This accomplishment is for Nana. Te Quiero! Y que viva Mexico!!!



Estephanie Guadalupe Mariscal Perez

Communicative Disorders, B.A.

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Lisbeth Nicole Marron-Romero

Sociology, B.A.

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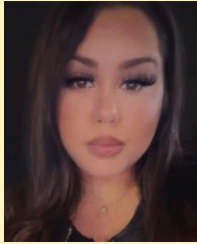


Melanie Alexandra Marrujo

Psychology, B.A.

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Jasmine Efigenia Martinez

Social Work, B.A.

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Diana Nicole Martinez

Social Work, B.A.

Child Maltreatment and Family Violence

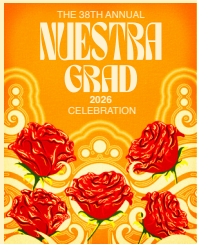
Me gustaría agradecer a mi familia, especialmente a mis padres por todo su esfuerzo, apoyo y sus sacrificios que han hecho posible el que yo este parada aqui hoy. Lo logre!



Ingrid Rosalina Martinez

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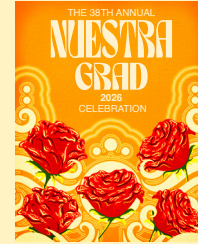
Quiero agradecer a mis padres y familia por siempre apoyarme, motivarme. También estoy muy agradecida con mis seres queridos, quienes siempre estuvieron ahí para animarme. Un agradecimiento especial a mi equipo de College Corps por su apoyo constante, trabajo en equipo y orientación durante todo este camino. Tener un sistema de apoyo tan fuerte hizo una gran diferencia y me ayudó a mantenerme enfocada y segura de mí misma.



Jennifer Martinez

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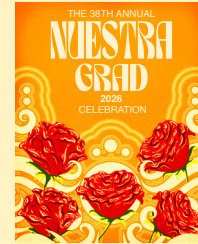
First and foremost I would like to give all the glory to God. My faith has been my foundation throughout my journey. Gracias a mis padres, me mostraron lo que significa el trabajo duro. Thank you to my family who has always believed in me and my boyfriend Randdy. My sister Ana, I can't thank you enough for being my rock through it all, I wouldn't be here without you guys.



Itzel Martinez Perez

Public Health, B.S.

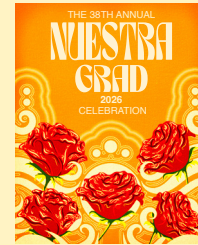
Quiero agradecerle a mis padres por todo el apoyo que me brindaron estos cuatro años en la universidad, gracias a ellos pude cumplir otro sueño más.



Alexandra McColl

Psychology, B.A.

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Luis Fernando Medina

Computer Information Systems, B.S.

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David Medina

Applied Science, B.S.

Operations and Supply Chain Management

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Madeline Medina

Microbiology, B.S.

I dedicate this milestone to my family, whose sacrifices, strength, and unwavering belief in me shaped who I am today. As a proud Latina, my culture taught me the importance of resilience, community, and uplifting others. Inspired by my family's experiences and challenges, I am committed to pursuing healthcare to serve and advocate for underserved communities. This achievement reflects their love, my heritage, and my lifelong mission to help others through compassion, service, and care.

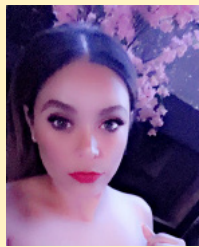


Ana Ivonne Mejia

Art, B.A.

Psychology

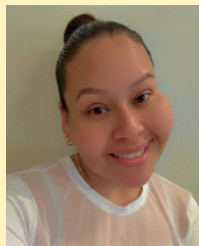
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Vanessa Guadalupe Mejia

Sociology, B.A. Child Development

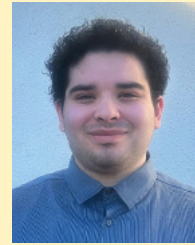
I would like to thank my mother for the love, help and constant supported throughout this journey. I am especially grateful to my children, who have been my biggest motivation and the reason I kept going, even during difficult moments. This journey at Cal State LA has not been easy, but never impossible. I reach this goal and for that I am truly grateful.



Berta Nidia Mendez

Sociology, B.A.

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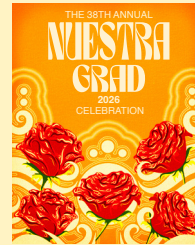


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Business Administration, B.S.

General Business

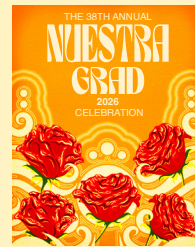
I would like to thank my mom for pushing me and making sure I was on top of my studies. I hope to be joining her on stage.



Dulce Lourdes Mendez

Biology, B.S.

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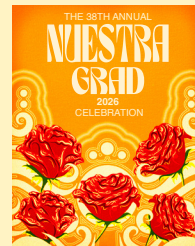


Estefhany Jaqueline Mendez- Escorcia

Communicative Disorders, B.A.

Psychology

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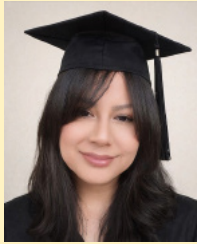
Emily Jasmine Mendoza

Sociology, B.A.

Applied Behavior Analysis

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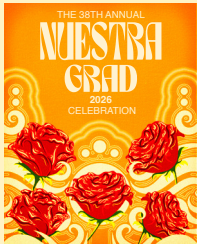




Mariana Mendoza De La Cruz

Liberal Studies, B.A.

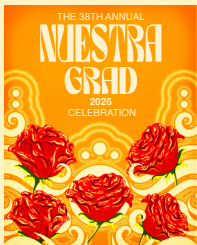
I want to thank my three generational family for always believing in me. My parents for their encouragement, my husband for his continuous support, and my children for their confidence that I will accomplish my dreams. Casi me di por vencida pero, I remembered who was watching. Y ahora, para adelante!



Angela Maria Mendoza-Serrano

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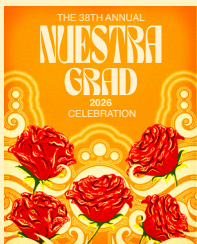
Me gustaría agradecer a mi familia por siempre apoyarme . También a los que se tuvieron que ir y me dejaron con sus enseñanzas de la vida.



Krupskaia Molina

Communication, B.A.

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Precious Angie Monterrosa

Psychology, B.A.

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Miguel Montes

Public Health, B.S.

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Vanessa Montiel

Communication, B.A.

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Karina Elisbeth Mora

Communicative Disorders, B.A.

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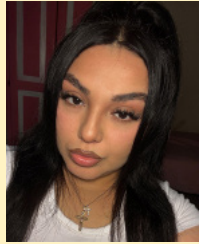


Mariana Ximena Mora

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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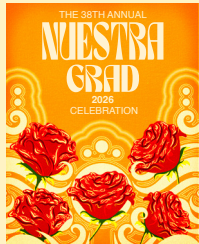




Giselle Morales

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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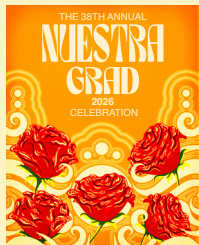


Marilou Morales

Business Administration, B.S.

Accounting

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Kinesiology, B.S.

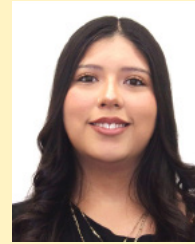
I would like to thank my three boys for being my greatest motivation and strength. Every late night and early morning was for them. I am also deeply grateful to my family and friends who supported me while I balanced school, work, and motherhood. This degree represents resilience, sacrifice, and growth. I am proud of how far I've come and thankful for everyone who believed in me. This is just the beginning.



Keani Moya

Civil Engineering, B.S.

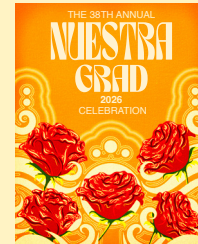
I would like to thank my family and friends for their support and encouragement throughout my long journey at Cal State LA. I would have never gotten the will to push through and achieve my goals of achieving my Bachelor's degree. I've only just begun my life and there still much to achieve, as an old saying: "He who does more is of greater worth"



Nayeli Murguía-Zamora

Psychology, B.A.

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Evelyn Naranjo

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Rosario Nicolas-Benitez

Social Work, B.A.

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Crystal Isabel Nunez-Reyes

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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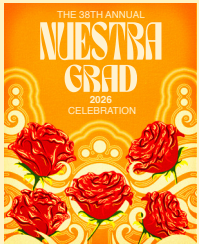




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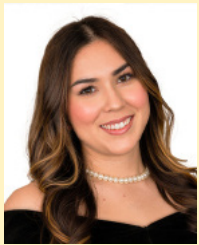
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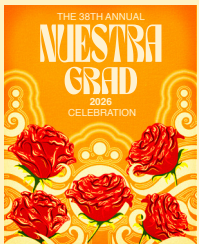
To my parents, thank you for your endless love, sacrifices, and belief in me. Your guidance and support made this possible. To my sisters, always believe in yourselves. Thank you to my loved ones for always being there for me. I love you all!



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Natural Science, B.S.

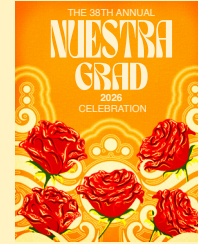
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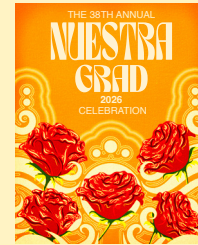
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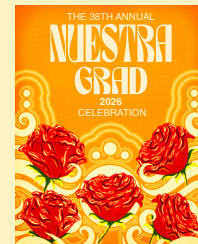
First, I give all the glory to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to thank my village that brought me through these past 4 years. For every prayer, word of encouragement, and push to continue. Most importantly, I dedicate this degree to my mom. This isn't just my accomplishment but it is yours, I love you mamma. Esto es para todos los latinos, por los sacrificios de nuestros padres.



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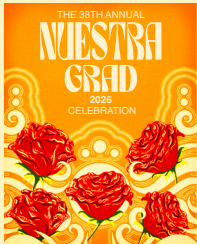




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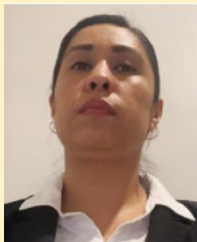
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Psychology, B.A.

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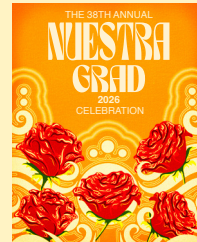
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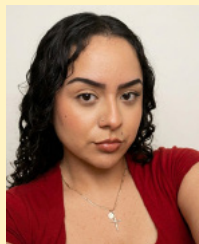
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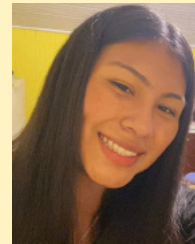
I want to thank my family for their endless support and love throughout my journey here at Cal State LA. Without their support I wouldn't be able to be standing here and to all my friends for their love and support throughout my journey. Lastly, to my family members who are not able to here today...this one is for you.



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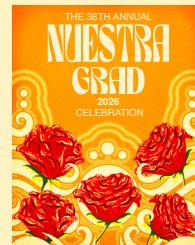
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Political Science, B.A.

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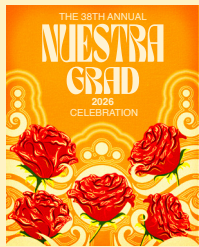
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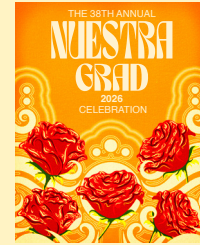
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Kinesiology, B.S.

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Business Administration, B.S.
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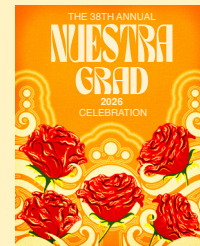
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Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, B.A.
Child Development

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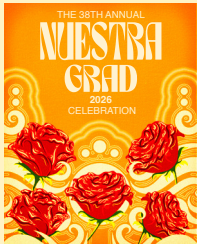


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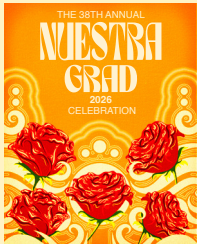


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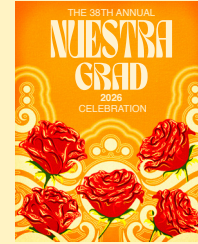


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Latin American Studies Mesoamerican Studies

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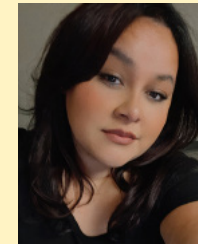


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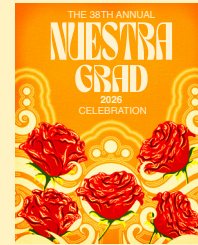
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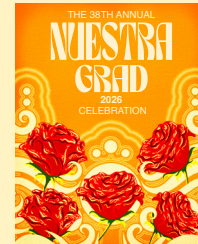
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Biology, B.S.

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Kinesiology, B.S.

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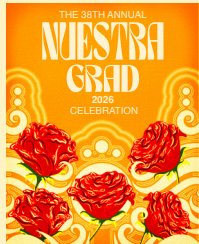




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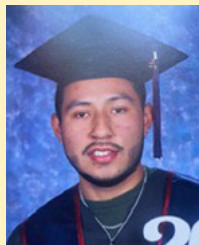
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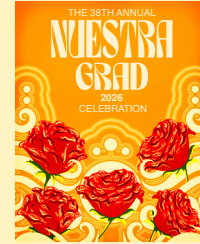
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Art, B.A.

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Lorely Rico

Business Administration, B.S.

Marketing

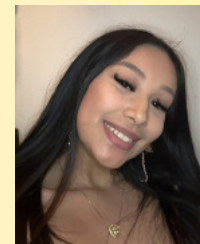
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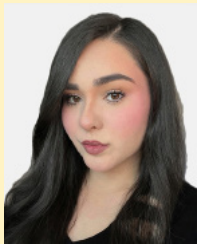




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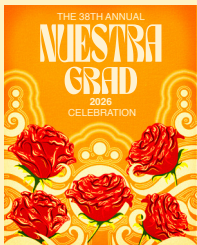
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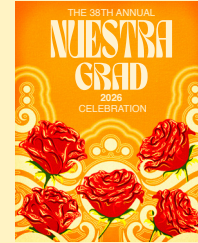
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Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

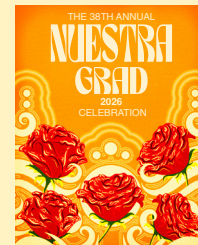
I want to express my deepest gratitude to my son, whose love, smiles, and pure spirit gave me the strength to push forward through every challenge and every moment of doubt during my journey at Cal State LA. You've been my greatest motivation and my reason to keep going even when things felt impossible. I'm also incredibly thankful for my friends both the ones I met here and those who've supported me from the start.



Yesenia Alexis Rodriguez

Television, Film, and Media Studies, B.A.

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Haley Rodriguez

Child Development, B.A.

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Victoria Marie Rodriguez

Business Administration, B.S.

Accounting

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Cynthia Lorena Rodriguez

Criminal Justice, B.S.
Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

Gracias a Dios por guiarme siempre. A mis padres, gracias por su amor, sacrificios y apoyo incondicional. Hoy celebro haber obtenido mi licenciatura en Criminal Justice y mi minor en Chicano Literature Studies. A todos los que me apoyaron en el camino, esto también es suyo. Y a quienes no creyeron en mí, miren dónde estoy. Cada sacrificio tiene su recompensa. Siempre agradecida gracias mami y papi, I love you.



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Child Development, B.A.

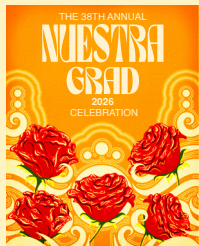
I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported me throughout this journey. Thank you to my family and friends for your constant love, patience, and encouragement. I am especially grateful to my instructors for your guidance, support, and belief in my potential. This achievement reflects not only my hard work, but the support of everyone who stood by me. I carry your lessons with me into the next chapter.



Valerie Ciara Rodriguez-Avantes

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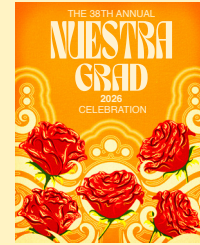
Quiero dar las gracias a mi mamá, mi papá, mis abuelos y mi hermano; sin su apoyo nunca habría logrado alcanzar esta meta. Estoy muy agradecida por todas las experiencias y amistades que he tenido en Cal State LA. Me voy con mucho orgullo y no puedo esperar a ver todo lo que el futuro me tiene preparado. Este es solo el comienzo.



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Kinesiology, B.S.

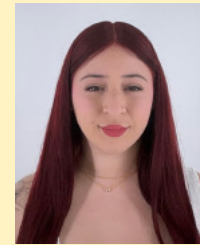
Hoy me gradúo y comienza un nuevo capítulo de mi vida. Gracias ma y pa por su amor incondicional, sus sacrificios y por su ayuda. Este logro es para ustedes también. Gracias a mi familia y amigos cercanos por su apoyo constante y sus oraciones. Pero sobre todo, gracias a Dios por guiar mis pasos, darme fuerzas en los momentos difíciles y nunca soltarme. Los Quiero <3



Samantha Gabriela Rojas-Roldan

Sociology, B.A.
Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies

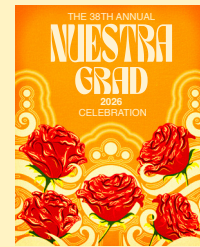
I would like to thank my family for the unconditional support they have provided me. I appreciate all their efforts, sacrifices, and words of encouragement. Más que nada, quiero agradecerle a mi mamá, quien ha sido mi mayor apoyo e inspiración. Muchas gracias por siempre creer en mí.



Nancy Romero

Political Science, B.A.

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Miranda B Romo

Art, B.A.

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Natalie Romo

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, B.A.
Law and Society

Chingona, cabrona, y con diploma.
Todo valió la pena





Jocelyn Rosales

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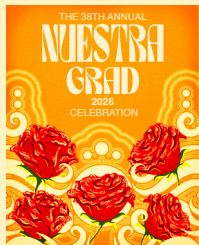
I want to thank my mom and dad for the countless sacrifices and quiet strength that carried me here. This milestone belongs to them as much as it does to me. Estoy tan orgullosa de ser su hija. To my friends and family, thank you for standing beside me, cheering me on, and believing in me through every step. To that little girl, con esfuerzo, fe y amor, si se pudo!



Wendy Lydia Rosas

Child Development, B.A.

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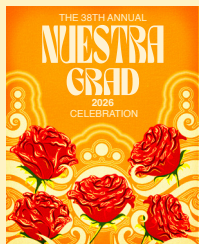


Katherine Liseth Rubio

Business Administration, B.S.

Accounting
Finance

Thankful with life, God, and my family who have supported through this journey that started in 2018. I have to say that juggling motherhood, marriage and school life hasn't been easy but my village made it possible. Si se Puede!



Genevieve Milan Ruiz

Urban Learning, B.A.

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Seyly Ruiz

Child Development, B.A.

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Stephany Ruiz

Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

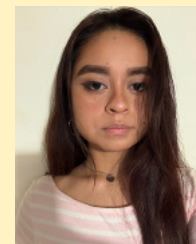
Quiero agradecer a mis padres por todo su apoyo, paciencia, y amor.
I love you, my son, Daniel.
Gracias por todo,
Stephany Ruiz



Enelidad Salgado

Business Administration, B.S.

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Heidi Guadalupe Salgado-Monroy

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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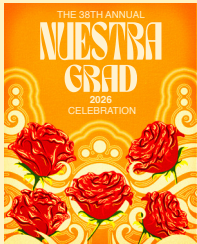


Lizbeth Salvador Lavariega

Child Development, B.A.

I am proud of myself, my friends, colleagues and everyone in this room. I am a first gen, first daughter, first grandchild, and first woman in my family to pursue higher education. I am grateful to my parents and everyone who supported me to be able to get here, thank you all. May we be the change in our world and continue to strive!

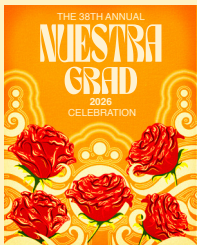
Much love,
Lizbeth Salvador Lava



Alondra Isabella Sanchez

English, B.A.

I would like to thank My mom, My Grandma, Uncle, my partner and My friends for always being there for me when I needed them most and helping me get to where I am today without them I wouldn't have the Support I needed to achieve this goal of graduating at Cal State LA. This is for you Momma, thank you for being my biggest supporter always.



Sanchez Nicole Sanchez

Communication, B.A.

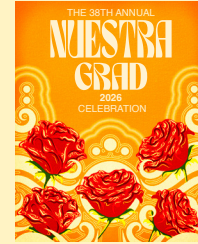
I want to thank my strong & independent momma who supported me through this entire journey. As a first-generation student, it wasn't easy but I found the strength to overcome challenges, grow into a better version of myself, and build a genuine community and friendships here at Cal State LA.



Annette Dalay Sanchez

Social Work, B.A.

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Araceli Sanchez

Social Work, B.A.

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Joana Sanchez

Natural Science, B.S.

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Maria Elsa Sanchez

Business Administration, B.S.

Accounting

Psychology

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Edgardo Nicholas Sanchez

Computer Science, B.S.

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Jasmine Arleth Sanchez

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Emily Alize Sandoval

Criminal Justice, B.S.

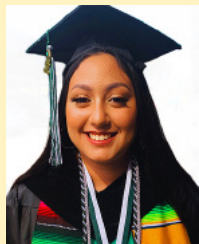
I want to thank my parents, family, and loved ones for the support they provided during this chapter of my life. I'm beyond thankful for my family because while they came here with nothing, they gave me everything I needed to stand here today and be the first to say que lo logre. Con lágrimas, risas, y esfuerzo sí pude con todo para hacer esto posible! Los amo a todos con todo mi corazon.



Lizzette Lopez Santacruz

Child Development, B.A.

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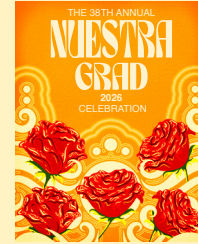


Alyssa Jade Santiago

Psychology, B.A.

Management General Management

I take great pride in my Boricua and Mexicana roots, honoring nuestra Madre Tierra, my ancestors, and my family with each "A" I have earned. My discipline and achievements reflect their sacrifices and resilience. Education is our resistance and our power.



Guadalupe Guillermina Santos

Social Work, B.A.

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Zintli Santos

English, B.A.

Creative Writing

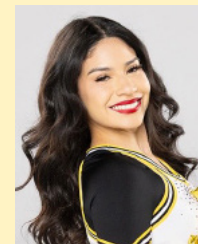
I would like to acknowledge my family's continuous support throughout my academic studies. Thank you for molding me into a tough academic warrior. I am also grateful for all the wonderful memories I've made during my time at Cal State LA. Esto es para mi familia en Oaxaca y en los Estados Unidos.



Josefina Sebastian

Social Work, B.A.

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Chelsea Segura

Psychology, B.A.

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Meredith Ulani Serpas

Criminal Justice, B.S.

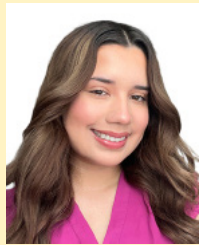
I want to give a heartfelt thank you to my family—especially my incredible parents, whose sacrifices and hard work paved the way for my future. As immigrants, they inspired me to achieve what they once dreamed of, and I celebrate this accomplishment with them. To my sister, who fills my life with light, and to the amazing friends I've made throughout college, thank you for your love, support, and belief in me.



Liliana Sifuentes

Computer Information Systems, B.S.

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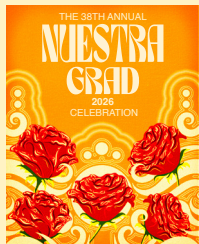


Chloe Marie Silva

Biology, B.S.

Microbiology

I would like to thank my grandparents, who came from Mexico to the United States to build a better life for me and future generations. I would not be here without their courage and determination. I am grateful to my mom and dad for their love and guidance, my friends for late nights spent studying together, and to my professors for their mentorship. This achievement reflects their hopes and dreams as much as my own.



Angel Skewes Rojas

Art, B.A.

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Yiret Solis Cruz

Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies, B.A.

Public Health

Primeramente le doy gracias a Dios por este logro. Segundo, por mis padres. Por su esfuerzo y apoyo que me dieron. Thank you to all my professors who were patient with me and were there to help me. To my friends and loved ones, thank you for always being there and lending me a hand. Love you all and God bless you :) Filipenses 4:13



Yulemi Lorraine Solis-Martinez

Business Administration, B.S.

Human Resources Management

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George David Soto

Criminal Justice, B.S.

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Maliah Agueda Stokes

Art, B.A.

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Genesis Nuyens Tejada

Psychology, B.A.
Applied Behavior Analysis

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Naydelin Teodoro-Vargas

Psychology, B.A.

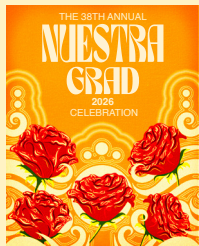
Quiero agradecer a mis padres por apoyarme siempre. Cada sacrificio que hicieron hoy tiene frutos, este logro también es de ustedes. Gracias a Dios por guiarme y permitirme llegar tan lejos. Este logro también es para mi hermanito, a quien quiero mucho y espero poder inspirar, que todo es posible: lo dice una niña de 7 años de Puebla a quien le dijeron que no lograría un título universitario... y hoy demuestro lo opuesto.



Henry Benjamin Toribio Tejada

Rehabilitation Services, B.S.

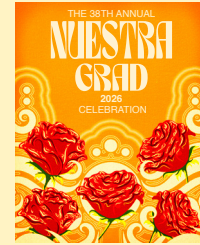
Mom, today I graduate, but this moment belongs to you too. Every sacrifice you made, every prayer you said, every time you pushed me to keep going those are the reasons I'm here. Thank you for being my strength, my support, and my biggest example. I love you more than words can say.



Perla Torres

Social Work, B.A.

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Emma Torres

Business Administration, B.S.: Option in Finance
Economics

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Alexander Torres Avendano

Kinesiology, B.S.

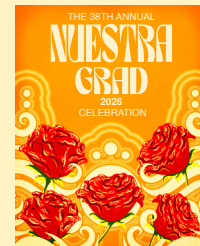
Primeramente, gracias a Dios por dejarme llegar a este momento de mi vida. Y muchas gracias a mi familia, a mis papás y hermanos que vinieron a acompañarme. Esto es para ustedes. Gracias por siempre apoyarme y darme el cariño y el amor que nunca me ha faltado. Cada sacrificio, cada consejo y cada abrazo que me dieron fue la fuerza para seguir adelante. Siempre los llevo en mi corazón y les estaré eternamente agradecido.



Leticia Torres Castro

Child Development, B.A.

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Alejandra Tovar

Social Work, B.A.

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Citlali Isabel Trujillo

Social Work, B.A.

I would like to give thanks and great appreciation to my parents for always pushing me to further my education. I too would like to proudly shout out my grandparents who left their home country and sacrificed so much to ensure that I would have the privilege and opportunity to be here today and receive the education and career that they longed for. I promise to continue to further and continue my education for them.



Jazmin Urbano

Child Development, B.A.

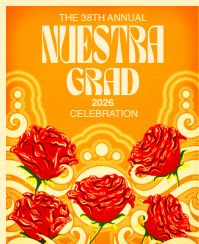
I would like to thank my family and friends who have been by my side supporting me in my journey here at Cal State LA. Pero quiero agradecer aún más a mis padres; ellos vinieron a este país para abrirme las puertas. Son las personas que menos quiero decepcionar. Sin ellos, no habría sido posible graduarme. Me enseñaron a echarle ganas y que nada es imposible.



Chloe Danielle Uribe

Television, Film, and Media Studies, B.A.

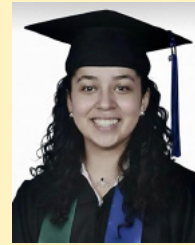
Thank you to everyone who has believed in me from the start and stayed with me through the hard times till now.



Michael Anthony Urteaga Jr

Criminal Justice, B.S.

First, I would like to thank god, Second I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and being there for me throughout my journey and goals, and I can't wait for what the future holds!



Belen Azucena Valadez-Alcaraz

Spanish, B.A.

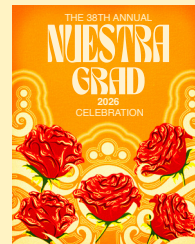
Este logro se lo dedico a mis padres quienes con tanto esfuerzo y amor emigraron de Jalisco, México. En estos momentos de incertidumbre para nuestros inmigrantes, quienes enfrentamos miradas de desconfianza y palabras hirientes, que esta celebración cultural sea un faro de esperanza, recordándonos que nuestra presencia aquí es un derecho ganado con esfuerzo, dignidad y perseverancia. Como decimos los Jaliscienses "No nos sabemos rajar". ¡Viva Jalisco, viva nuestras raíces y viva la comunidad inmigrante!



Azalea Raquel Valdez

Urban Learning, B.A.

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Kelsey Daniela Valladares

Social Work, B.A.

Political Science

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Ashley Samara Vallin

Sociology, B.A.

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Chantal Alissandra Vargas

Business Administration, B.S.

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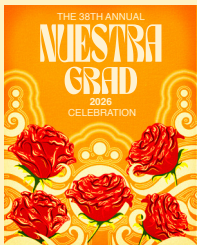
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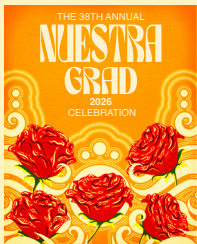
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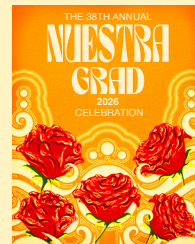
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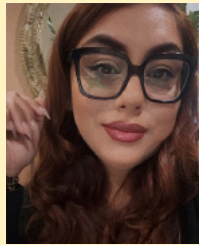




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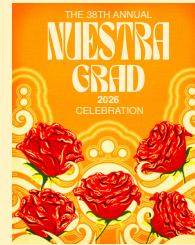
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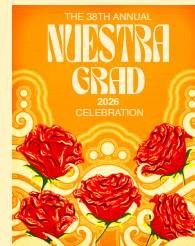


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