

Campus Conexiones

Students - meet your LatinX community!

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March 13, 2018

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Room: I4-203

AVANZA Engagement Center

Speaker of the month:

Yolanda Catano

Administrative Technician

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Yolanda Catano Vega was born and raised in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. Born to Mexican parents and growing up in a border town allowed Yolanda to simultaneously experience a fusion of both identities as Mexican-American. At the age of 17, Yolanda graduated high school and attended Cal State San Marcos. Growing up in a family where most women married or had children at a young age, attending college was unheard of. Yolanda continuously pursued her dream of becoming the first in her family to attend college. She successfully graduated with a B.A. in Women's Studies and a minor in Theater Arts, earned a M.A. in Sociology from Cal State San Marcos, and has recently been accepted to the Ed. D. program in Educational Leadership at San Diego State University.

Yolanda seeks to promote and encourage leadership for our community college students from similar backgrounds and experiences. In addition to her borderland experience, Yolanda is a fierce advocate of the LGBTQIA community. Her brother (born female) has heavily impacted her own academic journey and pursuits. Yolanda has had the privilege of being cis-female and understands how identifying as female while being born female has privileged her in positions that are not always extended to LGBT communities of color. Yolanda serves as an ally to the LGBT Imperial Valley Center and its community.

As an educational advocate for all students, Yolanda would like to serve as a liaison for student success, completion, and achievement. Come hear her story!

Connect with Mesa Latinx faculty, staff and managers in a unique way!

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