



# HISPANIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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## 720 GUESTS ATTEND 35TH HEC CONFERENCE



### MJC Hispanic Education Conference

The purpose of the Hispanic Education Conference (HEC) is to enrich and empower current and future Modesto Junior College students to be successful in pursuing higher education.

The conference includes awards, keynote speakers, over 30 workshops on the topics of education, careers, and leadership, and lunch.

The conference is a free

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*"I have never seen so much energy and life in our students. This was an amazing conference. Modesto High is humbled to be a part of it"*

*- Jorge Perez  
Modesto High Counselor*

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## **Modesto High "We Are the Champions"**

For the 35th annual Hispanic Education Conference (HEC), the Modesto Junior College (MJC) HEC committee created the 1st annual Champion Award. The Champion Award is awarded to the high school that has the most attendees at the conference. The odds on favorite was Patterson High School, but the Panthers of Modesto wanted everyone to hear them roar. This year Modesto High brought the most students to the conference in their school's history with a jaw dropping 330 students in attendance.



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### **2018 (October) Top 5**

#### **High School**

#### **Attendance**

1. **Modesto High-330**
2. **Patterson High-125**
3. **Hughson High-43**
4. **Johansen High-39**
5. **Gustine High-27**

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### **2018 (March) Top 5**

#### **High School**

#### **Attendance**

1. **Patterson High-207**
  2. **Modesto High-120**
  3. **Hughson High-48**
  4. **Johansen High-47**
  5. **Davis High-43**
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## **Patterson High School earns Legacy Award**

Patterson High School and the Hispanic Education Conference have been one and the same for 35 years. Since the inception of the HEC, Patterson High School has been at the forefront of dedicating resources through good times and bad times to ensure their students attend the HEC each year. This year, Patterson High, by a unanimous vote of the HEC committee, earned the 2018 HEC Legacy Award for their commitment to the HEC.

## Ariana Gonzalez MJC Counselor

Ariana Lizette Gonzalez is an Oakland born and Central Valley raised educator and community centered activist.

Ariana advocates for equitable inclusion to educational pathways and opportunities for historically underserved communities through her work.

Ariana earned her associate degree from San Joaquin Delta College in Liberal Arts and Sciences before transferring to UC Davis to complete her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Chicana Studies.

In her over 10 years of service to students in the California Community College system, Ariana has held a number of leadership positions on and off campus, including her current role as Co-Chair of the MJC DREAM Network, and President of the Latina Leadership Network.



## KEYNOTE SPEECH WOWS CROWD

MJC Counselor Ariana Gonzalez had a crowd of 720 hanging on every word as she delivered the keynote address at the Hispanic Education Conference. Ariana shared stories of her childhood, spoke to the need to believe in change, and concluded with leading the crowd in song and the unity clap.



## MJC's Dr. Todd "Free College"

Dr. James Todd stunned many in the crowd when he announced at the HEC that students can attend MJC for free. Dr. Todd went on to explain to students the need to fill out the FAFSA and shared with students in attendance that "this is your home and we want you to come here and succeed here".

This announcement prompted several parents and students to attend HEC workshops on attending MJC and filling out the FAFSA.



## HEC ATTENDANCE

2018-(October) 720 Students

2018-(March) 578 Students

2017-535 Students

In 2018, the MJC HEC committee decided to move the HEC conference to the 2nd Saturday in October. This move allowed the conference to take place during Hispanic Heritage Month as well as avoid issues with weather and spring breaks.

## 2019 HEC ATTENDANCE

October 12, 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

**SOMOS LOS PIRATAS DE MJC**




*“Don’t let your fear of failing get in the way of your dreams, goals, and success”*

- Harloveleen Hundal  
ASMJC President



*“This energy and spirit is contagious. We are so happy to welcome you to MJC today”*

- Steve Collins  
Interim MJC President