

NLU'S INAUGURAL HSI SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 17 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
122 S Michigan - The Atrium



TRANSFORMING TOGETHER: IMPACT, EXCELLENCE, COMUNIDAD

National Louis University's Inaugural Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Summit, **Transforming Together: Impact, Excellence, Comunidad** is a campus-wide gathering designed to deepen our collective commitment to our Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) designation that is centered on equity, student success, and rooted in a culturally sustaining approach to education. This full-day experience brings together students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners to reflect on our progress, reimagine what it means to truly "serve," and build momentum for transformational change across the institution.

This summit explores how we can move from enrolling Latinx students to meaningfully serving them. Through interactive plenaries, engaging sessions, cultural celebrations, and student showcases, we aim to create an intergenerational and interdisciplinary space that honors Latine/x ways of knowing, centers student voice, and generates actionable strategies to advance institutional servingness.

SUMMIT GOALS

- Foster cross-campus understanding of NLU's HSI designation and current projects
- Elevate Latinx student voices and highlight culturally grounded practices for student success
- Engage faculty, staff, and leadership in strategies for equity-minded transformation
- Build comunidad across roles, disciplines, and departments through shared learning
- Strengthen institutional capacity for continuous advancement as an HSI

Please register via
the following links:



<https://cglink.me/220/r376157>



Somos NLU mural: This vibrant mural by artist Pierre Lucero, created with student collaboration, spans an entire wall of El Centro, celebrating the richness and diversity of Latinidad.



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SEPTEMBER 17 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 122 S Michigan, The Atrium

9:30 – 10:00 AM | Check-In & Café de la Mañana

Light breakfast with pan dulce, Latinx music, and photo showcase of HSI work.

10:00 – 10:15 AM | Welcome & Acknowledgments

Opening Remarks: Lauri M. Sanders, Vice President, Communications
Provost Welcome: Eddie Phillips, Ed.D., Provost and Senior Vice President
HSI Acknowledgment: Inés Sahagún-Bahena, Ph.D., Director, El Centro de Excelencia

10:15 – 11:00 AM | Opening Plenary Panel:

'The Importance & Impact of HSIs and Envisioning Our HSI Future'

Discussion with HSI practitioners and scholars on equity-minded and servingness for student success.

Panel: Dr. Sandra Gonzalez-Adamski, Dr. Joao Goebel, Dr. Flor Carabez

Moderator: Inés Sahagún-Bahena, Ph.D.

11:00 – 11:45 AM | Session #1: Building Authentic Academic Comunidades: Assessing the Impact of CLAVE Fellowship on Doctoral Students

Dr. Sandra González-Adamski, Dr. Tiffeny Jimenez, Dr. Ruth Quiroa, Dr. Inés Sahagún-Bahena

11:45 – 12:30 PM | Session #2: Preparing Underrepresented Students for Careers in STEM

María Palafox, Dr. Robyn Moncrief, Dr. Inés Sahagún-Bahena

12:30 – 1:15 PM | Networking Lunch & HSI Student Showcase

Featuring Latinx students, Networking, and Latinx catering.

1:15 – 2:00 PM | Sessions #3: Fulbright-Hays NLU Study Abroad: Cultural and Linguistic Restoration

Dr. Joao Goebel, Juanita Márquez

2:00 – 2:15 PM | Closing Remarks & Call to Action

Key Insights and Closing Keynote:

Lionel Sarti, Associate Vice President of Enrollment

2025 HSI TASK FORCE LEADS

Co-Chair

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Lionel Sarti, Associate Vice President of
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Sandra Gonzalez-Adamski Ed.D.,
Assistant Professor Elementary
Teacher Preparation

“HEARING THE JOURNEYS OF
OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF
INSPIRES ME TO PUSH MYSELF
FURTHER AND REACH FOR MORE.

- NLU Student, El Centro Participant

