

# UNLV

The poster features a low-angle photograph of the UNLV Student Union building, characterized by its red brick facade and a prominent glass-enclosed green roof. A wide set of concrete stairs leads up to the building's entrance. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image, with a large red 'UNLV' logo at the top, followed by the event title in bold black letters. The date and time are listed in white text at the bottom right, set against a dark grey background. A large red geometric shape is in the bottom left corner.

## MSI STUDENT SUCCESS SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
UNLV STUDENT UNION

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## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

UNLV acknowledges and honors the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognizes that the university sits on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People.

We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land.

We encourage everyone in this space to continue learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and the historic and present realities of colonialism.

We believe it is important to recognize and appreciate the use of Southern Paiute land as part of our mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

# Schedule of Events

Note: Sessions marked with an asterisk (\*) will be live streamed via Youtube. Use the links provided to access those sessions remotely.

**8:30am-9:00am**

**Registration and Networking: Pre-Function Space**

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**\*Morning Session: Student Union Ballroom**

**YouTube Link: [https://youtu.be/i5EYH\\_K6vmY](https://youtu.be/i5EYH_K6vmY)**

**\*9:00am-9:30am**

Welcome by Chris Heavey, UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost

Opening Remarks by Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President

Opening Remarks by Juanita Fain, UNLV Vice President for Student Affairs and Interim Chief Diversity Officer

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**\*9:40am-10:40am**

**Plenary Session: *Creating the Structural Conditions for Student Success***

Introduction: Laurel Pritchard, UNLV Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Featured Speaker: Cathy N. Davidson, Distinguished Professor of English and Founding Director of the Futures Initiative at the Graduate Center, City University of New York

Moderators: Chris Heavey and Laurel Pritchard

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**\*10:45am-11:30am**

**Student Panel: *What Does It Mean to Be a Successful UNLV Student?***

Moderator: Jeffrey Orgera, UNLV Associate Vice Provost for Student Success

Panelists:

Nicole Thomas -Graduate and Professional Student Association President, UNLV

Caren Yap- President, Consolidated Students of UNLV

Abe Lugo- Vice President, Consolidated Students of UNLV

Ava Carino- UNLV MSI Student Council

Nethmini Happawana - UNLV Peer Mentor

Ariana Garcia- UNLV Doctoral Student, Higher Education

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**11:30am-12:15pm**      **Lunch: Student Union Ballroom**

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**Mid-Day Student Session: Cohen Theatre**

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/W9NlzumGf7s>

**\*12:00pm-1:00pm**      **Student Choice Plenary: *Charting Legacies of Success: Minority-Serving Institutions and You***

Marcela Cuellar, Associate Professor in Higher Education Leadership,  
UC Davis

**Moderator:** Keren Jean-Charles, UNLV Undergraduate Psychology Student  
and MSI Student Council Member

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**1:00pm-1:30pm**      **Moderated COLA 100E Student Q&A with Dr. Cuellar**

**Moderator:** Emily Shreve, Associate Director of Academic Transitions, UNLV  
Academic Success Center



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## 12:30pm-2:00 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions: Cohen Theatre, SU 205, 209, 213, and 208

TIME	SU 205	SU 209	SU 213	SU 208 B/C	SU 208 A	COHEN THEATRE
12:00pm-12:30pm						
12:30pm-1:00pm	Alison Sloat, College of Sciences: Design an Equity-Minded Syllabus	<p>Melissa Bowles-Terry, Faculty Center; Nicole Hudson and Beth Barrie, Online Education: UNLV Equity Institute Sneak Peek</p>	Samantha Varn, Student Diversity and Social Justice: On Diversity - Access Ain't Inclusion	<p><a href="#">Research Track Virtual link</a> Brent Drake and Judd Harbin, Decision Support and Division of Student Affairs: Campus Climate and Student Success Research Updates</p>		<p>Marcela Cuellar, UC Davis: Charting Legacies of Success: Minority-Serving Institutions and You Moderator: Keren Jean-Charles</p>
1:00pm-1:30pm		<p>Cecilia Maldonado and Eileen McGarry, Academic Programs and Career Services: It Takes More Than a Major</p>		<p>Engaging Diversity in Research Across the Higher Education Career Spectrum; Panel Moderator: Jose Melendrez Panelists: Blanca Rincón Keith Rogers Jeff Orgera Kristine Jan Cruz Espinoza</p>		<p>Levent Atici, Office of Undergraduate Research: Undergraduate Research Education in a Time of Crisis: Best Practices to Make Research More Inclusive</p>
1:30pm-2:00pm	<p>Kaitlin Clinnin, Department of English: Why I Stopped Grading to Help Students Start Learning</p>	<p>Nevena Cvijetic, Graduate College: Empowering Students, Expanding Access - A Pathway to Graduate Success via the Grad Rebel Advantage Program</p>	<p>Lindsay Erdem and Amber Foster, Online Education: Online Resources to Help YOU Get Rebel Ready!</p>		<p>LaToya Burdiss: NACCC Input</p>	
2:00pm-2:30pm						
	Research Track	Classroom Equity Track	Student/Student Affairs Track			

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12:30pm-2:00 pm      **Poster Session: SU Pre-Function Space**

<b>PRESENTER, CO-AUTHORS, AND AFFILIATION</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Heather Rappaport; Divisions of Student Affairs and Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement and College of Education	Letters from Home: Parent and Family Engagement in Higher Education
Amit Gajurel, Erica Marti, Eakalak Khan, and Neil Tugadi; Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering	Building a Sense of Community for Underclassmen in Civil Engineering and Construction Management
Le Quanda Cole, Anam Qadir, and Arosha Meegoda; UNLV/CSN Transfer Program	Embrace Your Inner Transfer Agent: Help a Majority-Minority Student Population Navigate Inequity Within Higher Education
Tricia McCrory, Pete Rinto, and Jeffrey Orgera; Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education	Student Success Guides the Work of Academic Advising
Lianelys Cabrera Martinez, Aldo Barrita, and Gloria Wong-Padoongpatt; Department of Psychology	Systematic Literature Review: BIPOC and Resilience in the Face of Discrimination
Eli Williams and Jenna Heath; Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and College of Liberal Arts	Enhancing Student Success through Peer Mentoring
Sunny Gittens; Office of Student Life	Serving Justice Impacted Students
Saeed Vayghan, Mehmet Erdem, and Samuel Lee; William F. Harrah College of Hospitality	Encouraging Innovation and Entrepreneurship Through Teamwork

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**2:00pm-2:30pm**      **Closing Remarks: SU Ballroom**  
Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President

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## **Extended MSI Student Success Speaker Series**

**September 24, 2021**      Graduate/Professional Student Q&A with Marcela Cuellar  
**6:00pm-7:00pm**      Cohen Theatre  
[Webex Link](#)  
**Moderator:** Kristine Jan Cruz Espinoza, Doctoral Student in the UNLV Higher Education Ph.D. Program and MSI Student Council Member

**November 5, 2021**      Doris Watson, UNLV Professor of Educational Psychology  
**11:00am-12:00pm**      and Higher Education  
**Cohen Theatre**

**November 19, 2021**      Edith Fernandez, Vice President of College and Community Engagement,  
**11:00 am - 12:00 pm**      Nevada State College  
**Science and Engineering Building Auditorium**

**TBD**      **Stay tuned for more events throughout the year!**

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