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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

*Morning Session: Student Union Ballroom
YouTube Link: 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

*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

*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

Mid-Day Student Session: Cohen Theatre
Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/W9NizumGf7s

*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

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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**Afternoon Breakout Sessions: Cohen Theatre, SU 205, 209, 213, and 208**

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**Poster Session: SU Pre-Function Space**

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

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 and Higher Education
11:00am-12:00pm  Cohen Theatre

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

TBD  Stay tuned for more events throughout the year!

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