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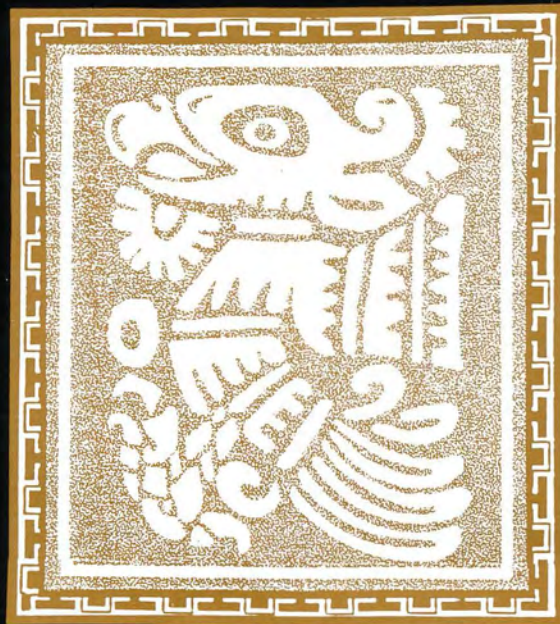
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**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY**

**24th Annual  
CHICANO**



**COMMENCEMENT**

**Continuando El Camino  
Con Orgullo, Cultura,  
Y Educación.**

**1970**

**Continuing The Path  
With Pride, Culture,  
& Education.**

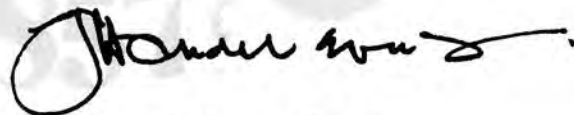
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# Class of 1994

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## *Congratulations*

*P*omp and circumstance aside, this day is one to remember for the rest of your lives. It is the culmination of many years of hard work, and it represents the intellectual accomplishments that contribute to your growth as individuals within our society. You are the leaders and professionals who will meet the challenges of an increasingly complex and global society. And you are the standard-bearers for many generations to come. You leave this institution as proud alumni of San Jose State University.



J. Handel Evans  
President

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# **CHICANO COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE**

Welcome to San José State University's 24th Annual Chicano Commencement Celebration. This unique and special ceremony honors students who have successfully completed the academic challenges of a university education.

As graduating students, we know that the courage and determination vested in us has come from a stronger source, our parents. Our experiences with family and friends have undoubtedly shaped our lives.

Tonight we are here to witness the accomplishments that at times seemed and felt impossible for us to complete. The long nights of study and the short hours of sleep are certainly not foreign to us. Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge and thank you, our guests, for making a difference in our lives. We recognize the sacrifice, the understanding and the unconditional support we received from you.

With this in mind, it is a sincere wish, that we as graduates foster and contribute our knowledge and expertise to our respective communities. In doing so, we hope to reach the minds of our youth so that they too can find motivation within themselves to continue a post-secondary education. This will enable them to serve as the leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Chicano Commencement Committee as well as all the people and organizations, involved both directly and indirectly, for their continual and most appreciated support. Thank you!

- Jesús E. Oseguera

# **MENSAJE DE CHICANO COMMENCEMENT**

Bienvenidos a la 24<sup>a</sup> Celebración Anual de Chicano Commencement de la Universidad Estatal de San José. Esta ceremonia especial é única, rinde honor a los estudiantes que han completado, exitosamente, los retos académicos de una educación universitaria.

Como estudiantes próximos a graduarnos, sabemos que el coraje y la determinación inculcada en nosotros, proviene de una fuente más fuerte, nuestros padres. Nuestras experiencias con la familia y amistades han contribuido, sin duda alguna, a la formación de nuestras vidas.

Esta noche estamos aquí para presenciar los logros que algunas veces parecían imposibles de realizarse. Las largas horas de estudio y las cortas horas de sueño, no son ningún extraño para nosotros. Queremos, además, reconocer y agradecerles a ustedes, nuestros invitados, por hacer una diferencia en nuestras vidas. Reconocemos el sacrificio, la comprensión y el apoyo incondicional que nos han brindado.

Teniendo esto en cuenta, es nuestro sincero deseo como estudiantes, el alimentar y contribuir nuestros conocimientos é experiencias a nuestras respectivas comunidades. Al hacer esto, esperamos poder acercarnos a nuestros jóvenes para que ellos, a su vez, puedan encontrar la motivación para continuar una educación superior. Esto hará posible a que realizen y cumplan con su papel de líderes en el futuro.

Finalmente, quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer, personalmente, al comité de Chicano Commencement, así como a todas las personas y organizaciones, involucradas directa é indirectamente, por su continuo y muy apreciado apoyo. Muchas Gracias!

- Jesús E. Oseguera

# **HISTORY OF CHICANO COMMENCEMENT**

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The tradition of Chicano Commencement began in 1970 at San José State University. Its idea began in 1968 when a group of Chicano students marched out of the University's graduation ceremony to illustrate concern for equality in education, and lack of equal representation at institutions of higher learning. It was that event that initiated the tradition of the first ever, Chicano Commencement, one which is common on many university campuses today.

The Annual Chicano Commencement has reached its 24th year. The tradition has been kept alive by the efforts of San José State University Chicano/Latino students who work every year to raise funds to make the event a reality. The celebration has been a success every year with a growing number of graduating students. The ceremony continues to reflect the achievements of Chicano/Latino students as it once did back in 1970, and it advocates the importance of education in making this world a better place.

# **HISTORIA DE CHICANO COMMENCEMENT**

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La tradición de Chicano Commencement comenzó en 1970 en la Universidad Estatal de San José. La idea se originó en 1968 cuando un grupo de estudiantes Chicanos marcharon, dejando atrás la ceremonia de graduación, para ilustrar sus preocupaciones sobre la desigualdad de educación y la falta de representación en las instituciones superiores y educativas. Fué ese evento con el cual se inició la tradición de Chicano Commencement, la cual es muy común en varias universidades hoy en día.

La ceremonia anual de Chicano Commencement, ha llegado al 24avo año. La tradición se ha mantenido viva por los esfuerzos de los estudiantes Chicanos/Latinos que trabajan en conjunto cada año para recaudar fondos para que el evento sea una realidad. La celebración ha sido un éxito cada año, con el número de estudiantes participantes incrementando. La ceremonia continúa reflejando los logros de los estudiantes, así como lo fue en 1970, a la vez que promueve la importancia de la educación, para así poder hacer nuestro mundo un lugar mejor.

# CHICANO COMMENCEMENT

## Honorable Guests & Entertainment

Emmy Award-winning actress, Carmen Zapata has numerous credits in the areas of film, television and stage. Some of her productions include "Marcus Welby", "Adam 12", "Love American Style", "Wonder Woman", "Married with Children", "Falcon Crest", and many others. Her face may seem familiar from her star role in PBS's bilingual children's television show "Villa Alegre." She was seen for three years on the daytime soap "Santa Barbara" and most recently in the feature films, "Sister Act," "Sister Act II" with Whoopi Goldberg and "Point of No Return."

Ms. Zapata is co-founder, president, and producing director of the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts (BFA) in Los Angeles. She has brought the works of great Latino authors such as Federico Garcia Lorca and Fernando Rojas to both English and Spanish speaking audiences. In 1990, Ms. Zapata was knighted by His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain for her commitment to Latino concerns within the arts.

She has received much acclaim from many critics and reviewers. Zapata's prestigious awards come from organizations such as MALDEF, YWCA, National Council of La Raza, Loyola Marymount University, and others. Ms. Zapata's dedication to the Latino community and to the 1994 Chicano Commencement will be long remembered and appreciated.



**Carmen Zapata**  
**Guest Speaker**



**Víctor Garza**  
**Master Of Ceremonies**

**Blanca Alvarado**  
**Mistress of Ceremonies**

**Ballet Folklórico Mestizo**

**Albert T. & The Cool Breeze**

**Radio Aztlán**

# **CHICANO COMMENCEMENT**

## **EVENING OF EVENTS**

**3:30PM - 4:30PM Doors open**

**4:30PM - 5:30PM Mariachi**

**5:30PM - 6:30PM Dinner**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM Entertainment**

**7:00PM - 9:00PM Commencement Ceremony Begins**

**9:00PM - 1:00AM Dance**

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**Domingo Acevedo**  
**B.A. Social Work**

Quiero darle todas las gracias primeramente a mi salvador Jesucristo por haber cambiado mi vida y pensamientos. A mi padre y madre, Jesús y Alicia Acevedo, que me apoyaron y animaron para seguir adelante cuando tenia deseos de dejar los estudios. Gracias a toda mi familia y amigos. ¡Lo hice!



**Ruth Alfaro**  
**B.A. Psychology**

As I look back at the last five years, I realize what I have accomplished was not done alone. With the support and encouragement of my family and friends, I stand here now. Gracias mom y dad por el apoyo y la paciencia, sin ustedes no estaría aquí ahora. ¡Gracias!



**Alicia Muñoz-Alvarado**  
**B.A. English**

My parents were prune pickers and showed me that education is the road to take. I will now become a teacher. After many years of school, at times it was difficult raising a family and working. I'd like to thank my: parents for showing me the road; husband and children for putting up with me; friends for their support and encouragement. To my brothers and sisters, it is never too late!



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**Teresa Alvarado**  
**B.S. Environmental Studies**

I've been working my way through school since 1982, can't seem to say good-bye to SJSU. I plan to enter the Urban Planning graduate degree program. I'd like to thank my family, especially my mother Blanca for always supporting and respecting my school and community efforts. Also, thanks to my father, José J. Alvarado, who died in 1978. He instilled in our family, a sense of personal motivation and civic duty.



**Adelina Alvarez**  
**B.A. Psychology**

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9  
The Lord has been my strength and my family my inspiration. This is for you mom & pops. I Love You!



**Grace Calderon Aranda**  
**B.S. Administration of Justice**

I was born and raised in San José, CA. I am the middle of three daughters born to Alfredo and Tina Aranda. I am currently working as a part-time counselor for the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall and wish to pursue a career in law. I am the first in my family to graduate from a university! Many thanks to my mom, dad, Chris, Rain, and Franz.

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**Sandra Louise Aranda**  
**B.A. Speech Pathology & Audiology**

I want to thank my parents Peter Mora Aranda & Jerry Louise Aranda for instilling in me a great respect for education. I also thank my brother Peter for being there when I needed him. To my grandmother Julia Randall, I express my sincerest thanks for giving me a faith in life and believing in me. To my entire family, my deepest love, devotion; without all of you I wouldn't be what I am today.



**Isabél Cristina Arias**  
**B.S. Business Administration**

Mis más cordiales agradecimientos a mis padres por todo su apoyo. Esta ha sido la experiencia más significativa y memorable de mi vida. Este acontecimiento se los dedico con todo mi cariño, amor y respeto. Esto les debo a ustedes, mis padres.



**María Del Carmen Miranda Autran**  
**B.A. Linguistics**

I was born in México and lived there for 18 years. I graduated in 1987 as an art instructor-the same year I moved to California. In Spring of 1992 I entered SJSU and now am able to complete this degree. Thanks to my family for their support.

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**Russell Anthony Barreras**  
**B.A. Administration of Justice**

I have aspirations of attending law school and hope to be very successful in my life. My major inspiration in life is my family and I would like to thank them for the love and support that they've provided. Gracias a mi familia, sin ustedes no estuviera en donde estoy hoy.



**James Bojorquez**  
**B.S. Marketing**

"It was worth the wait." I was born in San José, California on September 11, 1969 and graduated from Archbishop Mitty High School. I want to thank my parents, grandparents, family and friends for all their support. I also want to thank my girlfriend Carol for all her support. I hope to have a career in sales/marketing.



**Maricela Bravo**  
**B.A. Psychology**

Este diploma no es símbolo del fin de mis estudios, sino de la realización de una de las muchas metas que me he propuesto. El haber logrado este objetivo no hubiera sido posible sin la comprensión y apoyo que mis padres me han brindado. Este diploma va dedicado a ellos, quienes han sido mi inspiración y motivación. Gracias a toda mi familia por su respaldo, en especial a Jesús Vega y Benjamín Valdez.

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**Juan Carlos Carrillo**  
**B.S. Administration of Justice**

When I graduated from high school, I really never imagined myself going to college, but here I am. Six years have gone by and again I find myself going through graduation, but this time from SJSU. This only proves to me that there is nothing that can't be accomplished. Gracias Mamá y Papá por todo su cariño y apoyo.



**Juan Carlos Ceja**  
**B.S. Economics**

Quisiera darle las gracias a todas aquellas personas, que en una manera u otra me influyeron a triunfar en mi carrera. Mamá y Papá, muchísimas gracias por su apoyo lleno de amores, consejos y determinación en obtener un mejor futuro para sus hijos. Espero que mi triunfo sea la recompensa de sus sacrificios. Gracias a mis hermanos y novia por asistirme a llegar al termino de mi licenciatura.



**Roberto Peña Cruz**  
**B.A. Psychology**

My sincere thanks to those of you who have provided guidance in my efforts to reach my goal. I receive this degree in memory of my long time friend and confidant John Nagle, and on behalf of my family & community.

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**Susan Soledad Robledo Dando**  
**B.A. Liberal Studies**

I am a Chicana, native of San José, California. My parents are Isabel and Eliseo Robledo. I have two sons, Charles and Nicolás Dando. I work at the Biblioteca Latinoamericana. I am an artist skilled in ceramics, dance and storytelling.



**Dolores De Haro**  
**B.A. Psychology**

Ha sido un largo y difícil camino, pero mi familia, amistades y consejeros me ayudaron a llegar hasta este punto. Me gustaría recibir mi doctorado en psicología. Gracias especialmente a mi mamá, Dolores De Haro, que ha hecho muchos sacrificios y que siempre me ha apoyado en una manera distinta. Quiero reconocer a mis hermanos mayores. Sus sacrificios personales me han ayudado. Quiero animar y apoyar a mis hermanas menores para que sigan con sus estudios.



**Janina Irene Espinoza**  
**M.A. Mexican-American Studies**

I would like to thank Dr. Carrasco for teaching us about the Chicano Movement and those with the vision. My husband Frank for being my biggest fan. My suegra, Maria for sharing her wisdom and helping me grow intellectually and spiritually. My mother Grace, abuela Irene, hermanos Christina, Martin y Marcos for your love, guidance and help with our Panchito. Dedico esta Maestría a mi abuelo, Armando Padilla. Te extraño y te quiero siempre Tata.

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**Elizabeth Feliciano**  
**B.A. Child Development**

I was born in Texas to the Lopez González Family and am the first daughter in a family of six. My parents were migrant farmworkers in the San Joaquin Valley. I'm married and have two sons ages 9 and 10. The past nine years I've owned and operated Feliciano Day Care. In 1978, I graduated with an A.A. degree from Bakersfield Junior College & today I fulfill my dream as I graduate from SJSU.



**Carlos Daniel Garcia**  
**B.A. Political Science**

Con mucho amor, agradezco el apoyo que me han brindado mis padres. Su apoyo ha hecho posible que yo termine mis estudios. I would also like to thank the rest of my family for their support and understanding. Thank you Jesús, Victor, and Rosemary for your love and support, don't forget!!!



**Silvino Eloy Garcia**  
**B.S. Business Marketing**

I was born in Del Río, Texas in 19???. I grew up primarily in Los Angeles. I am the first in the Garcia clan to receive a college degree. I owe a great deal of this to my family, friends and fraternity brothers for their never ending support during my brief undergraduate career.

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**Eleanor Gonzales**  
**B.A. Child Development**

I'm graduating with a degree in child development. After graduating I hope to get my teaching credential and Masters in education. At SJSU I had the honor of being a member of Lambda Sigma Gamma. I thank my sisters and family for all their support.



**Vanessa Rosa Gonzales**  
**B.S. Public Relations**

I dedicate my diploma to those responsible for this day- Mom, Dad, Rick and Victor- you've inspired me in many unique ways- Para ustedes y el resto de mi familia ¡gracias, les quiero muchísimo! Mamá, eres el mejor ejemplo y amiga. To L.Ortega for always keeping the doors open for me & other students. A la familia Ríos, gracias por todo, son muy especiales para mí. Jesús, por tu amistad y amor incondicional.



**Irma Coronado Gonzalez**  
**B.A. Psychology/ Speech Pathology**

Today, I will have attained my dual Bachelors Degree in the area of Psychology and Speech Pathology from SJSU. Amen! My acceptance into the Speech Pathology Masters Program will serve as my next goal. Since grade school my parents and family have deeply ingrained in me the importance of a higher education. Today, I follow the steps of my Tia's María y Graciela who received a college education and inspired me to make this achievement a reality.

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**María de la Luz González**  
**B.A. Spanish**

Esta experiencia ha sido la mejor de mi vida pero es solo el comienzo de mi realización de metas. A mis padres les doy mil gracias y les dedico mi diploma, porque mi educación no pudo haber sido más fácil sin su apoyo. Gracias también a mi familia, amigos y a ΣΘψ por todo.



**José Luís Hernández**  
**B.S. Industrial Engineering**

Son of María C. and Fidel V. Hernández. I was born in Encarnación De Diaz, Jalisco, México and grew up in San José. I've enjoyed being part of a large family, a total of eight loving members. Throughout my life I've faced oppressing forces that've made me stronger and more determined to succeed. Graduating will not have changed that; however I do feel that this is one step in overcoming those forces.



**Diana Martínez-Howell**  
**B.A. History**

My father left Texas in 1975. I followed the path of my sister and began State in Fall '88. My mental and spiritual pilgrimage has taken me from journalism to history, MECHA to Victory Outreach and singlehood to married life. I've learned the true things in life are the brown pride my father taught me, the humility and faith my mother encouraged and unconditional love my grandmother taught. Thanks Jesus! Love you Tom & Christal.



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**Eleazar Jimenez Jr.**  
**B.S. Criminal Justice**

Deseo darles gracias a mi familia, hermanos fraternales, amigos y consejeros que me ayudaron a obtener éxito en mis estudios. Debo todo a mis padres por brindarme su apoyo; con mucho amor, les dedico a ellos este diploma, "Por ustedes y para ustedes."



**Eric Kristich**  
**M.A. Industrial Studies**

Born in San José and raised with brother, sister and Yugoslavian father and Chicana mother. "Perdidio," pero con familia, amigos y el amor; Eric found the meaning to education, family, GOD and LOVE. Eric connects with the heavens and sings to the stars. "VIVA ERIC"



**Zoila Hidalgo López**  
**B.A. Psychology & Speech Pathology**

Being apart from my family in San Diego has been extremely difficult on all of us. I'd like to thank all of them for being tremendously supportive and understanding through the years. Now that I'm graduating with a double B.A., and starting graduate school, I definitely know I can continue to count on them and God.

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**Rosemary Maciel**  
**B.A. Political Science**

Con cariño y respeto dedico mi diploma a mis padres por el amor y el esfuerzo que me han brindado para realizar mi educación guiándome por el camino del saber.



**Ana Marrero**  
**B.S. Environmental Studies**

I came to Calif. from Puerto Rico 14 years ago, speaking a Spanish few understood. My mother taught me about my other half, the Chicano way; as well as the importance of education, so that I may compete and succeed in "American" society, while retaining my cultural values. Now as I graduate, I realize that a whole new world awaits me. My mother's teachings & my family's support, will get me through. I hope to improve the working conditions of minorities, especially women, who are often overlooked by the government & the rest of society.



**Elizabeth Mae Martínez**  
**B.A. Industrial & Organizational Psychology**

As I reflect on my personal learning, I believe that my educational development improved my choices in life. It broadened my appreciation for diversity and other perspectives of life and taught me how to enjoy my leisure, while appreciating more of the arts. Most importantly, I have learned to value and embrace integrity, perseverance, and equality.

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**Gloria Parra Martínez**  
**M.A. Social Science**

As a daughter of farmworker parents, my experience is of survival, struggle and success against all odds. Thanks to my parents Juan and Victoria Martínez, Armando Ramos and family, who instilled in me the importance of hard work, good education and economic independence. Also, to Dr. Alaníz, Dr. Ortiz and Dr. Hembold. My goal is to obtain a Ph.D in sociology at the University of Michigan specializing in social organizations.



**José Manuel Martínez-Saldaña**  
**M.A. Mexican-American Studies**

Gracias a mis padres Aurora y Jesús, mi esposa Mary, mi familia (Dr. Jesús, Rey, Rosa, Blanca, Monica, Krystal, Joseph, Alisha...). Gracias a mis compañeros y profesores (Jimenez, Mora, Carrasco). ¡Gracias por todo su apoyo y amor, sin ellos nada tiene valor, con ellos todo es posible!



**Maricela Ruiz Martínez**  
**M.A. Educational Counseling**

I was born in Mexico City and immigrated to California. Looking back at my life, I've always been involved in changes (the death of my father, immigration to this country) that've helped me gain strength to pursue my goals. I could not have accomplished these goals without the support of my mother, brothers, husband, and son. I especially want to thank my son Luís for sharing mom with school. "He is special." Finally, I want to thank all of the mentors I developed throughout my life endeavors.

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**Kathy Magaña**  
**M.A. Educational Counseling**

Quiero agradecerles a mis padres por el apoyo y el amor que siempre me han dado. Cada "triunfo" que yo tenga no es obra solamente mía, sino resultado de lo que ellos me han mostrado siempre, que la vida se tiene vivir con amor, alegría y poniéndole a todo mucho esfuerzo. A los mejores maestros del mundo, gracias.



**Raquel Carranza Mendoza**  
**B.S. Criminal Justice Administration**

I was born and raised in San José. Being the youngest of six, I had many role models. My family, husband, daughter and friends have been my supporters in obtaining this diploma. I am graduating with a degree in criminal justice administration and I plan to work with juveniles.



**Albert C. Morales**  
**B.S. Administration of Justice**

The reality of attaining a college degree has finally surfaced and no people deserve more of a tribute than my family for all of their support and encouragement. My family has been the cornerstone for all that I have achieved while here at SJSU. And to my Mom and Dad, "I love you both and my degree is dedicated to you."

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**Hector Manuel Moran Jr.**  
**B.S. Business Management**

I was born December 18, 1969 in San José. My parents are from a small town named Teocaltiché in Jalisco, México. I have two sisters and one brother, Evangelina, Yolanda and Gabriel Moran. I graduated from Independence High School in 1988 and started to attend SJSU in Fall '88. As for work experience, I worked my way through college by working as a supervisor for Target Stores.



**Carolina Moroder**  
**B.S. Journalism**

Quisiera agradecer a mi esposo, Romeo N. Castro, quien me ha apoyado incondicionalmente durante estos años para que yo pudiera estudiar. Mi éxito se debe en gran parte a él. Agradezco a mis padres, quienes me inculcaron el amor por el estudio y la necesidad de ser profesional. Y a mis abuelas, quienes me mostraron con su ejemplo que ser profesional y mujer se puede complementar a través del amor y el esfuerzo.



**Teddy Mullins**  
**B.S. Criminal Justice**

Nací en Nicaragua y he vivido en los Estados Unidos por varios años. Majoring in criminal justice and minoring in Spanish, I hope to go on to law school. I will be the first lawyer in my family. All of these accomplishments are due to the efforts of my mom.

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**Karina Astrid Murcia**  
**B.S. Psychology**

I can't believe that I'm graduating! First of all, it would not have been possible without the support of my family and friends. Mom, Gracias por todo su apoyo y entendimiento. Quiero que sepa que nunca me voy a olvidar de usted. Thnx Alma, Sandra, Bob and Henry. To all my frenz- don't ever forget me cuz I won't forget you. Good Luck and God Bless!



**Roberto Orellana**  
**B.A. Economics**

I was born in El Salvador on July 9, 1971 to Roberto and Carmen Orellana. I have one brother, Carlos, and a sister, Claudia. We came to the U.S. then I went to high school in Redwood City. I'd like to thank my entire family, especially my parents for all their help & guidance, my friends and all the brothers of NAK throughout the world... I love you all.



**Jesús E. Oseguera**  
**B.S. Business: Management**

Primeramente quiero darle las gracias a Dios, al igual que a Jesús y Flora Oseguera, mis padres, por darme el regalo más lindo, la vida. Mamá, Papá, quiero que sepan que reconozco los sacrificios y esfuerzos que ustedes han pasado. Desde hoy y para siempre, mi vida consistirá de la dedicación en entregarles los frutos que tanto merecen. A mis hermana/o (s) y amistades, gracias por su apoyo y experiencias. En especial, a Irene Luna y Christian, MUCHAS GRACIAS! NAK, NAK, NAK...

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**Elia María Osorno**  
**B.S. Engineering Management**

I was born in Nicaragua August 1, 1965 and moved to the United States in 1979. I attended Independence High School. My first year of college, I attended the University of Davis. After my marriage, I transferred to SJSU. I have five children and will graduate with a major in engineering management and a minor in Spanish. I plan to continue my schooling and acquire my Masters in engineering management.



**Wendy Carol Pacheco**  
**B.S. Public Relations**

A mis padres y hermano, gracias por ayudarme a que este día sea una hermosa realidad. Ustedes son mi inspiración. A mis amigos, gracias por los recuerdos y los buenos momentos. Y a ti Max, gracias por estar siempre conmigo. Me siento muy honrada por poder compartir este día con todos ustedes. Gracias.



**Isabel Gonzalez Quintal**  
**B.A. Liberal Studies**

Hoy, el comienzo de dias que pasamos sentados--atentos a los maestros, escuchando y aprendiendo--las viejas y nuevas sabidurias, estudiando--de día y de noche, llorando--por nuestro esfuerzo, peliando--para sobrevivir y salir adelante, y sonriendo--por nuestro entusiasmo con los amigos. Ésto, fortalecera a nuevos caminos desconocidos: unos buenos otros malos pero lo importante es de aprender, ayudar al projimo y no dejarse vencer. Agradezco mi gran familia y todos mis compañeros. GRACIAS Y BUENA SUERTE!

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**Sophia López Ramirez**  
**B.A. Psychology/Speech Pathology**

I want to give thanks to God who has given me the patience & strength to finish school. Also, thanks to my parents Paulina & Gregorio Lopez, my sisters Zoila & Elvira and brother Tony. To my wonderful husband Polo, who has always supported my dreams.



**Paula Reynolds**  
**B.A. Political Science**

I was raised in Palm Springs, California, where I graduated from Palm Desert High School in 1990. At SJSU I worked as a peer educator for the PEP-Center, as director on the Associated Students, and as student supervisor in the Student Union. After graduating I will be heading toward law school.



**Dora María Ríos**  
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I thank my parents Angel & Martha Ríos for instilling in me the importance of an education. My brother Angel Jr. for sharing with me his wisdom. My sisters Martha, Maria and Gloria for their love & support. My entire family, friends, Calmecca, NAK, Carlos and Victor for their love, patience, financial and academic support. And Vanessa thank you for your love, support, knowledge, motivation and encouragement in reaching for the best. May we all live healthy and successful lives.



**Antonio Robles**  
**B.S. Business Administration**

I was born in San José, California where I've lived in the eastside. I attended a high school where Chicanos were not encouraged to prepare for college, but rather prepared by counselors for vocational school. After six years at SJSU I'm proud to be part of this commencement. It proves to those counselors and those that did not believe that we are able to succeed and compete with anyone.



**Daniel Acosta Rodriguez Jr.**  
**B.S. Criminal Justice**

I was born on July 31, 1971 and am from San José. I graduated from James Lick High School in 1989 and am graduating from SJSU with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in Spanish. I will pursue a career in law enforcement.

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**Catalina Sepeda Rodríguez**  
**B.A. Speech Pathology & Audiology**

I returned to college after my last child started kindergarten. I attended on a part-time basis to continue spending time with my family. My dream had always been to obtain a B.A. degree; thanks to my supportive family and friends and great efforts and sacrifices, I have realized that dream. I am the first in my family to have achieved this educational goal. Next step...graduate school!



**Rosemary Sias Roquero**  
**B.A. Liberal Studies**

I began my quest for a B.A. in 1979. I couldn't have accomplished my dream without the help and support of my husband Fred, my daughters Lisa and Marisa, and my parents Simon and Emma Sias. My path was made easier by Disabled Students Services and the Teacher Diversity Program. Thanks! To all of you, remember, "If you have the will, you will find the way to fulfill your dreams."

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**B.A. Journalism**

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**Karen Sandoval**  
**B.S. Recreation & Leisure Studies**

As a San José native, I decided to attend SJSU to follow in my Dad's foot steps. I will extend my knowledge of recreation and leisure studies by attending school to become a travel agent. I also plan to take Spanish language classes. Thanks to my parents, my fiancé and my sisters of Lambda Sigma Gamma. I Love You!



**Jana Angelica Solares**  
**B.A. Psychology**

Graduating from college always seemed like an unconceivable dream. Thanks to my parents who encouraged and pushed me from the beginning. I've achieved the unconceivable. I've worked hard to make my family proud. I've also worked hard to make myself proud, and that makes it so much more important. Thanks to everyone who believed in me, I hope I can continue to make you proud!

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**B.S. Public Relations**

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**B.A. Liberal Studies**

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**B.A. Psychology**

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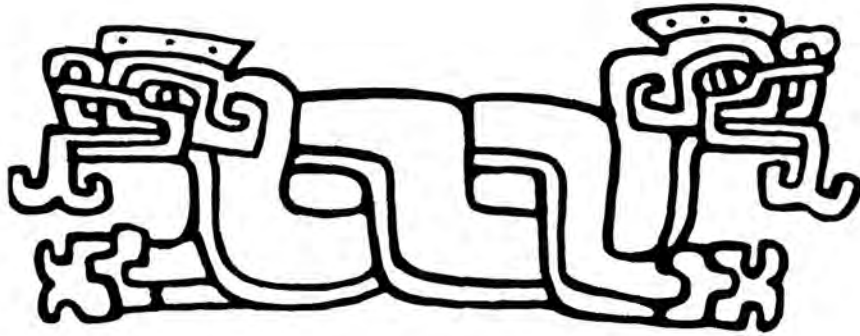
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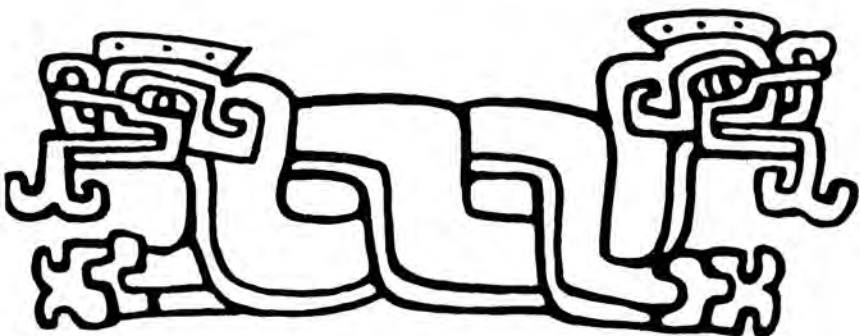




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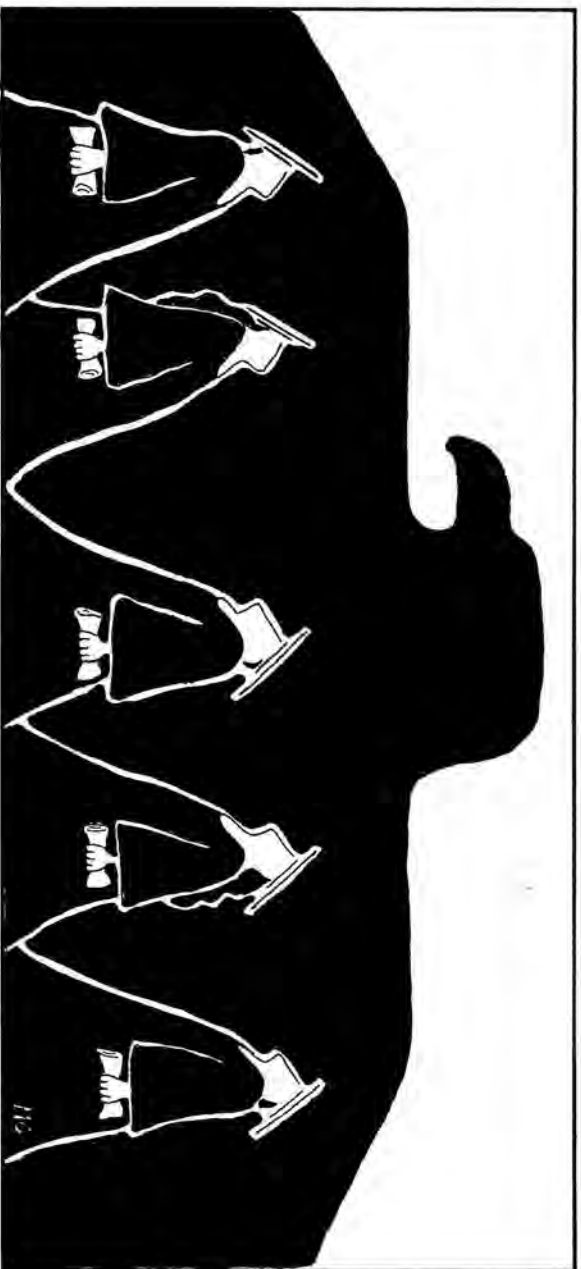


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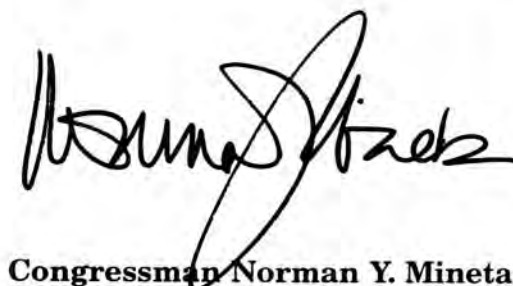
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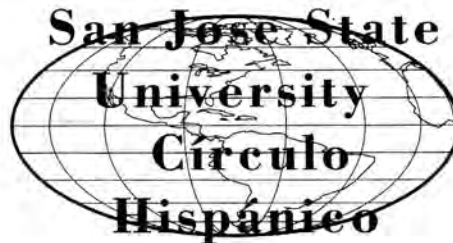
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