

30th Annual
LATINX

**GRADUATION AND
RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

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Campbell Heritage Theatre



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LATINX
ASSOCIATION**





Vision

The De Anza Latinx Association will honor, cultivate and leverage the collective power, contributions, inclusivity and excellence of Latinx culture, knowledge and wisdom.

In Solidarity with the Black Comunidad

As we take time to celebrate your academic achievements tonight, we acknowledge the oppression of our Black brothers, sisters, siblings – our familia. The state violence rooted in this nation's racism is killing loved ones and friends. We must also acknowledge those who are at the intersection of our communities, and uplift Afro-Latinx voices. As you start your next chapter, remember that this struggle will only be overcome if we work together and in solidarity with Black lives, and dismantle the systems that were created to keep people of color from rising.

In Solidarity With Our Asian and Pacific Islander Comunidad

We have witnessed the alarming rise in assaults against the Asian American and Pacific Islander local communities in recent years, and we as the De Anza Latinx Association strongly condemn these racist and violent attacks against our brothers, our sisters, our siblings – our relatives. While our struggles are unique, there are so many parallels that remind us again and again that our oppression – and our liberation – are all connected. As we work toward ending systemic racism, discrimination and other systems of oppression, we are resolved to work toward a more equitable and inclusive society and to protect one another in the process.

A Message to the Graduates

On behalf of the De Anza Latinx Association (DALA) faculty and staff members, we would like to send our sincere congratulations to our 2024 graduating class! Like our ancestors, our Latinx students have been resilient, persistent, and continue to pave the way for those that follow in generations to come. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see the change you will create in our community. Remember the challenges you have overcome, the friendships you've made, and the knowledge you've gained at De Anza College. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024!

Un Mensaje para los Graduados

De parte del profesorado y empleados miembros de (DALA) De Anza Latinx Association les mandamos nuestras sinceras felicitaciones a nuestros/as graduados/as, clase del 2024! Al igual que nuestros antepasados, nuestros estudiantes Latinx han perseverado, demostrando firmeza y abriendo camino para las generaciones venideras. Nos sentimos tan orgullosos de todas y todos ustedes y esperamos con certeza ver los cambios que harán en nuestra comunidad. Recuerda los desafíos que has superado, las amistades que has forjado, y los conocimientos que has adquirido en el Colegio De Anza. Felicidades a los que se gradúan con la clase del 2024!



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Opening Dance Performance

Dones y Talentos
Peruvian Dance Group

Blessing and Land Acknowledgement

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Student Leaders, Office of Equity, Social Justice and Multicultural Education

Bienvenida

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Presentation of Graduating and Transferring Students

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Music for Closing and Reception

Mariachi Guadalajara

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(Italics indicate the institution to which the student is transferring)

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