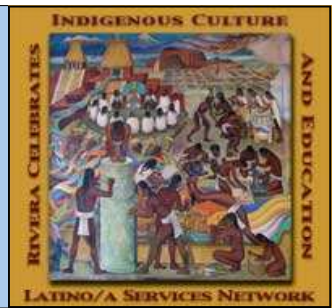


# Nuestra Comunidad

A newsletter from **LATINA/O SERVICES NETWORK**  
Un boletín de **LA RED DE SERVICIOS PARA LATINAS/OS**

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## Welcome to LSN! A Message from the LSN Director, Dr. Rose Marie Roberson



Welcome to the Latino Services Network (LSN). Our warm and student centered environment welcomes and invites learners from all walks of life to participate in our activities and take advantage of our services. Our goal is to provide a culturally rich environment in which every student's cognitive and affective growth and development are the central focus of our efforts. LSN therefore provides students with comprehensive academic counseling and retention services, as well as outreach services to high school students. We also offer a variety of workshops and presentations. Our overall services are designed to guide students in the following areas of matriculation: orientations (bilingual) for new students, counseling, and assistance with registration. We also provide tutorial services in English and Math through our CLASS (Creating Latino Access to Student Success) Program, administer the Goldman and Mosaic Scholarships, and have a book loan program. Moreover, we sponsor a variety of cultural and educational events throughout the year. We are confident that you will find the tools and support necessary to succeed at City College of San Francisco!

## ¡Bienvenidos a LSN! Un Mensaje de la Directora de LSN, Dra. Rose Marie Roberson

Bienvenidos a la red de servicios para latinos (LSN). Enfocado en los estudiantes, nuestro ambiente invita a todos para que participen en nuestras actividades y que utilicen nuestros servicios. Nuestra meta es proveer un ambiente enriquecido con cultura donde el desarrollo académico y personal de cada estudiante es nuestro objetivo central. Por esta razón, proveemos servicios comprensivos de consejería académica y reclutamiento de estudiantes en las escuelas secundarias. También, ofrecemos una variedad de talleres y presentaciones. Adicionalmente, ofrecemos servicios diseñados para guiar a los estudiantes en los siguientes pasos de la matriculación: orientaciones bilingües para estudiantes nuevos, servicios de consejería y ayuda con la inscripción. Particularmente, ofrecemos servicios de tutoría en inglés y matemáticas a través del programa CLASE (Conexión latina a su éxito), las becas Goldman y Mosaic y el programa de préstamos de libros. Además, los invitamos que participen en la variedad de eventos educacionales y culturales que patrocinamos durante el año. ¡Estamos seguros que encontrarán las herramientas y el apoyo necesario para tener éxito en City College de San Francisco!

## Visit & check out LSN's services!

The **Latino Services Network (LSN)** provides bilingual (English/Spanish) and bicultural services to all students.

### Latino Service Center offers

- Academic, vocational, and personal counseling
- New student orientations in Spanish
- Promotion of educational and cultural events
- Computer room and study center
- Referrals to campus and community services
- Book Loan Program
- Support for High School Students transitioning into City College
- Administration of Mosaic & Goldman scholarships

### C.L.A.S.S. Project includes

- Assistance with placement into Engl 91-1A, Math E- 860
- Student success collaboration including class-specific tutors
- Referral to instructional resources and student services programs to enhance student success

## ¡Venga a conocer los servicios de LSN!

La **Red de Servicios Para Latinos** patrocina servicios bilingües (inglés/español) y biculturales para toda la comunidad estudiantil.

### Centro de Servicios Para Latinos ofrece

- Consejería académica, vocacional y personal
- Orientaciones en español para estudiantes nuevos
- Eventos culturales y educativos
- Computadoras para su uso y centro de estudios
- Referencias a servicios del colegio y de la comunidad
- Programa de Préstamos de Libros
- Ayuda para estudiantes de la secundaria para la transición en City College
- Administración de las becas Mosaic & Goldman

### El Proyecto de C.L.A.S.E. ofrece

- Ayuda para entrar en inglés 91-1A y matemáticas E- 860
- Colaboración para el éxito del estudiante incluyendo un tutor específicamente para la clase
- Referencias a recursos instruccionales y servicios para aumentar el éxito del estudiante

# Fall 2008 Workshops

**Amalia Barcena,**  
*LSN Counseling Intern*

Wednesdays, 12-1pm in Science Hall 200



This year LSN welcomed Amalia Barcena, a second year counseling intern from the Master's in Counseling program at San Francisco State University (SFSU). In addition to serving as an intern at LSN, Amalia participates in an internship at the Student Resource Center at SFSU, where she provides counseling services to students on academic probation and facilitates workshops to students regarding psycho-social support. Amalia enjoys working with students from various cultural and economic backgrounds and is genuinely interested in contributing to the Latino Services Network. We invite you to stop by and meet her!

Date	Workshop Title	Presenter
Sept. 24	How to Write a Personal Statement	Jorge Avila
Oct. 8	How to Earn Your Associate's Degree or Certificate	Leti Silva
Oct. 15	Transfer Successfully to the University of Your Choice	Jorge Avila
Oct. 29	Strategies for Improving Your GPA or Getting Off Probation	Leti Silva
Nov. 12	How to Request a Letter of Recommendation	Anastasia Fiandaca
Nov. 19	How to Search for Scholarships	TBA
Dec. 3	How to Complete a Scholarship Application	Anastasia Fiandaca

## Snapshots of LSN Activities



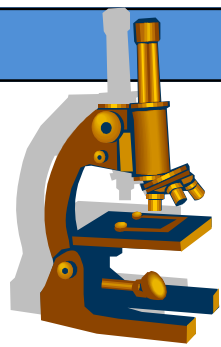
### Meet Other Students

### Conozcan a Otros Estudiantes

The **Latina Educational Support Group (LESG)** and **La Raza Unida** are Associated Student clubs focusing on Latina/o students. LESG meets **Tuesdays 12:30-1:30pm in Cloud Hall 364** and invites Latinas to come and see how participating can help you succeed at CCSF. **La Raza Unida** holds workshops and discussions on a weekly basis regarding issues that affect the Latino community. La Raza Unida meets **Thursdays 1-2pm in Cloud Hall 364**.

**El Grupo de Apoyo para Latinas (LESG)** y **La Raza Unida** son grupos de la Asociación de Estudiantes de City College. El grupo LESG se reúne los **martes de 12:30-1:30 en 364 Cloud Hall** y quiere invitarlas a ver como el grupo le puede ayudar a tener éxito en CCSF. **La Raza Unida** ofrece talleres y lecturas sobre los asuntos que afectan la comunidad latina. La Raza Unida se reúne los **jueves de 1-2 pm en 364 Cloud Hall 364**.

## Spring 2008 Semester Highlights



LSN offered a variety of workshops; examples include the following: how to obtain an associate's degree, financial aid, personal statements, and selecting a university.

On April 23, Carla Bonilla from UCSF Minority Student Graduate Association conducted a workshop on Careers in Scientific Research.



A stirring performance of *Chicana "HERstory"* by María Elena Ramírez from Ohlone College was held in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.



LSN Director, Dr. Rose Marie Roberson, attended the 21st Annual Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) Conference entitled "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: A National Imperative for the 21st Century" to advocate for and highlight CCSF's tremendous role in educating Latina/o students in the Bay Area.



LSN counselors partnered with La Raza Unida, a CCSF student coalition, to organize tours of colleges and universities in the Bay Area.

### Congratulations Goldman & Mosaic Scholars!

LSN is pleased to present the fall 2008 recipients of Goldman & Mosaic scholarships worth \$500 each:

Goldman Recipients		Mosaic Recipients	
Pamela Abaunza	Milton Mack	Berfalia Alvarado	Alejandro Ordoñez-Lagos
Matthew Anderson	Norma Marquez	Ilian Ayala	Hellen Ormeno
Brian Campos	Rose Morales	Christina Barreto	Luciente Ortiz
Juan Carlos Chavez	Jennifer Pavon	Victor Calmo	Christina Ovalle
Patricia Chavez	Carlos Perea	Osmar Cotom	Cecilia Portugal
Tania Cervantes	Rodrigo Quintero	Alecia Dominguez	Sandra Pulido
Luis Duran	Enrique Ramirez	Loubna Erreyahi	Monica Roldan
Jose Fernandez	Luis Ulloa	Sandro Flores	Maria Sanchez Mallona
Narahy Garcia	Edson Veizaga	Rodrigo Gadea-Lopez	Stefania Siragusa
Irene Gomez	Justin Wembes	Reyna Kuk	Luz Trigueros
Andrea Gutierrez		Cristina Lira	Ronald Valenza
Karen Lemus		Angel Lopez	Wilfred Vega
		Mildred Lopez	Luis Villatoro
		Delmy Montezuma	Karen Yopez
		Alvaro Moreno Chavez	Joaquin Zamudio-Garcia

To be selected for a **Mosaic Scholarship**, a student must: 1) participate in LSN, 2) be enrolled in at least one Basic Skills course, 3) have previously completed a Basic Skills course, 4) have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, 5) be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Anastasia Fiandaca or Susana Mayorga: 415-452-5335. Applications for the next scholarship will be available in December.

To be selected for a **Goldman Scholarship**, a student must: 1) participate in LSN, 2) be enrolled in classes towards an academic degree, a vocational program or in basic skills classes, 3) have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, 4) be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Jorge Avila or Leticia Silva: 415-452-5335. Applications for the next scholarship will be available in December.

Congratulations!

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“Positivity” comes to mind when describing LSN’s English 93 instructor, Alisa Messer. Anyone with the opportunity to meet her can quickly perceive the positive energy and sense of optimism that she projects. Perhaps, it makes sense

**What is the CLASS/CLASE program?**

LSN’s CLASS/CLASE (Connecting Latinos to Access for Student Success/Conexión latina a su éxito) project creates collaboration between student, instructor, counselor, and tutor to help ensure that students are successful in their classes. The program includes:

- assistance with placement into Engl 91-96, Math E-860
- English courses have readings with a Latino and/or multicultural emphasis
- the opportunity for students to work closely with their instructor, tutor, fellow students, and a designated CLASE counselor to create a supportive environment, both in and out of the classroom
- referral to instructional resources and student services programs to enhance student success.

**Meet Jenny, English CLASE student**



~ **What class are you taking and what made you sign up for the program?** I am in the English 96 class. I signed up because I would have help with tutoring and take a class that discusses bicultural topics.

~ **How has your experience been with our counselor in the program?** Susana is very helpful in telling me the right classes that I need to be taking.

~ **What makes the class different from others?** I really like the instructor, Xochi {Candelaria}. She knows how to immerse the students in the topics.

~ **What advice do you want to give students interested in the program?** Come to LSN and sign up. I recommend this program and LSN to everyone I know. You don’t have to be Latino. The people in the lab are very helpful.

**Meet Alisa Messer, English 93 CLASE Instructor**

that her personality corresponds well with LSN’s mantra of making sure students succeed not only in CLASE classes offered, but also at City College in general. Alisa, who has been teaching since 2001, collaborates with an LSN counselor, Leti Silva, to make sure that students in her class receive proper attention and support. “The counselor and I try to think deeply about what methods and activities will be most beneficial to students in the class and how they will do best in terms of supporting each other and building up a community feeling in and beyond the class,” says Alisa,

adding that students in her LSN class respond with more enthusiasm compared to other classes she has taught. Indeed, Messer highlights the reason why this collaborative program was conceived: to build a community of instructors, counselors, tutors, coordinators, and learners to achieve student success. According to Alisa, “Students benefit from the support, encouragement, and engagement that LSN offers by creating a community spirit in a supportive environment with high expectations. Ultimately, I

think it means they learn a lot more—about English and writing and language and communication, but also about learning and college, about career and educational goals, about each other and about working together and with different people, and ultimately about life. (I know I have certainly learned a lot more about all of these things!).” For this, we are grateful to have people like Ms. Messer and everyone else in the program collaborating together to achieve student success!

**Important Dates**

<b>October 2</b> Last day to petition for AA/AS or certificate	<b>October 24</b> Midterm grades available on WebSTARS at <a href="http://www.ccsf.edu">www.ccsf.edu</a>	<b>October 30</b> LSN’s celebration of Día de los muertos	<b>November 11</b> Presentation: HACU National Internship Program	<b>November 14</b> Last day for “W” Ultimo día para retirar una clase
<b>November 27-30</b> Thanksgiving Holidays No classes Días libres	<b>December 19</b> LSN’s End of semester/year celebration	<b>December 12-21</b> Final exams Exámenes finales		

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