



56th Annual
CHICANX/ LATINX
YEAR-END
CELEBRATION

*Raíces Fuertes, Semillas del Futuro:
Honoring Our Journey, Cultivating Dreams.*





San José State University Land Acknowledgement



We would like to begin the Chicax/ Latix Year- End Celebration by recognizing that while we gather at San José State University, we are gathered on the ethnohistoric tribal territory of the Thámien Ohlone, who were the direct ancestors of the lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, and who were missionized into Missions Santa Clara, San José and Dolores.

The lands on which San José State University is established was and continues to be of significance to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe. We also recognize that the ancestors of the Muwekma Ohlone constructed and maintained the three Bay Area missions. Our campus extends to surrounding areas that held a tuppentak, a traditional roundhouse which were once located at the historic 'Lopé Yñigo's Landgrant Rancho Posolmi y Pozitas de las Animas (Little Wells of Souls), and also Marcello, Pio and Cristobal's Landgrant Rancho Ulistac, which were places of celebration and religious ceremonies, as well as nearby ancestral heritage "shellmounds," that served as the Tribe's traditional cemetery sites and territorial monuments.

San José State University also desires to honor the military service of the Muwekma men and women who have honorably served overseas during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and who are still serving in the United States Armed Forces today.

Honoring Our History

The first Chicano Commencement at SJSU took place in 1971 and was born out of student protest. The lack of Chicano student enrollment, faculty representation, and programs at SJSU during this time is what led a group of Chicano students to walk out of their SJSU commencement ceremony when less than 1% of the graduating class were Chicanos.

56 years later, the legacy of Chicano Commencement continues to shape SJSU's efforts to increase Chicana and Latinx student enrollment, expand culturally relevant support services, and better recognize and celebrate student success.



Honrando Nuestra Historia

La primera Graduación Chicana en SJSU se llevó a cabo en 1971 y nació a raíz de una protesta estudiantil. La falta de inscripción de estudiantes chicanos, representación docente y programas para la comunidad chicana en SJSU durante ese tiempo llevó a un grupo de estudiantes chicanos a abandonar la ceremonia de graduación de SJSU cuando menos del 1% de la clase graduanda era chicana.

56 años después, el legado de la Graduación Chicana continúa dando forma a los esfuerzos de SJSU para aumentar la inscripción de estudiantes chicana y latina, ampliar los servicios de apoyo culturalmente relevantes y reconocer y celebrar mejor el éxito estudiantil.



Program Schedule

EMCEE / Maestra de Ceremonias

Diana Garcia Rodriguez

Interim Department Manager, Community Action Center

Opening / Apertura

Mariachi: Dr. José R. Torres-Ramos

School of Music

Blessing / Bendición

Danza Azteca Calpulli Ocelocihuatl

Land Acknowledgment / Reconocimiento de Tierras Ancestrales

Jonathan D. Gomez

Assistant Professor & Department Chair,
Chicana and Chicano Studies

Welcome Remarks/ Palabras de Bienvenida

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson

SJSU President

Student Keynote Speaker/ Oradora Principal Estudiantil

Ampelia Leticia Gomez

*Child and Adolescent Development
Preparation for Teaching (Multiple Subject), B.A*

Alumni Keynote Speaker / Orador Principal Exalumno

Fernando Sanchez-Lopez, B.S '2025

Presentation / Presentación

Class of Fall 2025 & Spring/Summer/ Fall 2026

Latino Alumni Network Introduction / Bienvenida de la Red de Egresados Latinos

Leo Cortez, B.A '1992, M.A '1998

Closing Remarks / Palabras Finales

Padrino Jonathan D. Gomez,

Assistant Professor & Department Chair,

Chicana and Chicano Studies

Madrina Lilly Pinedo Gangai,

Senior Director, Identity-Based Retention Centers

Recessional/ Salida de Graduados

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Chicana and Chicano Studies



This event was sponsored by the Chicanx Latinx Student Success Center, also known as Centro, a department in the Division of Student Affairs at SJSU.

Este evento fue patrocinado por el Centro de Éxito Estudiantil Chicanx Latinx, también conocido como Centro, un departamento de la División de Asuntos Estudiantiles de SJSU.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Chicanx Latinx Year End Celebration Planning Committee 2026

Nos gustaría dar un agradecimiento especial al Comité de Planificación de la Celebración de Fin de Año Chicanx Latinx 2026.

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