

PUENTE PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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Written by Mr. Cedillos

Meet our Puentistas

Moving to Phase 3 -



My Puente experience has been one of a kind in the sense that they had so much plan for us to do as in field trips, educational talks, projects, games so much more. But due to the circumstances it was not able to happen. However, that doesn't change the fact that we still got to do some activity virtually. This also taught me or helped me advance my adversity because we still pull through even with everything that was thrown our way. Not only that but help me maintain my time and myself to strive for better or something as simple as turn in an assignment on time. This has help me as a student because it has force me to evolve into something better like a better version of myself. Lastly, has help me to take that leap of readiness into the real world. Puente to me means an access to new possibilities, new adventures and to new friends.

Fidel Prado

Major: Business

**University of Interest:
Undecided**



My puente experience was not what I expected, well nothing anyone expected but thanks to Professor Carrillo, and Professor Cedillos and helpers tried there best to make the best out of it and give us an amazing experience and making us fell welcomed. Puente has helped me become a better student by showing me how to properly write an essay, manage my time and it has helped me have interest in school. What Puente means to me is friendship. Durning my first year being a Puente student even if there is a pandemic I became close with many people. Puente to me also means being college ready and that includes being organized, class ready, and transfer ready. Transfer ready meaning having enough credits to transfer and taking the correct classes. Puente is an awesome program and not once did I regret choosing Puente.

Leslie Rodriguez

**Major:
Child Development**

**University of Interest:
CSUDH or CSULB**



Being in Puente has been great, even though we are virtual we have still managed to create a bond between the Puentistas. Being in Puente has also been extremely helpful not only did I learn a lot about transferring but I learned how to get where I want with a set plan. Professor Cedillos and Professor Carrillo are always there to keep us in check because they care very much about each and every one of us. Puente means family to me, a family who whenever I need help or have a question they'll be there to help. Puente has been a great experience overall that if I could I would do it all over again.

Ana Venegas

Major: Nursing

**University of Interest:
CSULB**

**Puentistas
were asked**



*How was your Puente experience and how has it helped you as a student?
What does Puente mean to you?*



I learned to become a leader among my friends. I learned the skills I need to go to a university and be successful. Puente provides me the mentors, teachers, and counselors that helped me with any problem I had. Puente means to support and guidance because it helped me a lot through all my transfer processes. It also guides me to adapt to the new system and prepares me to do well when I transfer.

Sindi Ascencio

**Major:
Mechanical Engineering**

**University of Interest:
CSULB**



Jerry P. Bautista

My Puente experience was pretty nice despite having it through online classes. It helped me as a student through building networks, a second family, opportunities, and a sense of belonging. Puente means bridge in English. But taking it into deeper thought and thinking outside the box, I see it as an opportunity. Where I saw Puente as a path or journey that leads you to achieve your goals and where you want to go in life.

Major:
Computer Science

University of Interest:
CSUDH



Katia Rodriguez

Puente has been a great experience for me especially with the pandemic going on my first year of college. It has helped me because it helped me learn what I need to transfer as well as making sure I was doing well in school as well as mentally. Through Puente, I met my mentor Adriana which she has been a great help in keeping up with me and asking me if I need anything making me feel more safe and sure about my plans. Puente is honestly a big part of my life without it I would've been more lost in what I need to do for school as well as in my career path.

Major:
Child Development

University of Interest:
University of California



Kimberly Lara

Hi my name is Kimberly Lara and my major is Liberal Studies, I will be transferring to Cal State long beach so that one day I have the opportunity to become a teacher. Puente is a really excellent and ideal program for students who want to transfer out of a community college. Personally Puente has given me a great experience and knowledge, Puente has also helped me by giving me the resources to become a better student, for example Puente has a great counselor who helps and guides each student with their career path not only that but he also teaches his students about time management, internships, scholarships, the differences between Cal states and UC's, and so many other helpful stuff. Puente has an awesome english teacher that personally is the best one that's ever taught me the material. Puente signifies an opportunity to a better future.

Major:
Liberal Studies

University of Interest:
CSULB



Priscilla Hernandez

My Puente experience has been absolutely wonderful! There is such great support from everyone in Puente and there are wonderful and exciting events to attend. Puente has also helped me plan for my future transfer university of choice. In addition, Puente has provided me with outstanding advice by guiding me in selecting the classes I need to transfer and succeed in my educational journey and my career goals. Puente means a lot to me because I have received amazing support and advice for my educational journey. Additionally, I have been able to express my Cuban heritage and express how proud I am where my family comes from. It is especially important to remember where you come from and where your family comes from because it makes you who you are. And Puente makes sure that everyone remembers their heritage as everyone has a story to tell and are on a journey to succeed in their education.

Major: Art

**University of Interest:
CSULB**



Rebecca Gallaga

My Puente experience was the most amazing experience I have ever had as it allowed me to learn more about myself as a student and as a person but also allowed me to have a great support system that will always be there to help me. As a student, it has given me more confidence in how to navigate college and how to not be afraid to make mistakes and ask for help. Puente is a foundation that has made my path easier and better and as the word says it has been the "bridge" that allowed me to cross to higher education. Puente means family to me, it means people that have my back and that support my journey not only of education but of life as well. Puente means a system that teaches me to always keep going and to appreciate every opportunity we get. Puente means "si se puede" and "juntos podemos hacerlo" to me.

**Major:
Business Economics**

**University of Interest:
UCLA, UCB or UCSD**



Fernando Ajanel

My Puente experience was really good, as a foreign student I really enjoy being part of a community that I had many things in common with. The Puente program really helped me a lot in different ways, thanks to professor Carrillo who helped me to improve my English levels with her classes, and Professor and Counselor Cedillos who taught me different strategies to become not only a better student but also a better person. Being part of Puente was the best decision I could make as a first generation student. To me Puente means priority, culture, being successful, being consistent and being passionate.

Major: Business

**University of Interest:
CSUDH**



Israel Villabicensio

My name is Israel Villabicensio. I am a Chicano raised in a single-family home lead by an immigrant mother. As an at-risk youth, my future was in peril, brought on by poverty and an absent father. In the pessimism, education offered an opportunity for a better life. Through the support of my mother, I am now a first-generation college student and my goal is to transfer to UC Berkeley. With hard work and determination, I hope to become a computer programmer at a big tech company and design applications that improve the quality of life of many. Puente has been supportive in my endeavor. Both Professor Carrillo and Mr. Cedillos have made effort to make distance learning feel as connected as possible. They continued along with all Puente events via zoom which have provided opportunities for participation and involvement in the program. Some of my favorite events have been the Chicano Read In, Dia De Los Muertos, and Noche De Familia. Participation in these events is recommended as they allow students an avenue for self-expression and develop ones public speaking and overcoming the fear of it. Professor Cedillos also hosts an event called Puente Sessions. It serves to update students with thing happening on campus and for students chat. Recently, Professor Cedillos has brought representatives from different UCs to answer questions and expose students to the idea of applying to UCs. Professor Carrillo is caring and wants you to succeed. She has been considerate of our needs and circumstances during this pandemic, thus structured our learning accordingly. English 101x and 102x have been thought provoking. You will be challenged to create a cohesive and structure argument, empowering you express your own voice. My biggest take away has been the exposure to Chicano literature. I was unaware of this genre until Puente. I have learned more about the Chicano experience in this class alone than I have my entire life. Learning more about "mi gente" was one of the main reasons why I signed up for the program and I am not disappointed. The stories of Reyna Grande, Michele Serros, Jimmy Santiago Baca and more serves as inspiration. Counseling 20 and 17 great course for learning about the transfer processes and succeeding in your education and professional career. Puente for me means a bridge for students to navigate the water of higher education, acquire the servitude of coming back creating that Puente for others.

Major:
Computer Science

University of Interest:
UC Berkeley



Jennifer Palafox

I would love to work somewhere in the police department. My Puente experience was great, so much support from everyone, I'm the first from my family to go to college and I felt like giving up but being in Puente I get motivated to keep on going. Puente to me means a second family.

Major:
Criminal Justice

University of Interest:
CSUDH

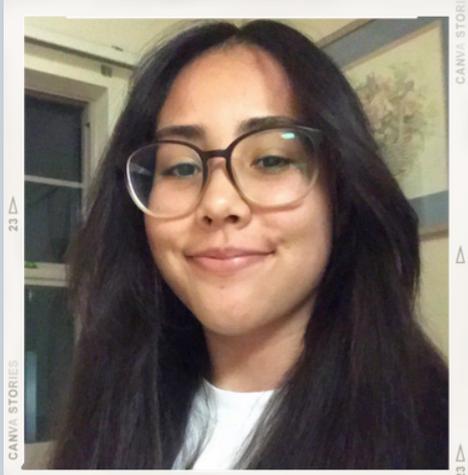


Elizabeth Garcia

My Puente experience was a great as this benign my first year of college joining puente was a good idea to connect with my consoler and blinding a Familia with my classmates. Puente means to me friendship. Kind of like your second family (basically your School family).

Major:
Child Development

University of Interest:
Undecided



Evelyn Maldonado

The Puente experience was amazing and super fun, I would want to experience it all over again. Puente has taught me that I am surrounded by people who can help me as a college student, but at the same time the program was inspiring because I had peers who I connected with. Puente is an opportunity to surround yourself with your peers and great people who can assist you with having a great college experience.

Major:
Child Development

University of Interest:
Undecided

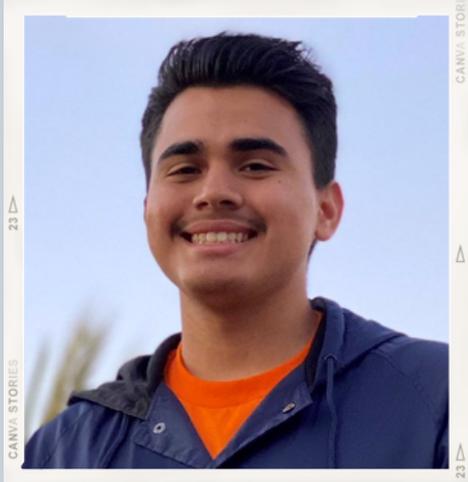


Brian Iniguez

My Puente experience was great, I really felt like I was part of a community. It has helped me integrate myself into community college. Puente to me means being a part of a community that has my back and is always there to help.

Major:
Electrical Engineer

University of Interest:
UCLA



Darryl Hernandez

My puente experience was amazing. I loved meeting with my professors and getting to read interesting Latino stories, as well as meeting new people. Puente has helped me stay motivated and stay on track to accomplish all my future goals. To me, Puente means putting in the necessary work to be successful while also having an amazing time. Puente is not just a program to me, it is a cohort of successful students who see a bigger picture and work hard for their dreams.

Major: Psychology

University of Interest:
UC Riverside



LAHC PUENTE
PROGRAM PRESENTS



PUENTE SESSIONS



MAY 19, 2021 | 4:00PM

- UC Riverside

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

Zoom ID: 435 879 8011

Click [HERE](#) to join

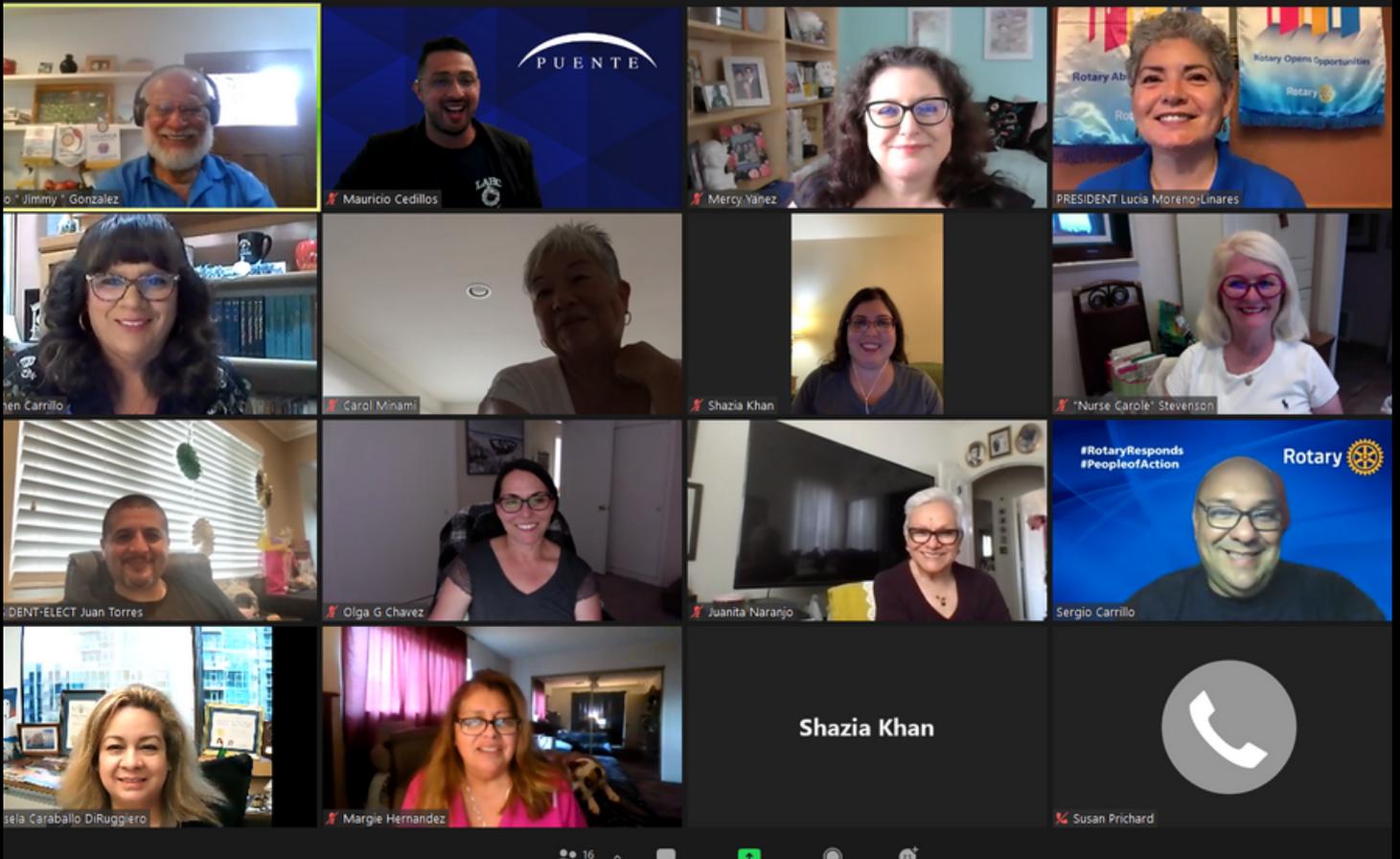
Join us as representatives from Puente programs at UCR
share about admissions and transfer!



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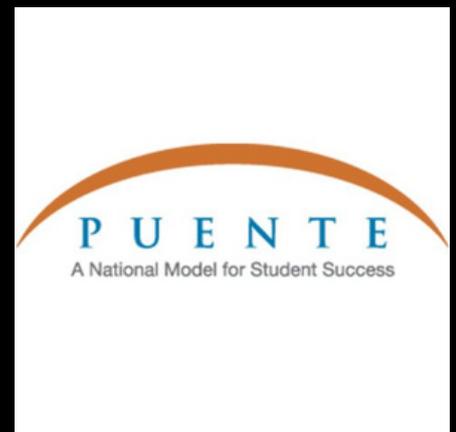
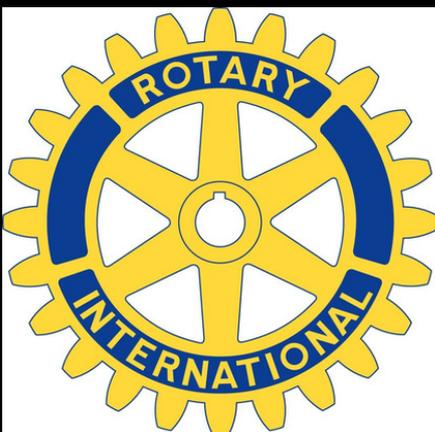
THANK YOU UC RIVERSIDE

On May 19, Puente had UC Riverside present to students about the admission process as well as resources on their campus. Students asked questions and learned a lot about the admission process. Thank you UC Riverside!



Thank you, Wilmington Rotary Club

On Tuesday, May 24 Professor Carrillo and Mr. Cedillos presented the Puente Project to the Wilmington Rotary Club. Thanks to our LAHC colleagues Shazia Khan and Mercy Yanez for the invitation.



LOS ANGELES
HARBOR COLLEGE

Puente



WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING
TO FILL 20-30 POSITIONS
FOR THE 2021-2022
ACADEMIC YEAR!

Puente is an award winning program that supports students in their journey to 4-year institutions. Students will take courses together and have a designated counselor and professor. We work together as a **familia!**

- COHORT STYLE CLASSES
- DESIGNATED COUNSELOR/PROFESSOR
- ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSFER
- MENTORING
- PUENTE EVENTS
- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CLICK [HERE](#) TO JOIN

Become a Puentista Today!





PUENTE SESSIONS

VIA ZOOM

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All sessions begin at 4:30 p.m.



Stay connected with Mr. Cedillos and:

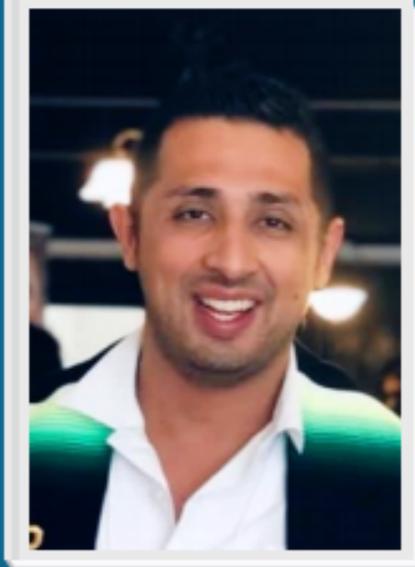
- LAHC UPDATES
- TRANSFER INFORMATION
- CAMPUS/PUENTE RESOURCES
- AND MORE!

ZOOM: 435 879 8011

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Puente Sessions! If you would like to participate in the sessions and promote your program for the Fall 21 semester. Please contact Mr. Cedillos.

Meet the Puente Counselor



Mauricio Cedillos

Connect with me!

Wednesday's 11:00AM - 12:00PM

<https://laccd.craniumcafe.com/mauriciocedillos>



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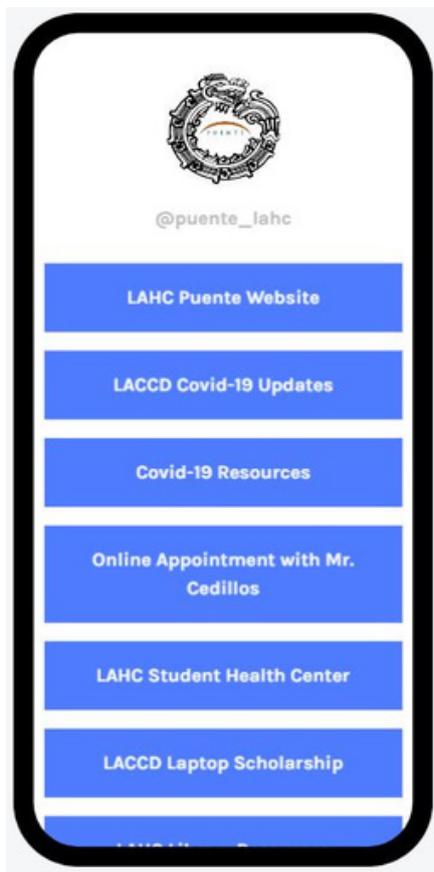
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*Connect with
Mr. Cedillos*

Mr. Cedillos is available for drop-ins. Please connect with Mr. Cedillos on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Click on the flyer to open the link to ConexED.



The Puente Shell on Canvas has gone live! Students who are on phase 3 (post-Puente) have been added to Canvas. Puente Canvas will be utilized to support students virtually



To make this transition easier for students. Puente LAHC has created a LinkTree to access resources and services via Instagram. Resources and services include online counseling, LACCD COVID-19 updates, LAHC Student Health Center, and more. Please visit @puente_lahc on Instagram and click the bio page to discover the LinkTree. The LinkTree is updated monthly.

The Puente Project thanks you for your continued support

Please follow us via Instagram @puente_lahc to receive daily LAHC Puente news and activity.



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