Program

9:15am **Light Refreshments and Registration** (Ronald Tutor Campus Center Patio)

10:00am **Welcome, Conference Overview, & Opening Keynote: Ernie G, Empowerment Comedian**
(TCC 450 – The Forum)

10:25-11:10am

**RESEARCH PANEL A: HEALTH & LABOR ISSUES** (TCC 450)

- **Moderator:** Gabriela Dominguez | Undergrad: Anthropology, Public Policy
- Roxana Ontiveros | Undergrad: Political Science; Chicano Studies
  - “Mexican Immigrant Labor in the Pallet Industry”
- David Villalvazo | Undergrad: Sociology, Political Science (Minor)
  - “The Invisible Workers”
- Liye Machon | Undergrad: Sociology, Occupational Science (Minor)
  - “Health Disparities and its Relation to Power and Privilege”

11:15am **SPRING ADMIT STUDENT SUCCESS STRATEGIES** (TCC 232)

- **Moderator:** Natalie Reyes | Law, History, & Culture
- Karla Martinez | Communications
- Braulio Hoyos | Policy, Planning & Development (Price School) & GeoDesign (Dornsife)
- Bryan Benavides | Marshall School of Business
- Diana Gongora | Rossier School of Education & MAT Secondary Education-Social Sciences

11:15-12:00pm

**JUSTICE, ETHNICITY & CULTURE: THROUGH A FAITH LENS BY USC LAFE, USC DESTINO, AND THE USC CARUSO CENTER (LATINO MINISTRY)** (TCC Rosen Family Screening Theatre)

- **Moderator:** Damaris Garcia | USC Alumna | USC LaFe Intern & James Medina | Mission Team Leader, North LA Destino
- Javier Sanchez | Human Biology, Art History Minor
- Jessica Ticas | American Studies and Ethnicity
- Yvette Ximenez | Public Policy, Planning and Development
- Jesse Rubio | International Relations

11:15-12:00pm

**RESEARCH PANEL B: Families & Youth** (TCC 450)

- **Moderator:** Diana Jimenez | International Relations
- Elysia Rodriguez | Undergraduate: Sociology; News and Media Society (Minor)
  - “Latina’s Media Attitudes”
- Lucero Noyola | Undergraduate: Psychology; Sociology
  - “Advantages of Motherhood for Female Foster Youth Transitioning to Adulthood”
- Christopher Yik | Undergraduate: Sociology
  - “KHMER: Identity and Social Activism”
GRAD SCHOOL 101 PRESENTED BY THE LATINO GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (LGSA) (TCC 232)

**Moderator:** Diana Gongora | Rossier School of Education & MAT Secondary Education-Social Sciences
Jenecia Martinez | Gould School of Law
Sinar Lomeli | Rossier School of Education
Bryan Vanover | Viterbi School of Engineering

CONTEMPORARY GANG THEORY WORKSHOP (TCC Rosen Family Screening Theatre)

**Moderator:** Tony Chapa | Alumnus
Robert Hernandez | Adjunct Assistant Professor, USC School of Social Work

12:00-12:40pm **Lunch** (Ronald Tutor Campus Center Patio)

12:45-1:45pm **THE POWER BEHIND YOUR PERSONAL BRAND: HOW ALUMNI LEVERAGE THEIR’S & YOU CAN TOO!** Presented by Alumnus Angelica Urqui, Principal of The Imagen Group; Brianne Wada, USC Career Center Internship, Diversity Programs Advisor; & Billy Vela, Director, El Centro Chicano (Trojan Presentation Room STU B3 & USC Career Center STU 110)

1:45pm-2:30pm **RESEARCH PANEL C: Families & Youth (TCC 450)**

**Moderator:** Eric Ochoa | Industrial and Systems Engineering, Viterbi
Adrian Trinidad | Undergrad: Sociology
“Factors that Predict Transfer Rates Among Community College Students”
Katherine Martinez | Undergrad: Psychology; Entrepreneurship (Minor)
“Public vs Private: Disparities in the Educational System”
Karen Arcos | Undergrad: Psychology; Spanish (Minor)
“Teachers Think Too: The Relationship of Teacher Metacognition to Student Learning”

RESEARCH PANEL D: Challenging Marginalization (TCC Rosen Family Screening Theatre)

**Moderator:** Briana Jex, Ph.D | Student in Sociology
Matthew S. Mendez | Ph.D
“Who Represents the Interests of Undocumented Latino Immigrants? A Study of State Legislators”
Robert Chlala | Ph.D: Sociology
“The War(s) this Time: Cannabis, Migrants and the Making of the U.S.-Mexico Border”
Kristie Valdez-Guillen | Ph.D: American Studies
“Ritmos de Resistencia: L.A. Latino youth subcultural contestation and identity formation in the transnational Skacore scene”

RECLAIMING INNER-CITY EDUCATION: Public Art, Public Education, and Critical Pedagogy in South Central Los Angeles (TCC 232)

**Moderator:** Cindy Piñeda | Health Promotion major in the Keck School of Medicine
Luis G. Garcia | Alumnus, Artist/Activist/Educator

2:30- 3:00pm **Evaluations and Closing Keynote: Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti** (TCC 450)