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The noncredit programs of MiraCosta College and our partners are proud to present the following 2020 CLC Speaker Series events to celebrate culture, diversity, and community with the people we serve. Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a day or evening session. These events will be hosted on Zoom, as well as livestreamed and recorded. Specific login information will be shared prior to each event.

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| <b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>      | <b>Expressions Celebration</b><br>11:30-1 p.m.  | This event will celebrate the student work featured in Expressions, MiraCosta College's noncredit art and literary magazine. There will be live speakers, as well as a video compilation of student work, interviews, and commentary.   |
| <b>OCTOBER 5 &amp; 6</b> | <b>Guest Speaker Erica Alfaro</b><br>October 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>October 6, 7:30-8:30 p.m.         | From Fresno, CA to Tijuana, MX to Oceanside, CA and back, Erica Alfaro has faced a lot in her life. But she was able to overcome poverty, a community struggling with crime, teenage pregnancy and more to go on and achieve a higher education. She now speaks to students about her experiences to honor her parents' struggle as migrant farm workers and to show that with hard work, dreams for a better life can come true. |
| <b>NOVEMBER 4</b>        | <b>Celebrating Veterans</b><br>10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>7-8 p.m.   | In honor of those who have served, those who continue to serve, and the family and friends who love and support them, we invite you to help us celebrate veterans. This event is aimed at honoring military members from all over the world and will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about the experiences that shape and impact service-members and all of our lives.                                       |
| <b>DECEMBER 2</b>        | <b>Diversity Day Celebration</b><br>10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>7:30-8:30 p.m.                                | Diversity Day is an annual celebration of the assortment of cultures and backgrounds of our student population. Come join us for a chance to learn about the languages, music, stories, and experiences that make our student body unique!  |
| <b>FEBRUARY 3</b>        | <b>Black History Month Celebration</b><br>10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>7:30-8:30 p.m.                          | Black history and culture are part of American history and culture. This presentation will provide students the opportunity to learn more about issues that have shaped and continue to shape the Black experience in the United States of America.   |
| <b>MARCH 3</b>           | <b>Reading Festival</b><br><b>Guest Speaker Michael Gaulden</b><br>10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>7:30-8:30 p.m. | This annual literacy celebration is all about the power of words and stories. This year's author faced violence, poverty, homeless and more as a youth on the streets of San Diego. But he was able to fight against tremendous odds and go on to achieve great academic and professional success. Join us to learn more about Mr. Gaulden and his book <i>My Way Home: Growing Up homelessness in America</i> .                  |
| <b>APRIL 7</b>           | <b>Former CLC Student Panel</b><br>10:30-11:30 a.m.<br>7:30-8:30 p.m.                                 | For many people, the CLC is a place for new beginnings and opportunities. Join us for a panel talk with former noncredit students who have gone on to higher education, to start new careers, to become community activists, and more. Be inspired so you can be inspiring too!   |
| <b>MAY</b>               | <b>Milestone Celebrations</b>   | Let's celebrate YOU!! Events this month are all about the important milestone for noncredit students: AHS Grad Fest & Graduation Ceremony; Citizenship Celebration; Adult Education Honors Society; Noncredit Certificates Celebration & more! Stay tuned for more details!   |

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# Expressions

**September 18, 2020**

**11:30-1:00pm**

This event will celebrate the student work featured in Expressions, MiraCosta College's noncredit art and literary magazine. There will be live speakers, as well as a video compilation of student work, interviews, and commentary

- [Expressions Virtual Celebration](#)
- [Expressions Virtual Presentation](#)
- [Virtual Magazine](#)

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# Guest Speaker - Erica Alfaro

**October 5, 10:30 - 11:30am**

**October 6, 7:30 - 8:30pm**

Guest speaker, Erica Alfaro, addressed the CLC students about her adversities and success. Through her life experiences, Erica gained strength and resilience that propelled her to advocate for education and inspire all the students to pursue their educational and career goals. A former MiraCosta College student, Erica grew up in a poor family, moving from Fresno to Tijuana, and Oceanside. As a child, she worked for 12 hours a day in the tomato fields. Later, as a teenager, she found herself in an abusive relationship. One day, she had an epiphany: she recalled the long labor-intensive hours in the fields, and also her mother telling her that education is the key to a better life. Therefore, Erica committed to her goal of getting a degree. In 2019, Erica received her M.A. degree in Education from San Diego State University. To honor her parent's sacrifices of coming to this country to give her a better life, she had her graduation pictures in the field where they worked so hard. Those pictures went viral and her story was shared around the world.

- [Recording of Monday, October 5](#)
- [Recording of Tuesday, October 6](#)
- [Documentary in Spanish](#)

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# SPEAKER SERIES

## JOIN US!

October 5 • 10:30 a.m.  
October 6 • 7:30 p.m.

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97289125297>

# ERICA ALFARO

Empowering Education  
Through a Latina Lens

Erica Alfaro was born in Fresno, CA, but moved and grew up in Tijuana, Mexico. Her parents never had the opportunity to go to school, didn't know how to read or write, but knew the importance of a good education. At 13 years, Erica's family moved to Oceanside and lived in a small two-bedroom apartment with another family in a community with gang activity and poverty. Teenage pregnancy was common, and at 15, Erica found herself pregnant. She dropped out of high school, moved to Fresno with her son's father and lived with domestic abuse for many years.

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# Celebrating Veterans

**November 4, 2020**

**10:30 -11:30 a.m. Webinar ID 915 3926 5551**

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Webinar ID 996 6100 6167**

In honor of those who have served, those who continue to serve, and the family and friends who love and support them, we invite you to help us celebrate veterans. This event is aimed at honoring military members from all over the world and will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about the experiences that shape and impact service-members and all of our lives.

## **Contact Information**

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TIME

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Webinar ID 915 3926 5551

7 p.m.  
Webinar ID 996 6100 6167

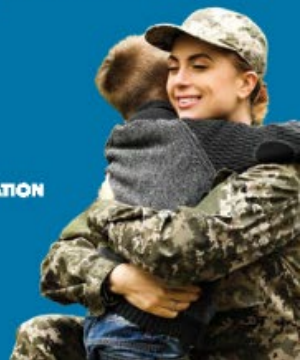
**We honor all those who have served their countries.**

This event will feature videos, artwork, and stories from veterans, their families, and friends. For more information on how to participate or make a submission, please email [miracostaclcveterans@gmail.com](mailto:miracostaclcveterans@gmail.com).

There will be a panel of MiraCosta credit and noncredit students, faculty, and staff who will answer questions on the topic "From Service to Scholarship — what it means to be a veteran student at MiraCosta College."



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# Diversity Day Celebration

**December 2, 2020**

**10:30 -11:30am**

**7:30 - 8:30pm**

Diversity Day is an annual celebration of the assortment of cultures and backgrounds of our student population. Come join us for a chance to learn about the languages, music, stories, and experiences that make our student body unique!

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Join us – learn about the diverse student population at the CLC!



# DIVERSITY | DAY

Celebrate Differences

# 2020



#### WHEN

Wednesday, December 2  
Morning Festival: 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Evening Festival: 7:30 – 9 p.m.

#### WHERE

Zoom livestream and  
online recorded

#### MORE INFORMATION

<http://bit.ly/2BaHfKs>



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# Black History Month Celebration

**February 3, 2020**

**View the Celebrations Today!**

**10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Black history and culture are part of American history and culture. This presentation will provide students the opportunity to learn more about issues that have shaped and continue to shape the Black experience in the United States of America.

## **Contact Information**

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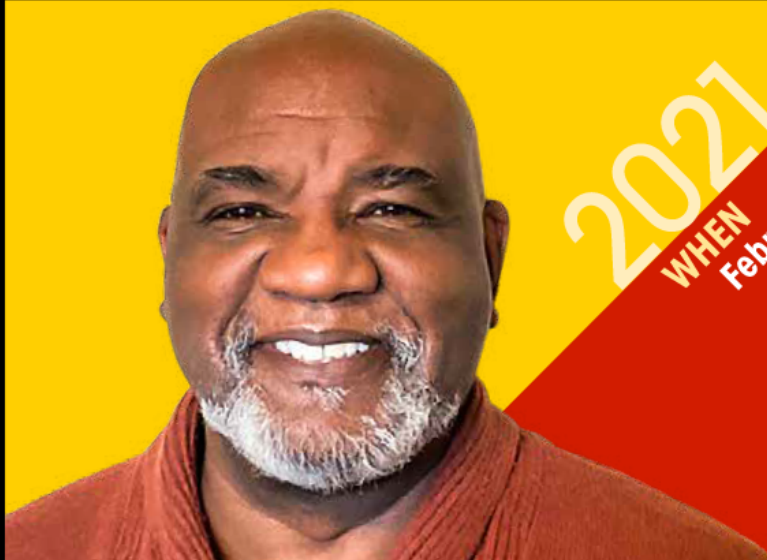
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**Celebrate  
momentum**

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"... as a certified Multi-Credential educator of 20 years teaching American and World History and having lived through much of the civil rights movement, including speaking to and shaking the hand of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." *Marcus I. Williams Jr.*



**2021**

**WHEN**

**February 3**

**10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Register to attend**

**7:30–8:30 p.m.  
Register to attend**

**WHERE**

**Online**



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# Reading Festival With Guest Speaker Michael Gaulden

**March 3, 2021**

**View the celebrations today! Click on the time you would like to view.**

**10:30am - 11:30am**

**7:30pm - 8:30pm**

This annual literacy celebration is all about the power of words and stories. This year's author faced violence, poverty, homelessness and more as a youth on the streets of San Diego. But he was able to fight against tremendous odds and go on to achieve great academic and professional success. Join us to learn more about Mr. Gaulden and his book *My Way Home: Growing Up Homeless in America*.

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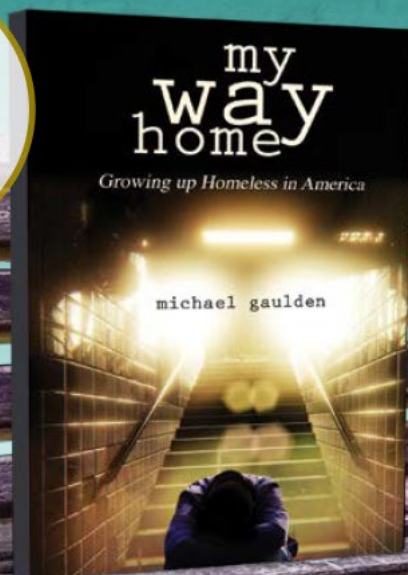
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# READING FESTIVAL

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Homeless in America*.

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*"His life was barely worth a dollar. He slept outside, on park benches, in stairwells, under bushes."*



## WHEN

March 3, 2021  
10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Register to attend  
7:30–8:30 p.m.  
Register to attend

## WHERE

Online



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# CLC Student Panel Event

**April 7, 2020**

View the celebrations today! Click on the time you would like to view.

[10:30-11:30am](#)

[7:30-8:30pm](#)

Come listen to a panel of your peers and other noncredit students as they talk about learning during COVID. Join us as they share their successes, fears, and solutions for the challenges of online learning. Panelists will be students from Adult High School, Noncredit English as Second Language, Noncredit Short-Term Vocational, Adults with Disabilities, and Older Adults.

## **Contact Information**

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**APRIL 7, 2021**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND AT 10:30-11:30 A.M.**

**REGISTER TO ATTEND AT 7:30-8:30 P.M.**

[click here  
to register](#)



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# National Adult Education Honor Society Celebration

View the celebration today! Click on the date and time to view.

[May 14, 2021 at 1:30pm](#)

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# THE 4TH ANNUAL National Adult Education Honor Society

# 2021

The mission is to provide meaningful recognition to deserving adult education students, to improve student employment opportunities, to develop student ambassadors for local adult education programs and to create adult education awareness with school administrators and state legislators.

You deserve to celebrate.



## WHEN

May 14 • 1:30 p.m. [Register to attend](#)

## WHERE

Online

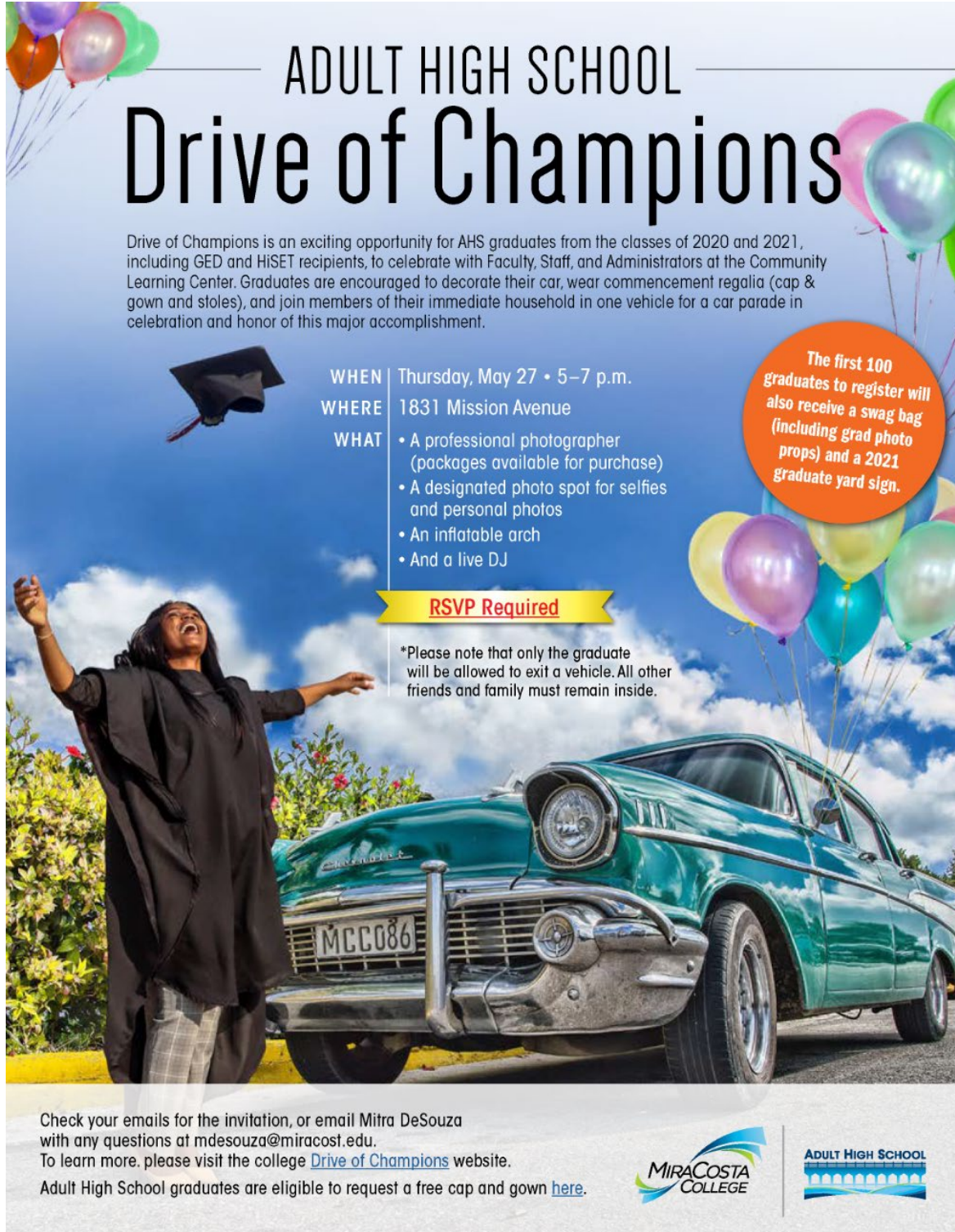


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# Adult High School Drive Of Champions

May 27, 2021 5-7pm



## ADULT HIGH SCHOOL Drive of Champions

Drive of Champions is an exciting opportunity for AHS graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021, including GED and HiSET recipients, to celebrate with Faculty, Staff, and Administrators at the Community Learning Center. Graduates are encouraged to decorate their car, wear commencement regalia (cap & gown and stoles), and join members of their immediate household in one vehicle for a car parade in celebration and honor of this major accomplishment.

**WHEN** Thursday, May 27 • 5–7 p.m.  
**WHERE** 1831 Mission Avenue  
**WHAT**


- A professional photographer (packages available for purchase)
- A designated photo spot for selfies and personal photos
- An inflatable arch
- And a live DJ

**RSVP Required**

\*Please note that only the graduate will be allowed to exit a vehicle. All other friends and family must remain inside.

The first 100 graduates to register will also receive a swag bag (including grad photo props) and a 2021 graduate yard sign.

Check your emails for the invitation, or email Mitra DeSouza with any questions at [mdesouza@miracosta.edu](mailto:mdesouza@miracosta.edu).  
To learn more, please visit the college [Drive of Champions](#) website.  
Adult High School graduates are eligible to request a free cap and gown [here](#).



# **Milestone Celebrations**

**Let's celebrate YOU!! Events this month are all about the important milestone for noncredit students: AHS Grad Fest & Graduation Ceremony; Citizenship Celebration; Adult Education Honors Society; Noncredit Certificates Celebration & more! Stay tuned for more details!**