

2024

LULAC NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION



LULAC NATIONAL YOUTH

Leadership • Education • Community Service • Action

JUNE 11-13, 2024

**Texas Women's University
Denton, Texas**



The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), established in 1929, is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 1,000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. Founded in response to the denial of basic civil and human rights for Latinos, LULAC now empowers its members to continue advocating for their rights and creating opportunities to improve their communities.

OUR MISSION

To advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of the Latino population of the United States.

OUR COUNCILS

California LULAC consists of councils across the state from San Diego to Sacramento. Our council structure empowers high school-age students to collegiate, young adults to create councils and partner with adult councils to impact their communities.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

Latino Communities • Veterans • Elderly • Youth • Women • Young Adults



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Letter from Superintendent of Schools, Denton ISD

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Denton Independent School District's faculty, students and Board of School Trustees, welcome to our community!



This year, we are excited to host the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Convention at Texas Woman's University, a valuable partner to Denton ISD and our community at large.

This week's event is not just an educational opportunity – it's a life-changing experience for students to gain valuable skills, prepare for higher education and explore enriching extracurricular activities centered around Latino experiences.

Our goals are aligned. Denton ISD prides itself on being a public school system dedicated to ensuring students not only develop as incredible scholars, but also as wonderful humans who learn how to work well with others. There is no higher calling than to live a life in service to others, which is a value that Denton ISD holds in high regard.

The lessons our students gain about perseverance, organization, collaboration, creativity, adaptation and cooperation transfer to every other part of a student's life. These life skills are preparing our students to be the capable leaders we need in the 21st century.

Many thanks to LULAC, led by our local leaders, for creating this incredible opportunity



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or students and the community. They have spent countless hours preparing for your experience, and they are very excited to share their valuable experiences and life lessons with each of you.

Thank you for attending this transformational event, and on behalf of Denton ISD, we hope you enjoy the convention.



Sincerely,
Jamie Wilson, PhD
Superintendent of Schools, Denton ISD





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Letter from LULAC National President

Hey there, Future Leaders!

I'm Domingo Garcia, the National President of LULAC, and I'm thrilled to welcome each one of you to our 2024 National Youth Convention right here in Denton, Texas.



Let me tell you, I was once in your shoes—a young student eager to learn and lead. I remember the thrill of taking on leadership roles and the hunger to be involved in everything I could. Seeing you all here today, I know that same fire burns within you. You are the trailblazers who will shape the future of LULAC, our cities, states, and our nation.

I have no doubt that among us, there is a future President of the United States—yes, the first Latino President. It's not just a dream; it's a destiny waiting to be claimed. Every day, strive to reach your highest potential. Remember, the extraordinary is within your reach.

My parents journeyed from Mexico seeking a better life for us, much like your parents have done for you. We stand with you, believing in your success. Reach for the stars, and never doubt the heights you can achieve. When you face questions without answers, keep seeking, keep questioning.

This convention is your playground for making lifelong connections. Meet friends from across the country, stay in touch, and build your network. Remember, LULAC



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was founded by visionaries like you—individuals who believed in their right to dream and to achieve.

So, go ahead and make the most of this convention. Your best efforts today will pave the way for realizing your dreams. And when you head back home, carry this message in your hearts: Hasta La Victoria!



With all my support and belief in your potential,
Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President





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Letter from LULAC National Vice-President for Youth

Dear Attendees,

With immense honor and joy I, Ana Coca, your National Vice-President for Youth, welcome you to this historic gathering in the vibrant city of Denton, Texas. We are here to embark on an exciting, informative, and empowering journey meticulously crafted for each of you.



This convention is not just an event; it's a celebration of our collective strength and a testament to the bright future ahead for the next generations of Latino young men and women. As we stand together today during this remarkable occasion, let us embrace the opportunity to connect, engage in meaningful dialogues, and inspire one another.

Take this time to forge new friendships and have positive and uplifting conversations. Exchange ideas, ask questions, and dare to challenge each other to think creatively, to look beyond the horizon, and to envision what is possible in your lives. Please do not shy away from exploring new areas of learning; they are the gateways to innovation and progress.

I am eager to engage in conversations with many of you, to hear your stories, and to witness the determination and ambition that burns within each of you. Let this convention be a milestone in your lives—a time when you gather the tools and knowledge to become the leaders you are destined to be, not only in your local communities but also in the broader tapestry of LULAC and the United States of America.



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May this experience empower you to make a difference, carry forward all that you learn, and continue the leadership legacy that defines you. May God bless you, and may you leave this convention with hearts full of hope, minds brimming with ideas, and spirits ready to lead.



With Warm Regards,

Ana Coca

LULAC National Vice-President for Youth





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Letter from Vice Provost of Texas Woman's University

¡Saludos!

Welcome to Texas Woman's University and the 2024 League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Convention! We are delighted to host such a significant and inspiring event on our beautiful Denton campus.



At Texas Woman's University, we pride ourselves on fostering an inclusive, empowering, and supportive environment where every student can thrive. We believe in the power of education to transform lives and communities, and we are excited to see that same passion reflected in each of you.

Throughout the convention, you will have the chance to participate in various workshops, seminars, and networking opportunities designed to enhance your leadership skills and expand your horizons. I encourage you to take full advantage of these resources, connect with your peers and mentors, and immerse yourself in the vibrant community of leaders.

As you navigate through the convention, I hope you find inspiration in the sessions and activities and the spirit of collaboration and unity that LULAC represents. Your presence here today is a testament to your dedication to personal growth and commitment to making a difference in your communities.



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I extend my heartfelt thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and all participants who have made this convention possible. We are honored to be a part of your journey and look forward to witnessing the incredible impact you will make in the future.

Welcome again to Texas Woman's University and the 2024 LULAC Youth Convention. Let us embrace this opportunity to learn, grow, and lead together.



¡Siempre pa'lante!
Sincerely,

Jorge F. Figueroa Flores, Ph. D.

*Vice Provost for Curriculum and Strategic
Initiatives at Texas Woman's University*





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Letter from School Board of Trustees, Secretary

¡Bienvenidos!

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Convention 2024 at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas!



As an empowering avenue for tomorrow's leaders, LULAC is the nation's oldest Latino civil rights organization. As you engage in this convention these next few days, you will see how we are dedicated to making this vision a reality with your presence here!

This event is a cornerstone of LULAC's effort in supporting you, our youth, as we offer transformative experiences through a curriculum in sessions you will attend that will not only be considered an educational experience but will provide life-changing opportunities to acquire valuable skills, prepare for higher education, and explore enriching extracurricular activities that best exemplify Latino experiences.

As part of today's youth, you are fortunate to be part of one of the most poised generations to become the nation's prominent leaders. While each generation significantly contributes to shaping who Latinos are in American society today, we are enjoying seeing how our youth – YOU – continue being at the forefront of social movements through social media and online activism that focus greatly on social justice.

LULAC is committed to empowering you to reach your full potential. Thus, this program is designed to develop you into impactful community leaders. Keep that in mind as you



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engage in this conference these next few days! LULAC's Youth Councils have made a nationwide impact through their efforts in networking with community activists who engage in service projects that focus on increasing food security, protecting the environment, and advocating for civil rights – just to name a few!

It is YOUR turn to become a change agent! The LULAC Your Council provides support and guidance so that your efforts can become impactful as change agents by addressing matters that matter most. So, engage fully, open your mind, and fill your hearts with the issues that allow you to take ownership and become a trailblazer!

During your time here, Denton, Texas is known for its college and university home life to over twenty thousand students, as it serves them at Texas Woman's University and University of North Texas Denton. This week, you will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the redbud trees that are a trademark at Texas Woman's University and see historical markers, such as our Little Chapel in the Woods. You will also get to experience the amazing hospitality at this university, and how you may be able to set your eyes as you continue your post-secondary education – perhaps as a student at Texas Woman's University!

Once again, on behalf of the Denton Independent School District, I welcome you and wish you a fun-filled and transformative educational experience at the convention!



Respectfully,

Patsy Y Sosa-Sanchez, PhD

*Denton Independent School District
School Board of Trustees, Secretary
TWU Alumni*



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Youth Council Leadership Board

YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERS



Pictured Left to Right

- Angel Arellano (VP of Far West Region)*
- Victoria Ariza (VP of SW Region)*
- Michelle Solis (National VP for Women)*
- Idalyd Granados (President)*
- Willoren Gumbs (VP of NE Region)*
- Giovanni Aguado (National Treasurer)*

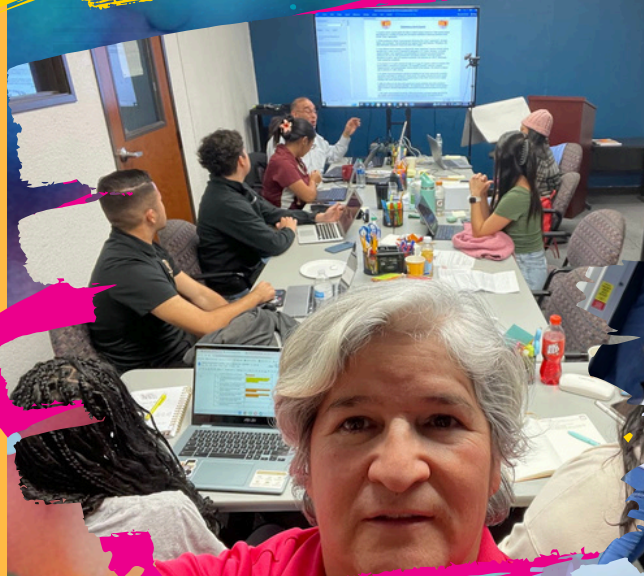
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Tuesday | June 11TH, 2024

Texas Woman's University in Denton

----- AGENDA -----

9 AM - 5 PM

LULAC National Convention Youth Registration - MCL

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Exposition Opening - MCL

10 AM - 4 PM

Exhibitors/Recruitment Tables Visit - MCL

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Dr. Figuerosa, Welcome: Lilyan Prado Carrillo, Coolspeak - Auditorium

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch - TWU Dining Hall

1:15 - 3:30 PM

Leadership Training HS Advisors (ASB 101) Renato, Mary, Gracie

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

From High School to Harvard: Ariadne Pacheco - Auditorium

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Speaker: Dorothy Martinez TWU, Denton Trustee (retired) - Auditorium

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Prepare to Load Buses to Community Service Projects - MCL Parking

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Our Daily Community Service, Cleanup (2), Library and School

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Dinner - TWU Dining Hall

7 PM - 8 PM

Basketball Tournament Meet and Greet Session - TWU Gym

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Denton Celebration - Talent Show - MCL Auditorium



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Wednesday | June 12TH, 2024

Texas Woman's University in Denton

----- AGENDA -----

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast - TWU Dining Hall

9 AM - 4 PM

Registration - MCL

9 AM - 4 PM

Exhibitors/Recruitment Tables Visit - MCL

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Key Note: Dr. Patsy Sanchez Denton Trustee and Professor - Auditorium

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Featured Speaker: Hon. Victoria Neave - Auditorium

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch - TWU Dining Hall

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Rafaela Schwann and Lupe Valdez, Sheriff - Auditorium

1:30 PM - 3 PM

LULAC Music Program: Euler Torres National Board - Auditorium

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

LULAC Youth to Young Adult Transition Aric Herrera - Auditorium

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Dinner - TWU Dining Hall

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Awards/Elections/Const. Amendments Hon. Terry Meza - Bridges Auditorium

8 PM - 9:30 PM

Poetry Slam and Lip Sync - Bridges Auditorium



LULAC NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

Thursday | June 13TH, 2024

Texas Woman's University in Denton

----- AGENDA -----

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Breakfast - **TWU Dining Hall**

8:30 AM - 9 AM

Buses Leave to go to College Tours - **MCL Parking Lot**

9 AM - 11 AM

College Tours: Texas Woman's U and UNT Denton

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch - **TWU Dining Hall**

12:45 AM - 1:45 PM

Elections Have Consequences: Jasmine Flores, Ramiro Luna - **Auditorium**

1:50 PM - 2:50 PM

Laura Varela DCE, Hannah Kessler MTTP - **Auditorium**

3 PM - 4 PM

Mexico-Texas Relationship Evelyn Vera Barreto, SRE - **Auditorium**

4 PM - 6 PM Departure





LULAC YOUTH THANKS

Texas Woman's University
University of North Texas Denton
University of North Texas at Dallas
Texas Wesleyan University
University of Texas at Austin
Texas A & M
University of Houston
MTTP Marching to the Polls
Somos Tejas