

# STUDENT AFFAIRS SHOWCASE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

SESSIONS FROM 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOKER STUDENT UNION

KEYNOTE DELIVERED BY DR. SUMI PENDAKUR

*national expert and speaker on diversity, equity, and inclusion*



Time	LSU Ballroom C	LSU Room 324	LSU Room 325	LSU Room 326
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Registration and Check-In at LSU Pre-Function</b>			
10:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	<b>Opening Session with Dr. Sumun Pendakur at LSU Ballroom C</b>			
11:15 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	Student Psychological Services: Cultivating Mental Wellness & Well-Being at CSUDH	Transforming Undocumented Students' Lives Together (TDSC)	Engaging and Supporting Students with Navigating the Financial Aid Process	Centers Without Centers: How We Carry On (APCC and WRC)
12:00 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	Don't Be Basic: Innovative Approaches to Basic Needs Resources	EOP Back 2 Basics: No Excuses, Culture of Care	Lift As We Climb: Creating Community While Promoting Success Among Black Students (BRC)	Growing Through the Challenges of Today to Meet the Vision of Tomorrow! (University Housing)
12:45 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	<b>Lunch at the LSU Palm Courtyard</b>			
1:30 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	Meet the Office of First & Second Year Experience	Building Campus Togetherness in a Thriving, Sustainable Environment (ASI)	Increasing Access to CAPE Services Through Trauma-Informed Strategies	LSU30
2:15 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.	Thriving Together: Introducing the College-Based Student Success Centers	Empowering and Preparing the Next Generation of College Students (Educational Partnerships)	We Are Not Your Tokens: Let's Talk About Latinidad & LGBTQ Inclusion (LCRC & QCRC)	Toro Guardian Scholars: Fostering Success Through Advocacy
3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	Student Health Services Offerings	The Male Success Alliance and the Criticality of Racialized Male Uplift	Supporting Students with Disabilities (SdRC)	Thriving Leaders (OSL)



**10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Opening Session LSU Ballroom C**

Join us for the Opening Session of the Student Affairs Showcase featuring Dr. Sumun (Sumi) L. Pendakur. Dr. Pendakur is a national expert and sought-after speaker on diversity, equity, and inclusion, who believes that we have infinite capability to imagine and enact a more just, equitable, and compassionate world. She has served as a thought partner and capacity-building trainer and speaker for over 250 higher education institutions, associations, non-profits, and corporations. Dr. Pendakur's work and research over the last two decades has focused on helping organizations build capacity for social justice and racial equity by empowering individuals at all levels to be transformational agents of change in their spheres of influence.

Dr. Pendakur has held roles as the Chief Learning Officer at the USC Race and Equity Center, dedicated to advancing scalable racial justice in multiple sectors; as the Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Harvey Mudd College, serving on the President's Cabinet and directing the Office of Institutional Diversity; and as the Director for USC Asian Pacific American Student Services.

Dr. Pendakur recently completed her second term on the Board of Directors for NADOHE, the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education. In 2019, she was named one of the top 35 women in higher education by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine. Dr. Pendakur is the multilingual daughter of immigrants, was raised in the Midwest, and now calls Los Angeles her home. She is the wife of actor Sunil Malhotra and proud mommy to Shashi Veer and Shama Shakti.

## **SESSION 1**

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### **Student Psychological Services: Cultivating Mental Wellness & Well-Being at CSUDH**

**11:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., LSU Ballroom C**

Student Psychological Services offers a range of therapeutic and outreach services to students and the campus community. This presentation will review the services available to students, how to make an outreach request, how to refer students for services, and the services offered to the greater campus community.

**Presenters:** Dr. Tiffany Herbert and Josephine Lara, Student Psychological Services

### **Transforming Undocumented Students' Lives Together**

**11:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., LSU Room 324**

This presentation is an overview of the Toro Dreamers Success Center's efforts to advocate for equity and create accessible opportunities to support the holistic development of students regardless of immigration status. The Dream Team will highlight signature programs including Toro Dream Scholars, Toro Treats, Global Immersion Program, and HOME. The CSUDH community will learn the efforts, impact, priorities, and next steps to work together for a better future.

**Presenters:** Ana Miriam Barragan and Arlin Gonzalez, Toro Dreamers Success Center

### **Engaging and Supporting Students with Navigating the Financial Aid Process**

**11:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., LSU Room 325**

With approximately 80 percent of CSUDH students receiving federal, state, or institutional financial assistance, financial aid plays a critical role in helping Toros remain enrolled in order to attain their educational goals. This presentation will examine methods and approaches the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office plans to implement as part of our student-centric reimagining project. From leveraging technology for better service, to strategically enhancing our communications approach, and through the development of educational programs that support students navigating the college financing and financial aid process, we look forward to embracing our role as "partners to success" for CSUDH students and the Toro community.

**Presenter:** Nick Valdivia, Financial Aid & Scholarships

### **Centers Without Centers: How We Carry On**

**11:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., LSU Room 326**

The Women's Resource Center and Asian & Pacific Cultural Center will present on strategies that they have utilized to engage and support students while operating as centers without centers. They will share programing ideas and discuss how they have engaged students in advocacy, as well as share progress on space development. Come learn about initiatives and programs that these centers offer to help ensure that students succeed.

**Presenters:** Nate Nguyen, Asian & Pacific Culture Center and Megan Tagle Adams, Women's Resource Center

## **SESSION 2**

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### **Don't Be Basic: Innovative Approaches to Basic Needs Resources**

**12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., LSU Ballroom C**

Supporting students basic needs is not only important to the Division of Student Affairs, but to the California State University system as a whole. Learn more about the CSUDH Basic Needs Program and how it is providing for students who face food and housing insecurity. This presentation will provide information about the program goals, priorities, and assessment.

**Presenter:** Morgan Kirk, Basic Needs Program

### **EOP Back 2 Basics: No Excuses, Culture of Care**

**12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., LSU Room 324**

EOP provides services to historically low-income, historically education-disadvantaged, first-generation college students—a population that not only reflects the diversity of CSUDH feeder communities but also the diversity of the university itself. In support of the "Go Far Together" initiative, EOP is getting "Back 2 Basics," refocusing its efforts to align with the core elements of EOP: access, advocacy, transitional experience, support services, and EOP grant. Learn about EOP's history with social justice, program highlights, as well as EOP's goals to improve access, community/sense of belonging, and wellness/mental health support. EOP is excited to share its program and looks forward to building partnerships.

**Presenters:** Sean James, Adrianna Williams, and Hubert De Leon Tzic, Educational Opportunity Program

## **Lift As We Climb: Creating Community While Promoting Success Among Black Students**

**12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., LSU Room 325**

During this session, attendees will be introduced to the Black Resource Center staff, faculty liaisons, and student assistants. Black Resource Center priorities, signature programs, and assessment plans will be discussed in relation to the CSUDH strategic plan, "Going Far Together."

**Presenter:** Catherine Jermany, Black Resource Center

## **Growing Through the Challenges of Today, to Meet the Vision of Tomorrow!**

**12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., LSU Room 326**

University Housing has embarked on a new journey. This year, University Housing is serving the highest residential population in DH history, and is planning on doing it again and again. Come learn from its dedicated staff who will outline key partnerships and services, and take a peek behind the curtain of how University Housing is growing through the challenges of today, to meet the vision of tomorrow.

**Presenters:** Addae Jahdai-Brown, Paola Carbajal, and Ayesha Marcel, University Housing

## **SESSION 3**

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### **Meet the Office of First-and Second-Year Experience**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., LSU Ballroom C**

In collaboration with Academic and Student Affairs, the goal of Office of First-and Second-Year Experience is to help with the successful transition of first-year students from high school to CSUDH. Along with creating co-curricular activities, each first-year student has a dedicated peer mentor to help guide them in their first year and create a sense of belonging on campus.

**Presenters:** Gloria Gandara, Dr. Yesenia Fernandez and Dr. Joanna Perez, Office of First and Second Year Experience

### **Building Campus Togetherness In a Thriving, Sustainable Environment**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., LSU Room 324**

This presentation will dive deeper into the core values and organizational goals of Associated Students, Inc. as it pertains to the holistic success of our student body.

**Presenters:** Raven Jade Emmert, Rasheedah Shakoor, Michellena Lakey, and Candace Manansala, Associated Students, Inc.

### **Increasing Access to CAPE Services Through Trauma-Informed Strategies**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., LSU Room 325**

This presentation will provide an overview of trauma-informed practices and how it informs CAPE's innovative strategies to increase student access to services.

**Presenters:** Mayra Romo and Lily Arana, Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Empowerment

## **LSU30**

**1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., LSU Room 326**

As you may have heard, it is a B-I-G year for the LSU! This presentation will commemorate 30 years of service and partnership between CSUDH and the Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker University Student Union, Inc. Additionally, the organization will share opportunities for the Next30 and DH Master Plan alignment.

**Presenters:** Melissa Bancroft, Loker Student Union and LSU Professional Team Members

## **SESSION 4**

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### **Thriving Together: Introducing the College-Based Student Success Centers**

**2:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., LSU Ballroom C**

Get an introduction to the college-based student success centers at DH and learn about efforts to build a collaborative and holistic approach to academic advising and career development. Directors of the student success centers will share how they are working to support students, including presentations by student success centers in the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Business Administration and Public Policy, the College of Education, the College of Health, Human Services and Nursing, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, along with discussions around support for undeclared and undecided students and resources provided by the CSUDH Career Center.

**Presenters:** Andrew Drummond, Academic Advising and Career Development; Brenda Mendez, Career Center; Glenn Bach, Stephanie Gonsalves, Laurie Inman, Lisa Langford and Victoria Fowler, Student Success Center

## **Empowering and Preparing the Next Generation of College Students**

**2:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., LSU Room 324**

The Office of Educational Partnerships' (OEP) mission is to improve college access and success for historically marginalized student populations in the South Bay of Los Angeles. OEP carries out its mission through the federal grant-funded TRIO and GEAR Up programs serving over 4,500 high school and middle school students from 11 middle schools and 10 high schools. This presentation will highlight the Toro Summer Academy, one of the dynamic and multidimensional ways in which OEP carries out its mission.

**Presenters:** Brett Waterfield, Office of Educational Partnerships, Luz Ponce, Upward Bound and Max Rosas, GEAR UP Compton

## **We Are Not Your Tokens: Let's Talk About Latinidad & LGBTQ Inclusion**

**2:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., LSU Room 325**

This is a co-facilitated presentation to understand how queer and trans people of color are often tokenized to facilitate the work of diversity and inclusion. We will also explore the impact of Latinidad & LGBTQ inclusion in higher education.

**Presenters:** Rony E. Castellanos, La Casita: Latinx Cultural Resource Center and Bri Serrano, Queer Culture and Resource Centre

## **Toro Guardian Scholars: Fostering Success Through Advocacy**

**2:15 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., LSU Room 326**

Toro Guardian Scholars, also known as TGS, is dedicated to supporting college students that have transitioned from the foster care system. This unique program connects students to a wide range of services and resources that will guide them throughout their educational journey. Join us to learn about TGS programming and its approach to student advocacy.

**Presenters:** Marie Medina and Jaylan Hicks, Jerrie Jones, Toro Guardian Scholars

## **Session 5**

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### **Student Health Services Offerings**

**3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., LSU Ballroom C**

This presentation will address the Student Health Services philosophy of seeking a student-centered health care clinic that is in keeping with CSUDH's mission and strategic plan. This presentation will also provide an overview of the broad range of services and educational offerings from provided by Student Health Services.

**Presenters:** Susan Flaming Yeats and JoAnn Aragon, Student Health Services

### **The Male Success Alliance and the Criticality of Racialized Male Student Uplift**

**3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., LSU Room 324**

This presentation will highlight the current climate pertaining to the Black, Latino, and Asian male student experience and how the Male Success Alliance is leaning into the critical work necessary to improve student outcomes.

**Presenters:** Hakeem Croom and Gerardo Cuevas, Leonidas Sloan, Male Success Alliance

### **Supporting Students with Disabilities**

**3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., LSU Room 325**

This presentation provides a look into what the office of the SdRC does for the students, staff, and faculty of CSUDH.

**Presenters:** Tiffany Bolling and Catherine "Cat" Hoang, Student disAbility Resource Center

### **Thriving Leaders**

**3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. LSU Room 326**

This presentation provides an overview of student leadership and how the Office of Student Life (OSL) develops a framework to set students up for co-curricular success at Dominguez Hills.

**Presenters:** Christina Ibarra and Liat Vorobiev, Office of Student Life