

Campus Conexiones

Students - meet your LatinX community!
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April 26, 2018

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Room: I4-213

AVANZA Engagement Center

Speaker of the month:

Juan U. Bernal

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

HSI Math Course and Curriculum Re-Designer

As an early high school graduate, Juan Bernal continued to build upon his foundation of becoming a math professor by earning a scholarship to the University of California, Merced. Juan earned a Bachelor of Science in the field of Applied Mathematics with an emphasis in Economics. Shortly thereafter, Juan was accepted to U.C. San Diego to pursue a Master's degree in Mathematics focusing on Statistics. Juan's accomplishments did not come easy. He overcame a language barrier, is the first in his family to attend college, and bridged the gap between traditional familial values with progressive cultural norms. The eldest of four, Juan is a first-generation student who refers to his parents' sacrifices as the strength needed to persevere. Growing up and living in a traditional Mexican home, Juan took the responsibility of being a role model for his siblings. "I knew in the end, someone had to be the first Latino to go to college in my family and I was going to make a huge difference in my career and in other students," shared Juan.

Juan's career has led him to hold positions of distinction while simultaneously supporting students: San Diego State University preparing students for the GRE; a Statistician at UCSD; adjunct professor at Grossmont and Mesa College; and most recently, joining the Math Department at Mesa College as Assistant Professor. A student from humble beginnings, Professor Bernal incorporates his journey in class to motivate all students.

"I know in my heart, that I have made it and I want to be able to inspire not only my Latino brothers and sisters, but all students that with hard work, dedication, and humility, you can make it too!" Come and meet Juan at our event!



Connect with Mesa Latinx faculty, staff and managers in a unique way!

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