

Campus Conexiones

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February 21, 2018

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Room: I4-203

AVANZA Engagement Center

Speakers of the month:

Lauren Arriola

& Sara Ramirez

TITLE III STEM Conexiones HSI Grant

Lauren Arriola grew up in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. She lived in San Diego and crossed the border daily to attend school in Tijuana. After graduating with honors from *la preparatoria* (high school), Lauren made the difficult decision of leaving Tijuana to attend college in the U.S.. Her decision was a result of several circumstances beyond her control. Adapting to a new culture and educational system, and the challenge of mastering a new language, motivated Lauren to continue with her goal of majoring in Psychology. She recognizes cultural barriers that are set by dominant values, and Lauren strives to break such norms. Currently, Lauren serves as our Title III HSI Grant STEM Conexiones Translator. She is graduating Mesa at the end of this semester and is our class Valedictorian.

Sara Ramirez, daughter of immigrant parents, was born and raised bi-culturally in San Diego. Identifying as Latina, Sara is proud of her Salvadoran heritage and exposure to Mexican – American customs. She embraces both *culturas* (cultures) and gets her strength to persevere from her parents. Education is important to Sara. She began working at Mesa with the Honors Program and then the SEEDS Scholars Program. Currently a McNair Scholar studying Environmental Systems: Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution at UCSD, Sara is also working for our Title III HSI STEM Conexiones grant. She will continue doing full-time research over the summer studying the effects of climate change on native plant species.

Sara and Lauren are excited to serve as our speakers and look forward to connecting with students!



Lauren Arriola
Translator
STEM Conexiones
Title III HSI Grant



Sara Ramirez
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