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A Time to Thrive

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2023

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Sheraton Grand Sacramento
1230 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814
January 27, 2023 • 9:30am - 2:30pm

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Agenda

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

8:30 | REGISTRATION

Coffee and Tea Service | Grand Nave Foyer

9:30 | WELCOME

Ginese Quann | Grand Nave Ballroom

9:45 | EXPECTATIONS NOT ACCOMMODATIONS

Otto Lana | Grand Nave Ballroom

10:45 | INTERMISSION

Grand Nave Foyer

11:15 | BREAKOUT SESSIONS
HOW ROBOTS TAUGHT ME TO LEARN

Danielle Boyer | Grand Nave Ballroom

EVERY STUDENT HAS A STORY

Marcus Jackson, Jennifer Gorospe Tull, Erin Mahoney

12:15 | LUNCH

1:00 | EL DORADO CHARTER SELPA AWARDS

Grand Nave Ballroom

1:15 | A WALK WITH JOAQUIN: JOURNEY TO INCLUSION

Diana Pastora Carson | Grand Nave Ballroom

2:30 | CLOSING ADDRESS

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How Are You Thriving?

Diana Pastora Carson

Diana Pastora Carson, M.Ed. has been an educator for over 30 years, teaching both at the elementary school level and the university level. She is a consultant and trainer on diversity as it relates to disability and is the author of several articles and books including *Beyond Awareness: Bringing Disability into Diversity Work in K-12 Schools & Communities*, as well as her children's book, *Ed Roberts: Champion of Disability Rights*. She has compiled her disability awareness teachings in a digital course entitled "Beyond Awareness: Disability Awareness That Matters." Her Beyond Awareness work has earned her statewide PTA recognitions in the areas of advocacy and outreach, as well as her school's designation of Teacher of the Year.



She has also been featured on several radio programs and television news stories and served two terms on the board of directors of Disability Rights California. She currently serves as a board member of Disability Voices United. Although Diana experiences disability herself, she credits her brother, Joaquin Carson, for her passion for inclusion, disability advocacy, and activism. Joaquin endured years of segregated schooling and subsequent institutionalization. Diana takes the most pride in knowing that after many years of fighting for his release, Joaquin now lives a life of inclusion and quality, in the community, as her next door neighbor.



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Featured Speaker

Otto Lana

Otto Lana is a high school senior and lives in San Diego. He has a bright smile, dreamy blue eyes, and a sun kissed freckled face of a So Cal beach guy. He has short brown, slightly wavy hair, stylishly gelled to be camera ready at all times. He is an award winning poet, an accomplished film maker, actor, lyricist, model, and has been lending his voice as a self advocate championing the rights of those with communication challenges since 2018. He was a Youth Delegate for the Department of Rehab in 2021 and was awarded the Harry Servidio Memorial Leadership Award for his work in advocacy and inclusion. He was the recipient of the first inaugural Heumann-Armstrong Award for Excellence for overcoming ableism in academia. He is an entrepreneur, designing and selling letterboards and apparel on his website www.ottosmottos.com Instagram is a great way to get the word out too @otto_types He is doing all this while taking honors classes at Fusion Academy. He loves the outdoors too. The coastline is his zen. Whether it's hiking trails or swimming in the ocean, the beach is definitely his happy place. Oh and he has Autism and Apraxia by the way. He says these are diagnoses that describe him but do not define him. His goal is to change the face of Autism and Apraxia. He has a great life and a bright future and wishes to lead by example giving parents and disabled individuals hope to fuel their own moonshots.



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Danielle Boyer

Danielle Boyer is a 22-year-old Indigenous (Ojibwe) robotics inventor and advocate for youth who has been teaching kids since she was ten. Driven by her family's own inability to afford science and technology education, she is passionate about making education accessible and representative for her community so that no child is left behind.

Danielle creates equitable and innovative learning solutions for Indigenous youths with robots that she designs, manufactures, and gives away for free. In 2019, she created The STEAM Connection, a minority and youth-led charity that has reached 600k+ children with technical education with an emphasis on language revitalization. The STEAM Connection focuses on the future: ushering in a new age of education via personal and wearable robotics, artificial intelligence systems, and augmented reality utilizing traditional knowledge to uplift and protect Indigenous communities.

Danielle is a two-time invitee of the White House in 2022, a MIT Solve Indigenous Communities Fellow, a Teen Vogue Indigenous Youth Changemaker, an ASA Prize for Equitable Education winner, an EdTech K-12 IT Influencer, one of PEOPLE Magazine's Girls Changing the World, a L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth, and a Verizon Forward for Good Winner. She currently resides between Southern California and Michigan.



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Breakout



Marcus Jackson

Executive Consultant with South County SELPA's Equity and Disproportionality Project. He supports districts with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and school culture. He has served as a school psychologist in K-12 comprehensive and alternative settings. Marcus was a principal at alternative and comprehensive school sites.

Dr. Erin Mahoney

Dr. Erin Mahoney is an Executive Consultant with the Equity, Disproportionality, and Design team at the South County SELPA. She has experience as a Special Education teacher, Academic Coach, Associate Principal, and Principal. With her dissertation focus on social emotional learning, Erin is passionate about ensuring every student is known for their strengths, interests, fears, and dreams, and provided the specific supports they need to be successful academically and in life.



Jennifer Gorospe Tull

Jennifer Gorospe Tull is a Coordinator with the Equity, Disproportionality, and Design team and Alternate Dispute Resolution team at the South County SELPA. She has provided support in comprehensive settings as a school psychologist, program specialist and special education coordinator in districts (PreK-12) across Southern California and Washington D.C. Jennifer was a lecturer and adjunct professor for the Department of Counseling and School Psychology at San Diego State University. Her experiences as an educator and as a parent make her a passionate advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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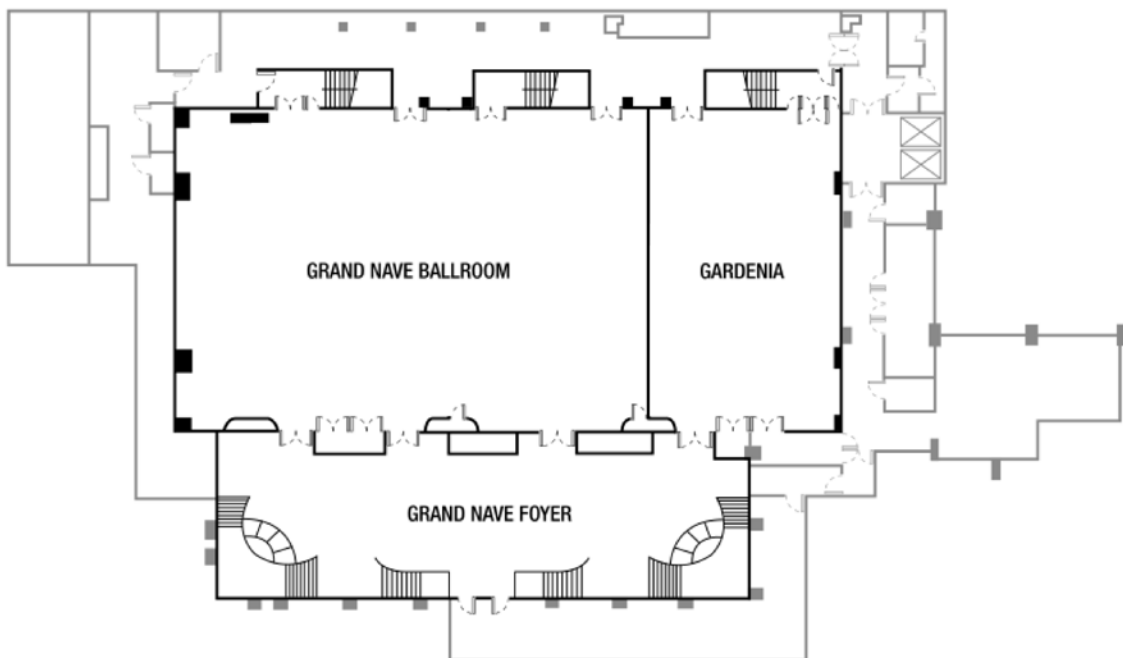
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into the student, but what
is **PLANTED**, that counts.

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