



# HIXON TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

## 2022-2023 IMPACT REPORT

SUPPORTING PCC STUDENTS AND ASPIRING TEACHERS WITH THEIR ACADEMIC AND LIFE GOALS

PROVIDING INTERNSHIP, MENTORSHIP, AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WORKING TOWARDS EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

BUILDING COMMUNITY NETWORKS AND ADVOCACY



Hixon student and Future Teacher of Color Scholar, Yesenia Aragon, at PCC Spring 2023 Graduation



Some of our Hixon Grads Being Recognized at Spring 2023 Awards Ceremony!





# WHAT WERE WE UP TO?

## ANNUAL YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE REPORT

### REACHED 680 HIXON MEMBERS AT PCC!

**Over 300 students** attended virtual and in-person Hixon events this academic year, including:

- 4-year college informational sessions with CSUN, CSULA, and Pacific Oaks
    - Teaching and Technology webinar
    - Identity and Education webinar
    - Counseling Information sessions
  - Gender Positive ECE Classrooms workshop
- And many more!

**\$Over 35k in scholarships** granted to PCC students who are aspiring teachers and interns!

**12 Future Teachers of Color Scholars** who completed a year-long comprehensive program with academic, counseling, and financial supports

**18 interns** across four programs: Adelante Youth Alliance, Reading Partners, Los Angeles College Prep Academy, and Polytechnic Schools

**Presentations** on our program at the California Council on Teacher Education and Teach for LA Conferences.

**Spring 2023 In-Person Conference** - "Teaching for Educational Equity: Re-Imagining the TK-12th Grade Classroom"

**Career Community Event** for EDUC/CHDV/SLPA

**Spring 2023 Student Awards Ceremony**

And so much more!

PCC Counselor Ivette Rosas, PCC Staff Jenny Juarez and Clara Lee, and PCC Faculty Dr. Leticia Rojas Co-Leading the Spring 2023 Ed. Equity Conference

*"The Hixon Teacher Prep has supported me along my educational journey these 2 years at PCC. The program feels like a tight-knit community where you get to meet many people who are in the same Major. I was part of the Hixon Scholar Cohort 1 and got many fieldwork opportunities such as working as a Reading Partner Tutor and higher education mentorship with Dr. Rojas. I'm grateful for everything the Hixon program has to offer. Being part of this program has given me the courage to try a lot of things on campus, because I know the program has already got my back!"*

Xingru Chen, AA-T in Elementary Education, Transferring to CSU Long Beach



Hixon representing at CHDV-EDUC-SLPA Career Community Tabling Event



Critical Re-Imagining Dialogue Activity, Spring 2023 Ed Equity Conference





*Image from Ed Equity Conference*

## **Hixon Hosts Spring 2023 Educational Equity Conference on Campus!**

This January 2023, the Hixon Teacher Prep. Program, along with the Future Teachers of Color Scholars, held an in-person educational conference at the Pasadena City College Campus. The theme of the conference was **"Teaching for Equity: Re-Imagining the TK-12th Grade Classroom."** The event had a keynote speaker, 14 different workshops, all focused on issues in equity and racial justice, ranging from learning about the school-to-prison pipeline, using theater to engage students, equity-centered practices in STEM and with bilingual students, and so many more!

**Over 120 participants**, including PCC students and community members shared space on-campus, and engaged in critical conversations after the workshop to re-imagine a different way of schooling, one focused on justice for all students.

### **Some Quotes from Conference Attendees:**

"Workshops like this are great learning opportunities for students. Not only learning from people working in the field, but provides opportunities to discuss topics in education which are fantastic learning experiences for seasoned educators and new, incoming educators."

"Thank you for coordinating and executing the event to help inform and motivate students to grow and heal as future educators."

"Thank you for this opportunity. I'll never forget this experience."

**PASADENA CITY COLLEGE**  
Hixon Teacher Preparation Program

**Teaching for Equity:  
Re-Imagining the  
TK-12th Grade  
Classroom**

**Spring 2023 Conference  
Pasadena City College Campus**  
Open to PCC Students and the Larger  
Community

**Saturday, January 28th, 2023**  
8 am-2:30 pm

**15+ DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS!**

- Ethnic Studies in Schools
- Social-Emotional Development in Early Childhood
- Empowering Emergent Bilingual and Newcomer Students
- Working with Foster Youth
- Equity-Centered STEM and Tech Practices
- Restorative Justice Practices
- Working with Families and Communities
- Social Justice Youth Practices Outside the Classroom (Non-profits, etc.)
- Finding a Job in Education Career Workshop
- And so many more!

**Keynote Speaker  
Eduardo Lopez**

- 16 years in teaching
- Ethnic Studies and History Educator
- Urban Scholars Compadres Advisor
- Doctoral Candidate

Only 150 Spots!  
Free lunch and giveaways

**Register Today!**

Email  
hixonteacherprep@pasadena.edu  
if you have any questions

Faculty/Staff and  
Student-Led Conference

*Ed Equity Conference  
Promotional Flyer*



## RECOGNIZING OUR MANY INTERNS AND SCHOLARS

**Future Teachers of Color Scholars-** This year's scholars not only engaged in a variety of activities, such as working one-on-one with a counselor and program coordinator and attending Teacher Talks, they also helped put on the Spring 2023 Educational Equity Conference. They played important leadership roles in both planning the conference. and on the day. This year's scholars are:

**Yesenia Aragon-** Transferring to UCLA

**Peter Aung-** Returning to PCC

**Lauren Claire Avelino-** Returning to PCC

**Rosalyn Bejrswana-** Transferring to UC Berkeley

**America De Leon-** Headed to UC Los Angeles

**Patrick Ho-** Returning to PCC

**Giovanni Ibarra-** Returning to PCC

**Zachary Kwan-** Returning to PCC

**Katie Morales-** Returning to PCC

**Zully Sandoval Trabanino-** Returning to PCC

**Ihara Silva-** Returning to PCC

**Jonathan Song-** Returning to PCC

**Internships-** This year, the Hixon TPP partnered with four different programs/schools to provide students with meaningful, real-world fieldwork experiences as interns. They included:

- Adelante Youth Alliance
- Los Angeles College Preparatory Academy
- Polytechnic Schools
- Reading Partners

Students were able to work with TK-12th grade students in a variety of ways, helping them develop their reading comprehension, content-area knowledge, and learn from excellent classroom teachers. Our new partnership with LACPA also had two interns working on the school's Ethnic Studies and Wellness initiatives.

The interns included:

**Yesenia Aragon** (Adelante)

**Peter Aung** (Adelante)

**America De Leon** (Adelante)

**Litong Wu** (Adelante)

**Xingru Chen** (Reading Partners)

**Zachary Kwan** (Reading Partners)

**Gisselle Partida** (Reading Partners)

**Juliette Sandoval** (Reading Partners)

**Haley Castello** (LACPA Ethnic Studies)

**Violet Stoeker** (LACPA Wellness)

**Yesenia Aragon** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Myles T. Hernandez-Henderson** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Veronica McDonald** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Cindy M. Serrano** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Rance Smith** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Alice Stearn** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Alison Vazquez-Ruiz** (Polytechnic Schools)

**Lia Wang** (Polytechnic Schools)



*Future Teachers of Color scholars at Spring 2023 Ed. Equity Conference*



*Some of the Poly interns being recognized at the Spring awards ceremony*

## Looking Ahead

Congrats to the Hixon TPP and EDUC department for being awarded an Apprenticeship Planning Grant and some funds from the PCC Division of Equity. These funds will help ensure future internship and fieldwork opportunities for our students!