Conference cites benefits of bilingualism

Sacramento State invites the community to attend the 18th Annual Multicultural Education Conference, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the University Union. No charge for admission or parking in Structure II.

The 9 a.m. keynote speaker is Professor María de la Luz Reyes, author of *Words Were All We Had: Becoming Biliterate against the Odds*, who will explain why growing up bilingual in America should be cause for celebration. She contends that the success of today’s Latino educational professionals dispels the “at risk” myth regarding native languages, which suggests that knowledge of Spanish supports English literacy while emboldening resistance to the English-only movement. Sac State’s Bilingual Multicultural Education Department (BMED) is sponsoring this conference to prompt faculty and educators to join forces with others in supporting bilingual and multicultural education in Sacramento K-16 public schools.

Students, alumni, teachers and community members may join in this morning gathering with Professor Reyes, followed by smaller breakout sessions presented by faculty, teachers and students.

For more information, contact conference chair Maggie Beddow at beddow@csus.edu or the College of Education BMED office at (916) 278-5942. Access the flier at edweb.csus.edu/bmed/conference/index.html.

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