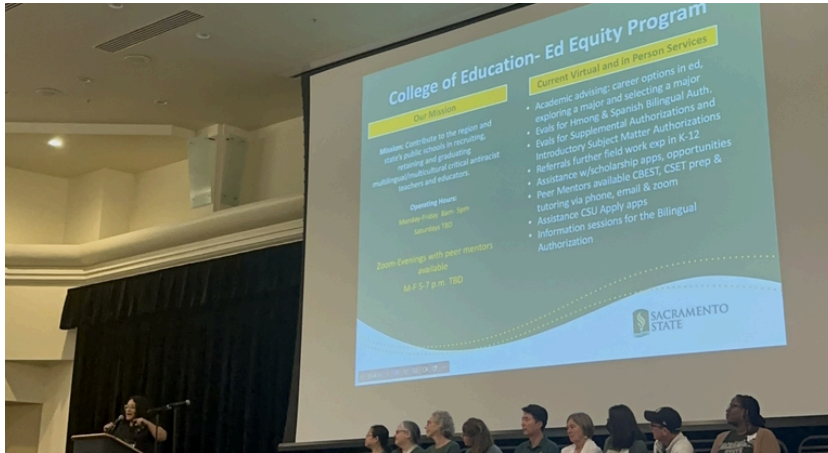


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# Program Bulletin

## College of Education | The Educational Equity Program Newsletter



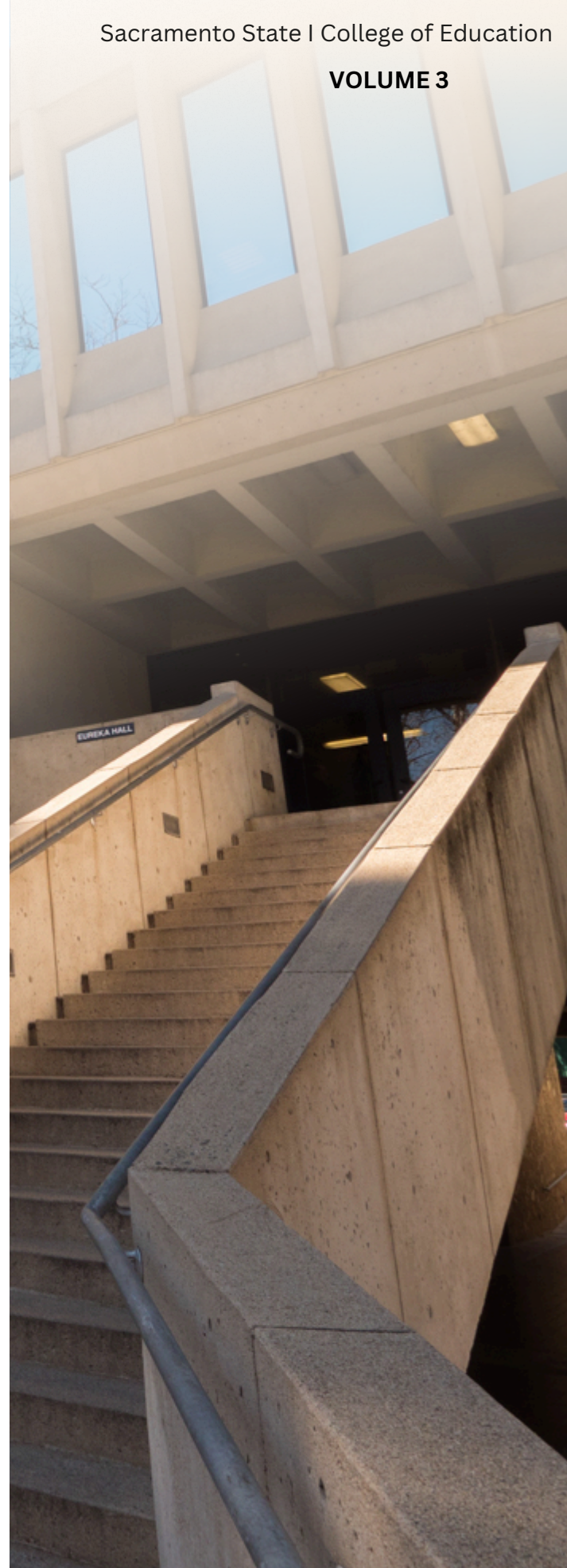
## WELCOME!

### Our Mission

The Educational Equity Program (EdEq) in the College of Education is dedicated to providing students with the knowledge, services, and resources to achieve their academic and professional goals. Our efforts are closely aligned with Sacramento State's Strategic Goals. We provide advising and support resources for student groups interested in careers in education. Among these are financial aid and work-study candidates, Cal-grant recipients, students that are first in their family to attend college/ university, and multilingual/ multicultural students.

## Quote of the Month

“EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”  
—NELSON MANDELA



**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**



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## OUR SERVICES

We provide academic advising for undergraduate majors in Child Development and pre-admission criteria for all teaching credentialing programs, evaluations for the Hmong and Spanish Bilingual Authorization, evaluations for Supplemental Authorizations, Introductory Subject Matter Authorizations, and more. Plus, Peer Mentors are available for CBEST, CSET preparation, and tutoring.

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## OUR TEAM

Our team consists of passionate Sac State students who want to become teachers and agents of change. Our knowledgeable Peer Mentors provide extensive support to our students pursuing a teaching credential at Sacramento State. From providing tutoring for CBEST and CSET exams and giving advice from personal experience to motivate our teaching credential candidates.

[EMAIL US](#)



## BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATION

Our bilingual authorization program has been a consistent leader in preparing bilingual teachers to work actively to reverse the inequitable educational and life outcomes for English learners in our region. Make an appointment with Karina Figueroa-Ramirez to add a Bilingual Authorization to your teaching credential.

[MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT](#)



## FUTURE TEACHER COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

By hosting students from local schools, we hope to inspire them to consider becoming an educator. Our vision is to be the regional leader in preparing and developing excellent teachers. In collaboration with LOCAL schools and communities, teachers prepared at Sacramento State create and sustain equitable, inclusive educational environments designed to optimize access and student success.



# Highlights



First welcoming of admitted BIPOC single subject candidates for fall 2024 meeting with current credentialing candidates for a Q&A.



Our own Lead Peer Mentor, Carlos Reyes, was nominated for the 2023-2024 Student Employee of the Year at the Sac State Student Assistant Recognition Ceremony.



Dra. Karina Figueroa-Ramirez (left), Dr. Albert Lozano (middle), and Soledad Aguiere (right) at our Chicanx/Latinx Recognition Ceremony 2024



Multicultural Conference 2024!  
Click [here](#) to read more details and how to attend our next conference.

**WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE  
OUR STEAM TEACHER AND  
BILINGUAL TEACHING CLUB!**



Interested in taking a leadership position with our Bilingual Teaching Club, contact [Karina](#) for more information.

# 2024-2025

## Lead EdEquity Peer Mentors



My name is **Carlos Reyes**, and I am currently a Single Subject Math Credential candidate as well as a Co-lead Peer Mentor. I am here to support you in achieving your goal of becoming a teacher. Whether you need assistance with applying to the credential program, applying for scholarships, or tackling those pesky CSET exams, I am here to help. In my role with the Educational Equity program, I also take an active part in spreading the word about the various resources we offer. I set up tables and engage with students to inform them about the support and opportunities available through our program. From workshops and tutoring to mentorship and financial aid resources, we aim to provide comprehensive support to all aspiring teachers.

A little about me: I am a first-generation college student with a passion for all things STEM. Fun fact: in another life, I believe I would have loved to try my hand at being a boxer.

I am excited to assist you in any way possible through the Educational Equity program and look forward to helping you succeed.

I am **Yesenia Solis**, co-lead peer mentor with the Educational Equity Office. I am currently a Master's student in the multicultural education program. As a peer mentor in EdEq, I have dedicated my time to various tasks. My specialty lies in outreach events, such as tabling at resource fairs in high schools, community colleges, and Sacramento State. I have also presented undergraduate education and Ethnic Studies courses to share information about our resources.

One of my favorite activities is hosting students from diverse backgrounds on campus to introduce them to our personal educational experiences and campus life. Being part of the office team allows me to contribute to the supportive community we offer at EdEq. Students seeking support and resources not only receive what they need but also a sense of belonging. My goal is to create a safe space that encourages students to return and feel comfortable in our environment.

Being a peer mentor has enabled me to connect with people through shared experiences, support systems, and by encouraging students to seek help without hesitation. My favorite part of being a peer mentor is connecting with the office team as we support each other through our academic journeys.

Please feel free to visit us with your questions. We are committed to providing you with the best possible experience. Thank you, Yesi.





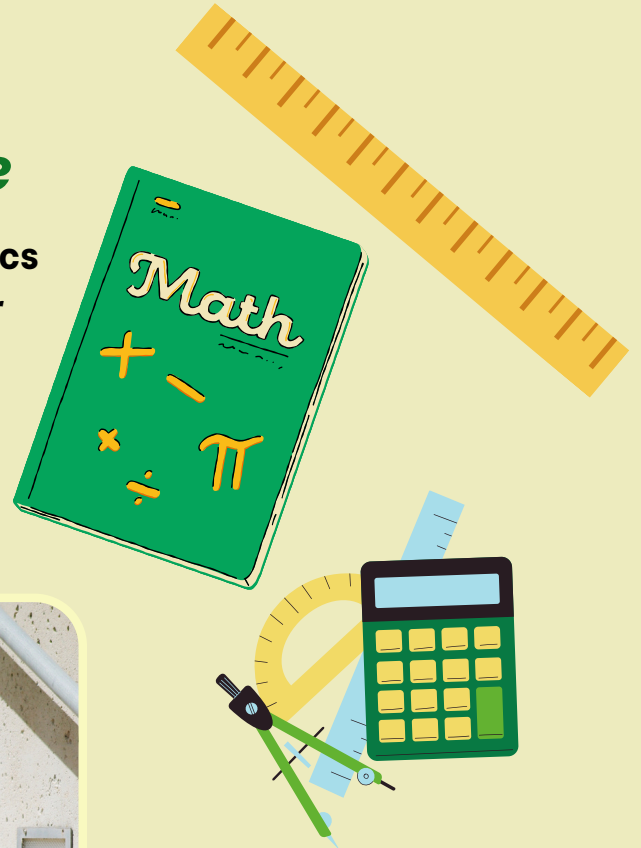
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## EdEquity Peer Mentors



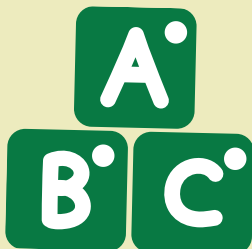
**Kyla Archie**

**B.A. in Mathematics  
Aspiring Middle or  
High school Math  
Teacher**



**Brianna  
Archilla-Rodriguez**

**B.A. in Liberal Studies and  
a Multiple Subject  
Teaching Candidate  
Aspiring Elementary  
Teacher**



**Brissa Orejel**

**B.A. in Childhood and  
Adolescent Development  
Aspiring Elementary  
Teacher**



# Meet the Faculty Advisors



**Dr. Karina Figueroa-Ramírez (ella/ellas/ nosotras)** earned a single subject social science teaching credential with a Spanish bilingual authorization from the Bilingual Multicultural Education Department at Sac State. She taught for almost ten years and during this time completed her master's degree in multicultural education. Karina shares she is grateful for the educators and agents of creative change who impacted her life tremendously. From her early life experiences, she became determined to make positive contributions to those around her -- for this reason, she earned her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership in 2024. It is something very personal, a lifelong *lucha* (struggle), that motivates her each day she is serving our students, one future educator at a time.



**Dr. Juan José Bueno Holle** is a Lecturer in the College of Education, where I work mostly with pre-service teachers and bilingual teacher candidates. I hold an M.A. in Applied Linguistics from the UNAM in Mexico City and a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Chicago. I am especially interested in multilingualism, endangered languages and language justice, and have teaching experience at elementary, middle school, high school, and university levels. In Fall 2024, I will be joining the Teaching Credentials branch as an Assistant Professor.



**Dr. Margarita Berta-Avila** has served as Professor in the College of Education for over 20 years. As critical pedagogue, she specializes in bilingual and multicultural education, K-12 teacher preparation, ethnic studies, teacher education, and California Faculty Association, Associate Vice President, north region, President.



# Updates and Events

**As of June 29, 2024  
Governor Newsom signed a  
bill into effect that will  
“allow candidates to use  
their bachelor’s degree from  
a regionally accredited  
institution of higher  
education as demonstration  
of the basic skills  
requirement, effective  
immediately.”**

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## CREDENTIAL INFORMATION ALERT!

Passage of Senate Bill (SB)  
1397 Temporary Waives Basic  
Skills Requirement for  
Emergency 30-Day  
Substitute Teaching Permit  
until **July 1, 2024!**

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## What is the Golden State Teacher Grant Program?

**THE GOLDEN STATE TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM  
IS AN INITIATIVE IN CALIFORNIA THAT  
PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO  
ASPIRING TEACHERS PURSUING CREDENTIALS  
IN HIGH-NEED FIELDS SUCH AS SPECIAL  
EDUCATION, STEM SUBJECTS, AND BILINGUAL  
EDUCATION. IT OFFERS ONE-TIME GRANTS OF  
UP TO \$20,000 TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS  
ENROLLED IN QUALIFYING TEACHER  
PREPARATION PROGRAMS AT PARTICIPATING  
INSTITUTIONS, AIMING TO RECRUIT AND  
RETAIN TEACHERS IN CRITICAL SHORTAGE  
AREAS.**

## Become an Education Specialist Teacher

### SAC STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Preliminary Credential + Master of Arts in Teacher (MAT-SPED) programs**  
1-year (Summer + 2 semesters; SMSTR scholarship) and 2-year (fall start) pathways  
with MAT-SPED one additional year after the credential

- ✓ **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE):** distance program, credentialed to teach students with all types of disabilities, birth to kindergarten
- ✓ **Extensive Support Needs (ESN):** distance program, credentialed to teach students with extensive support needs, kindergarten to age 22 years old
- ✓ **Mild to Moderate Support Needs (MMSN):** credentialed to teach students with mild to moderate support needs, kindergarten to age 22 years old

**Additional Programs**

Special Education Minor for Sac State Undergrads	add on ESN credential for ed specialists with other credentials	ECSE-Added Authorization: 1-year program for current Education Specialists, fall start	Sacramento Metro Special Education Teacher Residency (SMSTR) 1-year scholarship (\$38,000)
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Learn more  
[www.csus.edu/education/sped](http://www.csus.edu/education/sped)



Join our Fall  
Info Sessions  
or RSVP to  
learn more



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# Upcoming Events



**4th Annual Sub Fair**  
**September 20, 2024**  
**3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**



**STAY IN THE LOOP BY FOLLOWING  
OUR INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT!**

