



CSN to Recognize Diverse Graduating Class

College will hold several multicultural celebrations leading up to the 47th annual commencement

April 26, 2019 – The College of Southern Nevada will hold multicultural graduation celebrations in the coming weeks to recognize the hard work of its diverse community of students.

The celebrations begin Saturday, April 27, and run through May 19, leading up to the college's 47th annual Commencement Ceremony on Monday May 20. Food and entertainment will be provided at each celebration and all are open to the public.

"I am proud of every student who graduates from CSN," said CSN President Federico Zaragoza. "We want all of our students to graduate, complete, transfer and prosper. Celebrating our students' diverse backgrounds helps create a sense of belonging for everyone."

The multicultural celebrations will all take place as follows:

- **Asian American & Pacific Islander Celebration:** 10 a.m., Saturday, April 27, in the UNLV Student Union Ballrooms. Keynote speaker: **Tim Wang**, founder and principal of TDW+Co.
- **Lavender (LGBTQIA+) Celebration:** 4 p.m. Friday, May 3, CSN North Las Vegas Campus, June Whitley Student Lounge. Keynote speaker: **Dr. Owen Pillion, CSN professor of communication.**
- **Latinx Celebration:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, CSN North Las Vegas Campus, Nicholas J. Horn Theatre, Keynote speaker: Nevada **Assemblywoman Selena Torres.**
- **Military Veteran/Dependent Celebration:** 4 p.m. Thursday, May 9, CSN Charleston Campus, Building B Lobby. Keynote speaker: **Bruno Moya, a Clark High School and UNLV graduate and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.**
- **International Student Celebration:** 4 p.m. Friday, May 10, CSN Charleston Campus, Building B Lobby. Keynote speaker: **Dr. Bette Brickman, CSN professor of world languages.**
- **Women's Celebration:** 5 p.m. Monday, May 13, CSN North Las Vegas Campus, Nicholas J. Horn Theatre. Keynote speaker: **Carolyn Swords of the WNBA's Las Vegas Aces.**
- **African-American Celebration:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, CSN North Las Vegas Campus, Nicholas J. Horn Theatre. Keynote speaker: **Nevada Assemblyman and former CSN student government president William McCurdy II**

About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state's largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor's degrees in specialized fields and is the state's largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada's first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.