



CSN Welcomes National Experts on Minority Student Populations to Symposium on Higher Education Practices

October 2, 2019 – The College of Southern Nevada will welcome national experts on higher education practices to its campus this week for a symposium on Hispanic Serving Institutions and Minority Serving Institutions.

Centered around the theme “Leveraging Funding for Student Success,” the symposium is an opportunity for higher education experts to collaborate with other professionals and community members interested in achieving high-level outcomes for minority students, advancing the mission of higher education institutions, and connecting with the unique heritage of Nevada’s student population. CSN was Nevada’s first Minority Serving Institution and first Hispanic Serving Institution.

Attendees will hear about best practices for funding, planning and programming. Scheduled to attend are former U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen, U.S. Rep. Dina Titus, U.S. Rep. Steven Horsford, U.S. Rep. Susie Lee, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairman U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, U.S. Department of Education Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Christopher McCaghren, and Beatriz Ceja, the HSI Division Director for the U.S. Department of Education, among many others.

“I am honored to welcome such a distinguished roster of guests and speakers to this important event,” said CSN President Dr. Federico Zaragoza. “Ensuring that our minority students have the same access to the wealth of student success avenues available to all our students is among the most important missions in higher education. CSN is proud to be both a Minority Serving Institution and a Hispanic Serving Institution. We rededicate ourselves each and every day to recognizing that our diversity is our greatest source of strength.”

The symposium will be held on the college’s North Las Vegas Campus and is free and open to the public. Attendees should register at www.csn.edu/hsimsi-symposium-registration.

“As minority students become a greater portion of the overall higher education student body both nationally and at CSN, it has never been more important to come together and share best practices for helping to boost their student success,” said Clarissa Cota, CSN North Las Vegas Campus vice president & provost and chair of the college’s MSI and HSI committees.

What: HSI/MSI Symposium
When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 3
Where: Horn Theater, CSN North Las Vegas Campus

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.