

Impressive National Debut for CSN Mariachi Plata

The college's mariachi will perform this Tuesday for the first time locally

December 9, 2019 – The College of Southern Nevada's Mariachi Plata took third place in a national competition at the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza this weekend in San Antonio, Texas, while two CSN students took first and second place in the vocalist competition.

“This is truly historic for our CSN family and Southern Nevada community,” said CSN President Federico Zaragoza. “Our Mariachi reflects the world class standards of our Music and Performing Arts programs. The Mariachi genre is part of our culture and important to our growing Latino population of Mexican descent in Southern Nevada. I am so proud of everyone involved in this tremendous effort, including the many CCSD mariachis that keep this important tradition strong.”

In addition to the third-place finish for Mariachi Plata in the College & University category, CSN student Jose Mejia took first place in the vocalist competition in that category and student Precious Carrasco took second.

Mariachi Plata is comprised of students from CSN's mariachi courses, part of its fine arts music curriculum. They'll make their local debut at 7 p.m. December 10 during a concert event featuring several popular local acts.

Napoleon Buenrostro will act as master of ceremonies at the concert. In addition, the following are scheduled to perform:

- Mariachi Los Pumas of KO Knudson Middle School
- Ballet Folklorico of KO Knudson Middle School
- Mariachi Encendido of Del Sol Academy
- Mariachi Los Maestros (a group of local teachers taking CSN's class)
- Mariachi Plata of the College of Southern Nevada
- Special performance from local group Mexico Vivo Dance Company

Thousands of local students are involved in mariachi, but often are unable to pursue their interest once they enroll in college. Robert Bonora, CSN's Fine Art Department chairman, explained that CSN's Mariachi classes should help those students pursue their interests.

What: CSN Mariachi Concert
Tickets are \$5 for students & seniors and \$8 general admission

When: Reception 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 10
Concert begins at 7 p.m.

Where: Nicholas J. Horn Theatre, 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.