



CHARTER COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION

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For Faculty & Staff

Celebrating our Graduates and Credential Completers
Honors Convocation
&

Day of the Educator Celebration
May 5, 2017

2017 Charter College of Education Commencement
May 22, 2017



Dean's Message



Dean Cheryl Ney

CCOE Class of 2017 Going Forth and Serving

Through real engagement and commitment, the Charter College of Education prepares exceptionally qualified, committed and caring teachers, counselors, school site administrators and educational leaders to serve students in urban schools. We prepare these educators to promote educational equity and access to promising futures for all children and youth. Now, more than ever, it is important to recognize the accomplishments of the students of the CCOE, for the vital work they are or will be doing in the field of education to positively impact the lives of children and youth.



The month of May was exhilarating as we congratulated our graduating students and credential completers. I would like to start by offering a big congratulations to all of them! Many are the first in their family to go to college, often maintain jobs, raise children, provide care for family members, volunteer in our community, and still manage to complete college degrees, credentials and advanced degrees. They have worked hard, shown exceptional intelligence, and outstanding drive to achieve their academic goals. On behalf of the CCOE, you make us proud!!! We also thank your family members, who have supported your achievements.

Faculty, through your scholarship, research, creative activities, effective teaching and advising, and insightful mentorship, CCOE graduates have reached, and will continue to reach, the highest of achievements.

The CCOE faculty, staff, and community/school partners have inspired these graduates to realize that education really *can* change the world, that *knowing* is not enough; we must *apply* what we have learned, and lastly, and maybe most importantly, a willingness to do something is not enough; we must *take action*.

It is because of the hard work and determination CCOE students have shown, that they reached these important milestones – Honors Convocation, Day of the Educator Celebration, and the 2017 CCOE Commencement. We know that these are the first of many important milestones in their professional lives, and that they will continue to make contributions in their chosen professions, and in their communities. CCOE graduates, across the ages, make a difference in our region.

Honors Convocation & Day of the Educator Celebration

On May 5, 2017, over 650 honorees, faculty, family, and supporters of the Charter College of Education came together at the Honors Convocation/Day of the Educator Celebration!

The event honors Charter College of Education students who were inducted into Honor's Societies, undergraduate students who made the Dean's List, graduate students who earned Special Recognition, Golden Apple Honorees, Outstanding School Partners, Outstanding Field Site Supervisors, and credential completers in the CCOE and CalState TEACH, who co-sponsored the event.

The celebration pays tribute to the hard work and dedication of our students – current and future educators dedicated to making a difference!



Honors Convocation & Day of the Educator Celebration



For video of the Honors Convocation/Day of the Educator Celebration, [Click Here](#).

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For photographs from the Honors Convocation/Day of the Educator Celebration, [Click Here](#).

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Charter College of Education Commencement Speaker Urges Cal State LA Grads to 'go forth and serve'

From the Cal State LA Office of Communications and Public Affairs:

“At a time when some students are experiencing increased fear and anxiety, educators can play a crucial role in helping youth overcome and succeed,” California State Board of Education member Feliza Ortiz-Licon told California State, Los Angeles graduates during a moving keynote address Monday. Ortiz-Licon, who is an alumna of Cal State LA, described students who are impacted by the changed climate in the nation since the November election.

Dr. Cheryl Ney, Dean of the Charter College of Education, described Ortiz-Licon as, “a champion of equitable education and opportunities for all students.”

To read the full article, [Click Here](#).

For Cal State LA photographs from the commencement, [Click Here](#).

For CCOE photographs, please use your login to access the Intranet with [here](#).

The CCOE Commencement video is now on YouTube.
Please [Click Here](#) to view.



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Graduation - A Time for Preparation to Meet Opportunity

The Charter College of Education (CCOE) prepares outstanding education professionals, at the entry level to the leadership level, to serve children, youth and families in the urban setting.

Now more than ever, our region needs skilled, caring, and dedicated educators committed to supporting all learners. CCOE graduates are now moving on to the next step in this exciting and important profession!

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Faculty leaders for the 2017 CCOE Commencement

CCOE Grand Marshall – Rebecca Joseph
Curriculum & Instruction

CCOE Associate Grand Marshall – ADee Williams
Curriculum & Instruction

University Banner Carrier – Anne Hafner, Chair
Applied and Advanced Studies in Education

CCOE Banner Carrier – Michael Carter
Special Education & Counseling



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Berenice Onofre Vásquez Proves It is Never Too Late to Achieve your Dreams

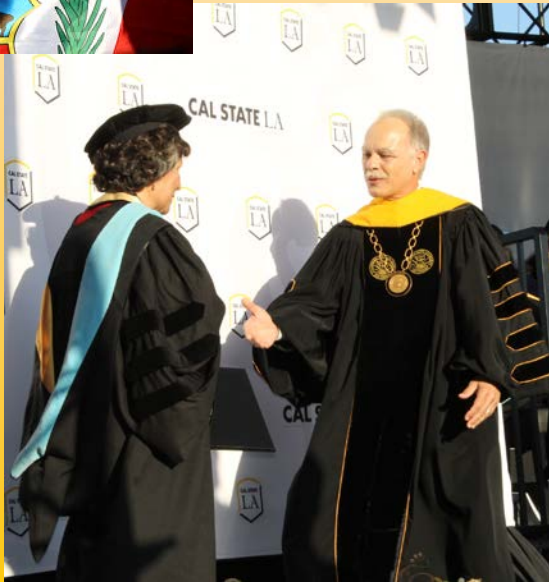
From Cal State LA Website, "[Student Success Stories](#)"

When Berenice Onofre Vásquez walks across the stage to receive her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, it will mark a proud moment in a lifelong journey for the 70-year-old Santa Monica grandmother.

As the oldest member of the California State University, Los Angeles Class of 2017, Onofre Vásquez has shown that it is never too late to pursue a passion. She will conclude a long history of success at Cal State LA. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Public Administration from the University.



Inspiration.



"When I got my BSN that was a very proud moment. Now I am getting my Ed.D. for a very clear purpose, it is amazing and I am really excited," she says. She will receive her degree during the Charter College of Education Ceremony on May 22.

Telemundo, NBC and Hispanos Press reported on the story of Cal State LA's oldest grad, a grandmother getting her doctorate at the Charter College of Education. To view, visit: NBC Los Angeles:

<http://www.nbclousangeles.com/news/local/Grandmother-Hopes-Inspire-Others-Doctorate-Degree-423742934.html>

Telemundo: http://www.telemundo52.com/videos/Abuela- recibe-doctorado-y-demuestra-que-nunca-es-tarde_TLMD---Los-Angeles-423742554.html

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Identical Twins March Together to Receive Doctors of Philosophy in Special Education at CCOE Commencement on May 22, 2017

From Cal State LA Website, [“Student Success Stories”](#)

Fahad and Faisal Alnema are twins from Saudi Arabia who studied together at California State University, Los Angeles. On May 22, they will march together across the Commencement stage and receive their Doctors of Philosophy in Special Education.

Their educations at Cal State LA prepared the brothers for their long-term goals of helping people with developmental disabilities in the Arab world.

“Without the mentorship we received at the University, we would never have accomplished all that we have done,” Faisal says.



Perseverance.



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