



**6TH ANNUAL**  
***CONEXIONES***  
**STUDENT RETREAT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH**  
**10:00 AM ET - 2:45 PM ET**  
**BECK AGRICULTURAL CENTER**

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## **AGENDA**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet at the LCC for transportation to Beck Ag
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Breakfast and Student Resource Fair
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Welcome
11:20 AM - 12:10 PM	Morning Workshop Sessions
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch & Keynote Speaker
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Break & Networking
1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	Afternoon Workshop Sessions
2:30 PM	Wrap-Up and group Picture
2:45 PM	Transportation to LCC



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# SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS



## What is your Why?

**ROOM 111A**

**Facilitator: Nazeer (Naz) Zerka**

*Staff Therapist, Counseling and Psychological Services*

I'm here to delve into the reasons behind people's presence today, in this very moment, and their purpose for being at Purdue University. I'll be delving into profound concepts such as the meaning of life, one's purpose, the influence of capitalism, the significance of authenticity, the act of wearing masks (both literally and metaphorically), and even more. The ultimate objective is to help these individuals remain connected to the core reasons that brought them here and to instill a sense of unwavering determination within them, ensuring that they never lose sight of their goals.



## Finding a Job and Building a Career: Services & Resources of the Center for Career Opportunities

**ROOM 111B**

**Facilitator: Dr. Amruta Inamdar**

*Senior Career Services Consultant; Purdue University*

The job or internship search can seem intimidating... Where do you start? When do you start? What do employers want? How can you make a good impression? Who can help you?! The Center for Career Opportunities (Purdue's career services office) is waiting to work with you! We can help you create your resume. Practice good interviewing techniques. Set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Learn how to build your networks. Help you figure out what you want to do... But you don't have to do it all right now, and you definitely don't have to do alone. Attend this presentation to get your first look at our website and our resources, and we can start a conversation about how you can plan your career in college and how we can help!



## The Scholar Mindset

**ROOM 117**

**Facilitator: Desmine Robinson**

*Pre-College Coordinator and Success Coach; Purdue University*

This presentation encourages students to put themselves in the driver's seat of their education. This presentation inspires students to reflect on how they can connect their passions to their academics to create a unique educational and professional journey. Students will be urged to be in a studious state of mind, always asking questions that lead to deep understandings of the formal and informal education they participate in every day. This presentation concludes with a reflection activity and students are asked to bring a notebook and pencil.



## Connecting with PPA: Preparing for Careers in Healthcare & Law

**ROOM 141**

**Facilitator: Amy Terstriep**

*Director of Pre-Professional Advising; Purdue University*

Your goal is to serve others through a career in healthcare or law. Pre-Professional Advising is here to support you on your journey to professional school by providing access to information and resources. We believe that you are capable of changing the world!

## SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS



### **Tapping In: The Power of YOU.** **ROOM 111A**

**Facilitator: Manuel Hernández-Nuñez**  
*Executive Director; The Association of Latinos/as/xs Motivating Action; ALMA Chicago*

This is a workshop on the power of using your own identity and story to empower yourself and others as a leader in your space. A workshop on transparent and vulnerable leadership.



### **Caminos de Éxito: Networking and Developing Your Personal Brand as Latino Leaders** **ROOM 111B**

**Facilitator: Cassandra Salazar & Gabriel Valtierra**

Caminos de Éxito: Networking and Developing Your Personal Brand as Latino Leaders" is an empowering presentation designed to guide aspiring Latino leaders on a journey towards professional growth and success. This engaging session explores the art of networking, providing valuable insights and strategies to build meaningful connections. Attendees will also learn the importance of crafting a strong personal brand, leveraging their cultural identity to stand out in today's competitive landscape. Through real-world examples and practical tips, participants will gain the confidence and skills needed to navigate their professional paths with authenticity, purpose, and impact.



### **Am I Enough? Impostor Syndrome Within the Latinx Community** **ROOM 117**

**Facilitator: Allison Maldonado-Ruiz**  
*Associate Director; Associate Director of Retention and Diversity*

Most of us are familiar with the idea of feeling like you do not belong somewhere- we typically feel this way in new environments like jobs or internships, but did you know sometimes we feel this way within our own ethnicity and race? Join us as we discuss the cultural concept of impostor syndrome.



### **Financial Literacy** **ROOM 141**

**Facilitator: Junia McDole**  
*Director for Boiler Financial Track; Purdue Federal Credit Union*

Worrying about money creates stress and anxiety, which can lead to health problems. Learn overall financial wellness strategies to become financially fit. A comprehensive discussion about how to make good short- and long- term financial decisions and methods to maintain a strong financial foundation.



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