

CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 80

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"Dedicated to Excellence"

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Chandler Unified School District

Presents the 2019-2020 – Equity Lecture and Film Series
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Chandler Education Foundation

September 16, 2019

Dean of the Graduate College - Arizona State University
Dr. Alfredo Artiles
Preparing Students beyond K-12
It's All about Educational Equity: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions beyond K-12

Creating equitable learning spaces for all students is best practice beyond K-12. It allows for the closing of the discipline and opportunity gap while cultivating students to become empathetic, critical thinkers, and global citizens. In this lecture, Dr. Artiles share effective strategies that ensures the removal barriers for educational excellence.

October 21st, 2019

Intel Corporation
Theresa Niemeyer Intel Public Affairs
Preparing CUSD Students for the Global Workforce: Beyond College and Career Ready

Educational equity is essential if we are to truly prepare students to engage the diverse workforce waiting for them beyond K-12 and college. What type of employees are employers looking to hire? What characteristics do they possess? Are we preparing all students to take their place in the workforce locally, nationally and internationally? Intel Public Affairs manager will share her corporate lens as it relates to equity beyond college and career ready.

November 18, 2019

Educational Consultant

Dr. Curtis Acosta

The Academic Power of Humanizing Education/Ethnic Studies for Hispanic Youth

In CUSD, over 30% of our students identify as Hispanic. Educational researcher examining the engagement and learning style of this population has cited humanizing pedagogy as practice in unleashing the academic power of this group. How have humanizing educational practices, created a paradigm shift in producing excellent academic outcomes for Hispanic youth? In this lecture, educators will learn how to implement humanizing pedagogical strategies in the teaching and learning of this population.

December 16, 2019-

Chandler Unified School District - Youth Equity Stewards (YES) - Our Students - Our Stories- Our Voices (TED Talk Chandler)

January 27, 2020

Educational Consultant Toni Robinson Don't Quit Your Daydream

The great promise and challenge of public education is to effectively teach ALL students and prepare them for the future. Although education is the most important part of the dream for many students, the ability to realize the dream is elusive for some.

Toni Robinson inspires educational leaders to turn their dreams into reality by leading for equity and engaging key stakeholders. During this interactive keynote session, administrators will challenge their assumptions, grapple with ideas and stretch their thinking on how best to serve ALL students.

February 24, 2020-

Film 13th Amendment -

This film 13th Amendment is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States; "it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

Moderated by Mr. John Prothro - Perry High School Teacher

March 30, 2020 -

Professor Arizona State University – School of Social Transformation Dr. Madeline Adelman Let's Talk Arizona

Serving and meeting the diverse learning and socio-emotional need of students in a K-12 in the 21st century requires ongoing partnership between school, parent and community. Engaging the diverse needs demand ongoing civil discourse between all entities especially as schools are thrust in the culture wars in our society. What role does our varied identity play in how we see and navigate the world? How can we see others perspective who may differ from our own? In this lecture, participants will learn to engage in civil discourse with others who may differ from our own identity as we work to meet the diverse needs of students in our community.

April 20, 2020

Film - The Kids We Lose

The Kids We Lose is a 90-minute documentary film about the human side of being and having a child or student with behavioral challenges, and the struggles faced by parents, educators, staff in facilities, mental health clinicians, and law enforcement professionals in trying to ensure that these kids receive the help they need.

Moderated by Ms. Shannon Wilke - Consultant - CUSD Parent

June 3 & 4 2020- Hamilton High School

CUSD Summer Equity Symposium

Chandler Unified School District Presents the 2018-2019 – Equity Lecture and Film Series

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

CUSD Inaugural Lecture and Film Series: Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Jan. 28, 2019 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Speaker: Alonzo Jones - Biography

Description:

Inaugural Lecture - Honoring the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Race, Rationalism & Reconciliation - A look into the life of Dr. King

The greatest injustice we do to our historical leaders is to place them into the realm of the untouchable. Too often we deify the personality and miss the opportunity to accept their humanness as an example of how to think about and engage a highly diverse society and world. This presentation examines Dr. King as a child, a college graduate, a new preacher in Montgomery, and his ascension to national leadership in the Civil Rights Movement along with his anchoring philosophies on love, humanness, and race. Themes still relevant today.

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CUSD Equity Lecture and Film Series - Reel Injun: On the trail of the Hollywood Indian

Feb. 11, 2019 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Description:

Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian

The Native American narrative is one that has been slanted in the larger culture through Hollywood depictions. In this film and post-discussion, we strive to highlight the impact of Hollywood distortion on the perception and livelihood of Native Americans. We seek to enhance the understanding of Native American people through their cultural lens in order to provide respectful content and discussions in our classrooms.

This 2009 documentary unravels the image of North American Natives in Hollywood films. It sheds light on how this has created a common image, or skewed image, of Native Americans. Many clips and interviews examine the influence of Hollywood western film and the cowboy-and-Indian myths and cultural stereotypes that persist today.

Post Discussion Facilitators:

Tracey Sekayumptewa, President - CUSD Native American Parent Committee Mrs. Bethaney Allison, CUSD Native American Liaison Sponsored by: Chandler Education Foundation

CUSD Equity Lecture and Film Series - An Evening with Mr. Oskar Knoblauch and Mr. Rana Singh Sodhi

Mar. 25, 2019 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Description:

Oskar Knobauch and Rana Singh Sodhi A Conversation between a Holocaust Survivor and a Sikh: Lessons About Our Shared Humanity and the Importance of Forgiveness and Redemption.

Join us for our March lecture as we create a space to hear from a Holocaust Survivor and a Sikh. For it is in our suffering that we emerge as victors. Khali Gibran, a Lebanese poet wrote, "Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls. The massive characters are seared with scars." In this conversation, you will hear two people living their humanity.

How do we as humans emerge from suffering? How do we forgive others who are implicated in our suffering? How do we restore the dignity of others who have failed to meet our expectations, in the classroom, school, community, and or in the larger global space? What does this mean for each one of us in the CUSD learning community?

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Oskar Knoblauch Rana Singh Sodhi Facilitated by:

Mrs. Amy Drake, Social Studies Teacher - Santan Junior High School Mr. Ryan Kussy, Social Studies Teacher - Payne Jr. High School Sponsored by: Chandler Education Foundation

CUSD Equity Lecture and Film Series - Leading for Educational Equity: A Personal Journey

Apr. 22, 2019 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Description:

Mrs. Rory Gilbert and Ms. Jessica Edgar Leading for Educational Equity: A Personal Journey

Leading for equity is an intentional and purposeful state of being, yet a personal, reflective and courageous decision. As educators serving Other People's Children, (Delpit, 1995) we are challenged by Dr. Delpit to examine Power and Pedagogy in the Education of Other People's Children (Delpit, 1995). Therefore, leading for equity is central in our professional identity and responsibility.

How do we as educators lead for equity in our classrooms, schools, communities and within our spheres of influence?

What is your personal story?

How does your personal story intersect with the stories of your students, families and colleagues in your classroom and school?

How is your personal story negotiated within the context of teaching, learning and leading?

In this lecture, we are going to have courageous conversations through the unpacking of these questions. Two educators will frame their personal stories within the context of our CUSD equity journey. For it is through the examination of self that we can truly teach Other People's Children (Delpit, 1995).

"In fact, knowing my students and my subject depends heavily on self-knowledge. When I do not know myself, I cannot know who my students are. I will see them through a glass darkly, in the shadows of my unexamined life — and when I cannot see them clearly, I cannot teach them well. When I do not know myself, I cannot know my subject — not at the deepest levels of embodied, personal meaning. I will know it only abstractly, from a distance, a congeries of concepts as far removed from the world as I am from personal truth."

-- Parker Palmer
The Courage to Teach

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