



# P-COC POINTS

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“Until we get equality in education, we won't have an equal society.”

- Sonya Sotomayor

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## PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



**KARLA CONTRERAS**

Born in Guayaquil Ecuador, Karla received her BA in International Business. Her second BA in Business Administration and her Masters Degree in Human Resources was received from CUNY.

Ms. Contreras has worked in higher education for almost 20 years.

She advocates for people to move toward their full potential to achieve their goals. She states that there is a lot of effort involved in her profession, but everything is paid off “when you are able to transform students’ lives.”

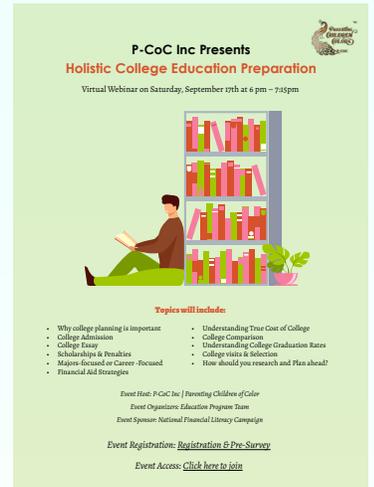
In Spring 2021, she had the opportunity to join and serve P-COC as a Lead Officer for the Impact Evaluation Team. Karla strongly believes in the service and values that P-COC has as a non-profit organization, and the importance of including people rather than excluding them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Holistic College Education Preparation Education Program Committee

We invite you to join us on Saturday, September 17th from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm at our upcoming Holistic College Education Preparation seminar where the following topics will be discussed:

- Why college planning is important
  - College Admission
  - College Essay
  - Scholarships & Penalties
  - Majors-focused or Career -Focused
  - Financial Aid Strategies
  - Understanding True Cost of College
  - College Comparison
  - Understanding College Graduation Rates
  - College visits & Selection
  - How should you research and Plan ahead?
- Pre-register for this [event](#)



## RECENT EVENT

### Partners and Affiliates Exposé Governing Board

**Date/time: August 20, 6pm**

The annual public and board virtual conference took place on 8/20/22 where participants had the opportunity to learn about varied organizations and the work that they are doing, the services they provide, and how individuals may benefit directly or support initiatives.



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## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### *National Hispanic Heritage Month*

Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

Originally marking the dates in September during which countries in Central or South America gained their independence from Spain, it was originally signed into law as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968.

Today we celebrate the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The diversity of cultural heritage and their distribution across the U.S. lead to localized forms of acknowledgement.

Several current White House Cabinet members claim heritage from the Americas and Caribbean. Here's a few other Americans with heritage from Mexico and Central America:



#### **Ellen Ochoa (Mexican heritage)**

In 1993 Ellen Ochoa had the distinction of becoming the first Hispanic American woman to go to space on board the Space Shuttle Discovery on a mission to study the Earth's ozone layer. Ochoa completed three more missions. She became the first Hispanic American director of the Johnson Space Center in 2013. After retiring with 30 years of service she continues to encourage women to pursue careers in STEM. In her words, "I think we need all the best and brightest people working in science and engineering fields, and that is certainly not limited to men or white men or anything like that,"



#### **Cristina Henríquez**

A New York Times Best selling author, Cristina Henríquez has written a collection of stories, novels, and regularly speaks to aspiring writers about the writer's creative and technical process. Cristina who grew up half-American, half-Panamanian, speaks about identity writes about the struggles immigration. A gifted writer with a great talent for creating powerful character portraits Cristina is also author of novel titled Book of Unknown Americans which has been called, "a flawlessly written book about immigration," , Henríquez currently teaches at Northwestern University



#### **Luis von Ahn**

This pioneer of crowd sourcing is a Guatemalan-born American. Luis von Ahn is responsible for two significant contributions to technology. The CAPTCHA system is used almost every time you sign into a new website as those "I am not a robot" interface before accessing certain pages. LuisHe is also the co-founder of Duolingo, a completely free app that has revolutionized language learning.

### **P-CoC Inc Mission**

A professional charity society laser-focused on race and color equity for persons of color, supporting ethnicity, cultural expression, fair treatment, and education for all

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