



**MEChA de UW in conjunction with the Office of
Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMA/D) presents
the 13th annual:**

Adelante Con Educación
(A.C.E.)
Conference

When: May 8th and 9th, 2009
Where: The University of Washington

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To: Interested High School Students

From: El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlán (MEChA) of University of Washington

Subject: 13th Annual Adelante Con Educación (A.C.E.) Conference

El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlán (MEChA) at the University of Washington (UW) will host the 13th Annual Adelante Con Educación (A.C.E.) Conference in collaboration with the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMA/D) on May 8th and May 9th, 2009. The A.C.E. Conference is a major event organized every year for the students, to engage high school students with college students and Chicana/o, Latina/o community issues. The goal of the conference is to help participants acquire an enhanced appreciation for their identity, culture, and for the opportunities available through higher education. The A.C.E. Conference is completely *free* and includes *overnight accommodations** and *transportation**.

(*Accepted Seattle area applicants will be contacted by the conference coordinators regarding overnight accommodations and transportation; Counselors please contact coordinators if you are planning to attend.)

The agenda for the conference will include educational workshops and speakers, classroom and dorm room visitations, campus exposure, cultural entertainment, and a social barbeque. Some of the core workshops include: Financial Aid, Personal Statements, and Admissions. In addition UW students, professors, and community members will facilitate workshops that include cultural empowerment, Chicana/o poetry, and the history of MEChA. By covering various aspects of college life, we hope that you will discover the value of higher education.

MEChA is a student-run organization, oriented toward promoting higher education, self-identity, and historical-cultural knowledge. MEChA creates social change by empowering Chicana/o, Latina/o students through self-determination and political action.

You should receive the applications for the 2009 A.C.E. conference. The application packet includes the 2009 A.C.E. Application, the Student Conduct form, the Parent Permission form, and the tentative itinerary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mayra Rangel (509) 845-0401. The applications should be postmarked by February 27th, 2009.

We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about college, the application and admissions process, and your culture. ¡Qué viva la educación!

Sincerely,

MEChA de UW

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Adelante Con Educación (A.C.E.) Conference

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Student Application Form

Registration Deadline: February 27th, 2009

Please mail this form to: UW Ethnic Cultural Center

Attn: MEChA de UW — Mayra Rangel
3931 Brooklyn Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98105

You may also fax this form to (206) 616-1041. If you have any questions or concerns about the conference please contact Mayra Rangel at (509) 845-0401 and mayraa@u.washington.edu **(Please write legibly & fill out the complete application! Applicants who do not complete section two will not be considered.*

Section 1:

Name (Print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Male ___ Female ___

Email (if available): _____

School: _____

School Phone: (____) _____

School Counselor/Advisor: _____

Grade Level: _____ GPA: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Medications: _____

Do you need any special accommodations? _____

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Do you have a family member that currently attends or has attended college or university? _____

Are you a first generation college student? _____

Please rank your top three interests for a potential major/degree, rank from 1-3 (1 being your top choice).

American Ethnic Studies ____ Education/Teaching ____ Women Studies ____

Engineering ____ Psychology/Sociology ____ Medicine/Science ____ Law ____

Other area of study: _____

What are your top three academic interests: _____

Have you applied to the A.C.E Conference in the past? Yes ____ No ____

Have you attended the A.C.E Conference at the UW in the past years? Yes ____ No ____

What other conferences have you attended focused on higher education? _____

Section 2:

Please write a **500 word minimum** paper or use any other creative method to express your thoughts and the way you can address **one** of the following questions. (Example: one written page, poster, art, music, and/or poetry. Please attach your entry). Your application will not be considered without this section.

1. Describe a solution to a specific problem your community faces.
2. How can you use higher education to improve your life and your community?
3. What barriers or obstacles have you experienced that have impacted your life?

** We will be judging the papers and artwork based on **originality** and **effort**. If you choose the creative method include a detailed statement of how it's related to one of the above questions.*

Applicant Signature

Date:

Due to administration policies we are requiring that applicants obtain the signature and contact information of an academic counselor. This requirement is to affirm that the school is informed that students from their school are applying to this conference.

Counselor Name (Print):

Date:

Counselor Signature

Phone Number:

Email address:



ACE 2009 Tentative Agenda

Day 1--- Friday, May 8th

- 12:00-12:30** Check-In/Registration at the ECC (Ethnic Cultural Center)
- 12:30-1:00** Welcome—ECT (Ethnic Cultural Theater)
- 1:00-1:20** Keynote Speaker
- 1:30-2:20** Lunch
- 2:30-5:20** **Break into groups at the ECC:**

Group 1 & 2:

- 2:30-3:20 pm** Financial Aid/Admissions (Presented by OMA/D)
- 3:30-4:20 pm** MEChA 101 (Presented by MEChA de UW)
- 4:30-5:20 pm** Check-in to hotel

Group 3 & 4:

- 2:30-3:20 pm** MEChA 101 (Presented by MEChA de UW)
- 3:30-4:20 pm** Check-in to hotel
- 4:30-5:20 pm** Financial Aid/Admissions (Presented by OMA/D)

Group 5 & 6:

- 2:30-3:20 pm** Check-in to hotel
- 3:30-4:20 pm** Financial Aid/Admissions
- 4:30-5:20 pm** MEChA 101 (Presented by MEChA de UW)

Counselors:

- 2:30-3:20 pm** Cooperative Schooling (Presenter TBA)

- 5:30-6:10** Dinner at the ECC
- 6:10-6:40** Campus Tour (led by Group Leaders)
- 6:45-7:00** Doors open, Seating at Kane
- 7:00-10:00** Noche de Cultura at Kane
- 10:15** Walk back to Hotel (led by Group Leaders)
- 11:30** Lights out

Day 2--- Saturday, April 28th

- 8:00-8:30** Check Out from Hotel
- 8:30-9:20** Breakfast (Location TBA)

9:20-10:00 2nd Day Welcome at the ECT

10:00- 10:20 Organizational Fair at the ECC

10:30-1:20 **Break into groups at the ECC**

Groups	Session 1 10:30-11:20	Session 2 11:30-12:20	Session 3 12:30-1:20
1 & 2	Creative Workshops	Cultural Empowerment Workshops	Academic Workshops
3 & 4	Academic Workshops	Creative Workshops	Cultural Empowerment Workshops
5 & 6	Cultural Empowerment Workshops	Academic Workshops	Creative Workshops

1:30-1:50 Walk to BBQ (Location TBA)

2:00-3:00 BBQ (Location TBA)

3:00-4:40 Caucus (Location TBA)

4:50-5:10 Walk to the ECT

5:20-6:50 Poetry/Arts Slam at the ECT

7:00 Departure

Application Packet Check list:

Please check to assure you are submitting all of the required documents:

- Completed Application
- Student Contract
- Parent Permission Form



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Student Contract

I _____ agree to participate in all the events during my visitation sponsored by MEChA de UW. I understand that this event is organized for my benefit and my personal development. I also understand that the violation of this agreement will result in the expulsion from the remaining events, and that my guardians will be notified of my expulsion. In signing this contract I agree to:

1. Participate in all planned activities during the conference.
2. Stay with my assigned group at all times
3. Remain on University premises unless given permission from the _____ Conference coordinators.
4. Behave respectfully and responsibly in accordance with the Principles of Unity (Principles of Unity found on Back of Contract).

*** There will be zero tolerance for students that do not comply with the student contract and principles of unity.**

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Emergency Phone Number:(____)_____

This conference was established and has been organized by MEChA de UW for the last 13 years to create opportunities for under-represented students. It is important that ACE participants follow the rules and principles of unity for the future of this conference.



**2009 ACE Conference at the University of Washington
Principles of Unity**

- In accordance with U.W. policy, we ask that no alcohol, drugs or weapons be brought to any MEChA function.
- As an ACE participant you are a guest of the University of Washington and, as such, a number of facilities have been made available for your use. We expect each participant to behave responsibly and to have respect for other campus guests and University Facilities.
- In order to maintain an appropriate level of respect for each other, no Racist, Sexist, or Homophobic remarks and/or actions will be tolerated throughout the conference.
- For security purposes, we ask that all participants (i.e. MEChistAs, high school students, counselors, presenters, and volunteers) wear their official conference registration tags at all times. In the event of losing your nametag please report to the registration table or to one of the conference coordinators.
- All literature must be approved by the hosting campus. No one will be allowed to physically distribute un-approved literature.
- No Greek letters, national flags or anti-MEChA paraphernalia will be allowed in any of the conference events.
- During overnight accommodations hotel chaperones will conduct room check-ins at 10:45pm. If we are unable to locate you at this time or anytime afterwards, we will notify your legal guardians. Lights out at 11:00pm **Note:** For the entire duration of this program, attendees are not allowed to enter the rooms of other attendees without an event organizer.
- All members must sign the Student Contract/Principles of Unity form, prior to attending the ACE Conference.

MEChA de UW reserves the right to ask any conference participant who does not comply with any of these principles, or that causes a disturbance that MEChA de UW finds inappropriate, to leave the Adelante Con Educación (ACE) Conference.

La Union Hace La Fuerza!



Parent Permission/Liability Release Form

Please provide the following information for the student and parent. **You MUST submit this form with the completed application by February 27th, 2009.**

I acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent in field trips, including but not limited to those indicated in Section 1. I acknowledge that all risks cannot be prevented and I assume those risks beyond the control of the University staff. I release the University of Washington (“the University”), and its respective directors, officers, agents, and employees (collectively, “Releasees”) from liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness resulting from my child’s participation in this activity.

- ◆ On behalf of my child and myself, I promise that I will not institute, prosecute, or in any way aid in the prosecution of any claim, demand, action, or cause of action against the Releasees, collectively or any of them individually.
- ◆ In the case of injury or illness, I authorize University representatives to seek all necessary medical attention for my child. In such case, I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible and that my insurance carrier or I am responsible for any and all medical expenses incurred. I remain fully responsible for any actions taken by my child.
- ◆ I understand that my child’s attendance at the ACE conference may involve coverage by the media. I hereby release any claim I may have surrounding rights to my child’s name, image, voice, or likeness, and agree that the University may use my child’s name, image, voice, or likeness in connection with publicity for the University of Washington and its recruitment and outreach/recruitment purposes.
- ◆ I further understand that my child will participate in educational dialogue regarding issues in their community that may be new to them (including information on Identity, Sexuality, Community Concerns, STIs/AIDS, etc). However, students will have the option to not participate during that part of the program.

I verify that I have read and understood this document and agree to its terms.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2009, at _____, Washington.
(City)

Parent/Guardian (signature)

Student (signature)

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Student Information

Medical Restrictions : Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Current Medications: Yes No If yes, please list: _____

Dietary Restrictions: Yes No If yes explain: _____

Physician’s Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____