

English Learner/Multilingual Learner (EL/ML) Education Summit

Building Bridges to Success: Sustaining the Linguistic and Cultural Assets of Connecticut's ELs/MLs

This dynamic statewide gathering will feature collaborative learning, highlights from Connecticut's EL/ML framework, a keynote focused on elevating practices that support multilingual learners, and breakout sessions from the field. Strengthen practices that unlock lifelong potential, recognize the strengths that emerge from diverse languages and cultures, and learn with and from each other to advance our shared mission.

Every strategy we refine and every skill we build helps us create bridges and open pathways to meaningful, lasting success.

Date & Time

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location

Southern CT State University
Michael J. Adanti Student Center
345 Fitch Street
New Haven, CT 06515

Who Should Attend

All educators, including teachers, specialists, administrators, and others

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Info & Registration



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Keynote Speaker: Dr. José Enriquez

"You Are Still the One"

**Creating Stages Where Multilingual Learners
are Seen, Heard, and Empowered**



Dr. José Enriquez

Dr. José Enriquez is the Founder and CEO of Latinos in Action (LIA), a nationally recognized organization serving students in more than 13 states. Born in El Salvador and raised in East Los Angeles, he draws from his lived experience as a multilingual learner to inform his work in education, leadership, and systems change.

He holds a Ph.D. and master's degree in Educational Leadership and a bachelor's degree in Spanish Education with an ESL minor from Brigham Young University (BYU). Dr. Enriquez has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and Director of Title III and Special Programs at the Utah State Office of Education. He is married to Julie Arocha-Enriquez, with their blended beautiful family of seven plus three grandkids, with a fourth on the horizon.

A former NCAA Division I wrestler and two-time national qualifier, he brings a message of resilience, identity, and purpose to his work. Under his leadership, LIA has grown into a national model for student leadership and has received recognition from the White House as a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education in 2015.