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Ciencia Puerto Rico will be at SACNAS! [1]

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For the first time in its nearly 50-year history, **SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science)** [3] **will hold its annual meeting** [4] **in Puerto Rico and CienciaPR will be present!**

The event, which is the national conference for diversity in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), will be held **October 27-29, 2022** at the Puerto Rico Convention Center. It will bring around 5,000 students, leaders, and professionals in the sciences to participate in lectures, research exhibits, professional networking, find role models, and more.

The conference celebrates multidisciplinary and multicultural diversity in STEM and seeks to equip, empower and support participants to succeed in their academic and professional careers. Ciencia Puerto Rico has been collaborating with SACNAS to help them highlight #CienciaBoricua and integrate our identity, flavor and social and political context into the conference activities.

Several members of the CienciaPR team and community are featured as speakers on the main stage of the conference.

Dr. Mónica Feliú Mójer [5], our Director of Communications and Science Outreach will be the master of ceremonies for the conference [6].

Edmy Angélica Ayala Rosado [7], Community Projects Manager, Coordinator of Aquí Nos Cuidamos, and Science Communication Specialist for Ciencia Puerto Rico, will be a speaker at the plenary panel "Ciencia Boricua: Science & Community in Response to Crisis [8]", along with Dr. Fabiola Cruz [9] López and Dr. Rosa Ficek, both members and collaborators of CienciaPR.

Our Executive Director, **Dr. Giovanna Guerrero Medina** [10], will participate in the panel **Speaking up for Science and Policy in Your Community.** [11] This panel session will also include the participation of Dr. Luz Milbeth Cumba García [12] and Dr. Bianca Nicole Valdés Fernández [13], both members of CienciaPR and its initiative the Puerto Rico Science Public Policy and Action Network (also known as PRSPAN).

In addition, **CienciaPR will have a space in the exhibit hall.** We invite you to visit us, meet our team, our projects, participate in the activities we have prepared, take pictures with us, and more! We will be sharing more details of our participation soon. On the other hand, **if you identify as boricua or as a member of our community and you will have some kind of participation in SACNAS, let us know through this form [14] so we can highlight it in our networks and website**. We want to recognize #CienciaBoricua!

The 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference

is year NDiSTEM is back in-person San Juan, Puerto Rico. We are eased to announce our Keynote & eatured Speakers, who will share eir personal journeys through STEM the main stage!

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Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Distinguished Engineer & Master Inventor / IBM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

José Luis Cruz Rivera Ph.D.

President / Northern Arizona University



FEATURED SPEAKER

Raychelle Burks, Ph.D

Associate Professor / American University



FEATURED SPEAKER

Ana Maria Porras, Ph

Assistant Professor / University of Florida



FEATURED SPEAKER

Lydia Jennings, Ph.D.
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Postdoctoral Researcher in Community, Environment and Policy The University of Arizona



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