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Palo Alto College celebrates cultures of south Texas during annual Heritage Month

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will celebrate its 2019 Heritage Month from Sept. 16 to Oct. 14 to honor the indigenous heritages of South Texas. The month will include a series of free events including panel discussions, author readings, artist visits, and more.

A kickoff celebration will take place Monday, Sept. 16, with special guests District 4 City Councilwoman Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia and San Antonio Poet Laureate Dr. Octavio Quintanilla; a blessing featuring Grupo de Danza Azteca Xinachtli; live music from Bombasta; and free food.

All 2019 Heritage Month events at Palo Alto College are free and open to the public. The events are sponsored by several Palo Alto College programs including the Center for Mexican American Studies, Office of Student Life, and the Student Activities Fee. Featured events include:

- Sept. 19: Panel discussion on U.S. immigration situation with social services representatives
- Sept. 24: Author talk and book signing with bestselling Reyna Grande (*The Distance Between Us*, 2012)
- Sept. 30: Plática on ethnic identity terms among Latinx/Hispanic population
- Oct. 2: Panel discussion on gentrification and cultural preservation in San Antonio
- Oct. 8: Artist talk with Ruth Buentello
- Oct. 14: Indigenous People's Day/Día de la Raza Ceremony and exhibit featuring The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas

For a full list of scheduled events including times and locations, visit alamo.edu/pac/heritage-month. Additional information can be requested through Student Life at 210-486-3125.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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