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Tickets on sale for second annual TEDxPaloAltoCollege

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will host the second annual TEDxPaloAltoCollege on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, at the College's Performing Arts Center. The independently produced event, operated under a license from the <u>TED</u> organization, will be organized by faculty, staff, and student volunteers and is aimed at creating dialogue and giving people a forum to share their passions, ideas, and experiences through the event theme – "DARE." Early Bird tickets are on sale for \$25 until Thursday, Aug. 15, at tedxpaloaltocollege.org.

"The success of our inaugural TEDxPaloAltoCollege confirmed the desire for our community to have access to idea-sharing opportunities that enhance personal growth," said Tony Longoria, speech communication instructor at Palo Alto College and lead organizer of TEDxPaloAltoCollege. "The organizing team is working diligently to bring an even better experience this year. Our speaker and performer lineup for 2019 is incredible, and the opportunity to interact and network with a diverse group of people will be unforgettable."

The full-day event will feature innovative ideas from a variety of talks and performances from nearly a dozen scientists, speakers, artists, researchers, entrepreneurs, and bloggers. Each speaker was carefully selected through a rigorous review process to create talks covering a diverse list of topics all aligned with the theme "DARE."

Regular ticket prices are \$35 after Thursday, Aug. 15. Additional discounts may apply for students, military, and senior citizens. To learn more about TEDxPaloAltoCollege, visit tedxpaloaltocollege.org or email pactedx@alamo.edu.

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.

TEDxPaloAltoCollege Speaker List (bios is available at tedxpaloaltocollege.org/speakers)

- Camila Coutinho, international fashion, beauty, and lifestyle blogger
- Caleb Eubanks, content creater and marketer
- Marcus Curtis, digital technology researcher
- Danielle Di-Masi, futurist and media commentator
- Ritthvik Ganesh, dementia researcher
- Rich Malloy, professional musician and business owner
- Alejandro "Otto" Martin, sculpture artist
- Jillian Jordan McFarland, social entrepreneur and sustainability advocate
- Dr. David Morilak, neuroscientist

- Chris Salas, founder of Rolling Inspiration, a support group for individuals with mobile impairments
- Winslow Swart, organizational development consultant

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Monica Lewinsky, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

TED's open and free initiatives for spreading ideas include <u>TED.com</u>, where new TED Talk videos are posted daily; <u>the Open Translation Project</u>, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from thousands of volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative <u>TED-Ed</u>; the annual million-dollar <u>TED Prize</u>, which funds exceptional individuals with a "wish," or idea, to create change in the world; <u>TEDx</u>, which provides licenses to thousands of individuals and groups who host local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the <u>TED Fellows</u> program, which selects innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

Please note that TEDx event organizers are not able to speak for the TED Conference. Any inquiry regarding TED should be sent to Melody Serafino, TEDx Media Liaison, at TEDxPR@ted.com.