

PROGRAM RELEASE, AUGUST 6, 2026

The Program is Here

Fall 2026 Professional Learning Day and Convocation returns to the Gilroy campus on **August 20 and 21**. Two days, seventeen sessions, one campus community coming together to open the year.

DAY ONE

Thu, Aug 20

Professional Learning Day

Optional attendance with hybrid options. Nine sessions across the morning and afternoon, including data literacy, AI-resistant assessment, trauma-informed teaching, and Ethnic Studies.

DAY TWO

Fri, Aug 21

Convocation, In-Person, Mandatory

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Welcome, District Updates, New Employee Celebration, seven workshops across two slots, and department meetings.

REGISTER NOW

Sign up for sessions and reserve your seat

Register online for the sessions you plan to attend so we can plan breakfast, lunch, and materials. [Sign up now.](#)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Reading Apprenticeship

Kyle Hull, Carla Johnson, Scott Sandler, Megan Wong-Lane, Peer Exchange

Gavilan College: Rights & Resources for Undocumented Students

Ricardo Nunez (UFW Foundation) and Omar Macias

AI-Resistant Assessment

Megan Wong-Lane, Peer Exchange, online and recorded

Data Dive

Hazel De Ausen and Nick Salisbury, Computer Lab

Introduction to Chicana Feminism

Dr. Jackie Gamboa, via Zoom

Shift from "What's wrong with this student?" to "What might this behavior be communicating?"

Ryan Shook and Joshua Ramirez, Peer Exchange, online

Program Mapping (hands-on)

Nikki Dequin Bena and Guided Pathways team

Transition to the new LSRC and Other Facilities and Space Updates

Serafin Fernandez and Capital Projects Team

From Punitive to Restorative: Classroom Practices that Uplift Justice-Impacted Students

Robb Rodriguez, Peer Exchange, hybrid

Teaching Behind the Walls: Faculty Insights from Adult In-Custody Education

Annette Gutierrez and faculty panel

Understanding the Employee Complaint and Investigation Process

Lucy Alvarez and Michele Tartala, online

HR Drop-In: Contracts, Banner, Flex Hours, Payroll, and Reporting

Amparo Arteaga, online

Part-Time Faculty are warmly invited and encouraged to attend. Compensation is provided at the current meeting rate (maximum 6 hours per day, excluding lunch and travel).

Full program details and session descriptions are in the accompanying email. [Sign up for sessions](#) · [Payment request form](#)

QUESTIONS

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