

2024 STATE OF THE YOUTH

# CONFERENCE

*Inclusive Economics & Sustainability*

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Lifting up the voices of the next generation of leaders addressing racial, economic, and social issues of today.



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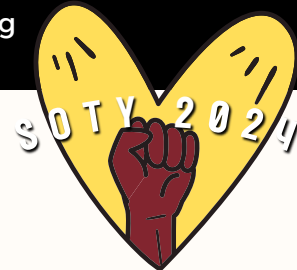
# About the State of the Youth CONFERENCE



The State of the Youth Conference is dedicated to lifting up the voices of the next generation of leaders, addressing today's pressing racial, economic, and social issues. Participants will learn how to become civically engaged in positive advocacy and create actions addressing the most significant issues impacting their communities. Open to youth aged 13-34, this conference employs the "each-one-teach-one" platform, utilizing Music Changing Lives to focus our collective attention, voice, and vision on creating real change. With the ultimate goal of driving impactful solutions across the Inland Empire and expanding throughout Southern and Northern California, this initiative is supported by The California Endowment and other partners.



- Workshops, panels, and keynotes
- Conference materials
- Conference meals and refreshments
- Entertainment and art activities
- Leadership team building
- College, CTE, and employment information
- Swag



Thursday, July 11- Friday, June 12  
University of California, Riverside  
900 University Ave, Riverside, CA 92521

# Music Changing Lives

A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Participants,

My team and I are thrilled to offer this event to you, the next generation of leaders. This conference is dedicated to addressing the pressing racial, economic, and social issues of our time, and we believe in giving you a hand up in this game, not a handout.

We've worked tirelessly behind the scenes to raise funds and awareness to make this conference possible. It is an opportunity for you to learn, grow, and become civically engaged advocates for positive change in your communities.

Supported by The California Endowment and other partners, we hope you leave this conference empowered to drive impactful solutions and create real change. Let's collaborate, learn, and lead together. We are here to support you every step of the way.

*Josiah Bruny*

MCL Founder and CEO



**Theme:** Inclusive Economics & Sustainability

**Mission:** Provide a platform to equitably lift up the voices of the next generation of leaders addressing racial, economic, and social issues of today.

**Vision:** Create civically engaged leaders through activism.

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# Agenda

## Day 1 - July 11

**8:00am** Check-in (HUB 355)

**9:00am** Welcome - Josiah Bruny and Leslie Vargas

**9:15am** Keynote - Edwin Delgado, Office of Supervisor Joe Baca

### Morning Breakout Sessions

**10:00-10:45am**

- Workshop 1A\*: Career Readiness - Ronnie Miller
- Workshop 2B\*\*: Mental Health - La'Toya Berthil

**11:00-11:45am**

- Workshop 3B\*: Policy Change - Dr. Tim Gramling
- Workshop 2A\*\*: Mental Health - La'Toya Berthil

**12:00-12:45pm** Lunch (UCR Dining)

### Afternoon Breakout Sessions

**1:00-1:45pm**

- Workshop 3A\*: Policy Change - Dr. Tim Gramling
- Workshop 1B\*\*: Career Readiness - Ronnie Miller

**2:00-2:45pm**

- Workshop 4B\*: Entrepreneurship - Mia & Kenneth
- Workshop 5A\*\*: Business Finance - Bradley Wilson

**3:00-3:45pm**

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- Workshop 5B\*\*: Business Finance - Bradley Wilson

**4:00-4:30pm** Inclusive Economics

**4:40pm** Closing Remarks - Josiah Bruny

**Group A: Ages 13-17 | Group B: Ages 18-34**  
**HUB 367\* | HUB 379\*\***

# Day 2 - July 12

**8:00am** Check-in (HUB 355)

**9:00am** Welcome - Josiah Bruny and Leslie Vargas

**9:15am** Keynote - Denise Davis, Redlands City Council

## Morning Breakout Sessions

**10:00-10:45am**

- Workshop 6A\*: Career and College Pathways, Tina Davis
- Workshop 7B\*\*: Nutrition - LuAnaa Jauregui

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- Workshop 9B\*\*: Wealth Leadership - Terrance Stewart

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- Workshop 5A\*\*: Leadership - Terrance Stewart

**3:00pm** SOTY Highlight Presentation

**3:15pm** Irving Cervantes

**4:00pm** Participant Certificate Presentation - MCL Board

**4:50pm** Closing Remarks - Jackie Melendez



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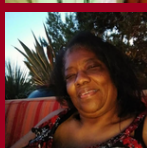


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