



November 3, 2020

California State University Sacramento  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear President Nelsen,

On behalf of Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) and its Board of Directors we applaud your recent award of the Seal of *Excelencia* for your commitment to accelerate Latina student success in higher education. We recognize the value of receiving such an honor which was awarded by Excelencia in Education, a national organization launched in 2004, focused to significantly increase the number of Latinx students attaining college degrees by 2030.

Your strategy for serving Latina transfer students and to intentionally increase Latina student retention and persistence goes beyond academic support. We commend you for taking into consideration the rich diversity within the Latina student population, and the intersectionality that exists within this student group.

We are elated to have a partnership with Sacramento State to provide opportunities to your Latina students. Having students from the Migrant Program attend our two flagship conferences, Latina History Day and Latina Action Day, has been rewarding for all. We also have internship opportunities, as well as, The HOPE College Leadership Program (HCLP) which is designed to engage Latina college students and recent grads (ages 18-24) to support them in developing their leadership, advocacy, and professional skills through training and access to a professional network. We invite you to share these resources with your Latina students.

Your commitment to students is deserving of this prestigious award. We look forward to partnering with Sacramento State to continue to build and provide resources for the successes of Latina students. We congratulate Sacramento State for a job well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Torres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Torres  
Executive Director and CEO, HOPE