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The Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists attended the 2023 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers National Convention in Salt Lake City in November.

## Latino professionals network

By Jonathan Canas  
STAFF WRITER

If you have ever passed by the SOLES organization table on Seventh Street you have most likely heard the sounds of Latin music playing from the speakers while they try to tell students what they are all about.

The Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists (SOLES), founded in 1980, is recognized as a student organization associated with Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering at San José State University, according to its website.

They are a student chapter of MAES: Latinos in Engineering and Science Inc. and Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, according to the same website.

MAES is a non-profit organization that promotes and advances representation of Latino leadership and education in STEM, according to its website.

Jose Sarabia, the current president of SOLES, said he was swayed by the music the SOLES organization was playing during the SJSU Weeks of Welcome in 2022.

"I was walking through Seventh Street and I heard some banda, and I've never heard banda being played on campus," Sarabia said. "I turned around and saw that they have this big flag that said Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists."

He said SOLES does a lot of professional events and tries to connect members with industry professionals in Silicon Valley as well as host social events to build a sense of community.

Sarabia said you don't have be Latino to join the club.

"We got national recognition for getting chapter of the year out of all chapters in the United States," he said. "Mainly for our engagement, we post a lot of our events on Instagram."

Sarabia said SOLES also hosted

the MAES leadership academy at SJSU.

He said SOLES board members and regular members also go to conventions. One of those conventions is for SHPE, which is the largest gathering of ispanic STEM students and professionals according to its website.

"We're an SHPE chapter here at SJSU but there's others across the United States," Sarabia said. "There's undergrad chapters, community college chapters and professional chapters and all these chapters attend the conference."

Sarabia said this year SOLES got sponsorships from Adobe, Google and Cadence. Associated Students, the dean of engineering and Mesa engineering program helped fund the students as well.

Mechanical engineering senior, Antonio Hueso, the senior vice president of outreach, said SOLES also hosts networking events for students.

"We have professional events and networking events," Hueso said. "Professional events would entail resume workshops which are tailored towards engineers."

Hueso said Cisco and Adobe are two companies that have helped with resume building workshops that everyone in SOLES can take advantage of.

"When I first joined we would have around 20-25 people attend in person in our general meetings, now we have close to 50 people attending," he said. "It's not just students either. We have actual professionals and guest speakers come in."

Hueso said the club is now at around 150 members.

He said one of the jobs of being the vice president of outreach is being the middleman between the students and companies that support the club.

"I talk to them and schedule events that would benefit our members on specific dates and times," Hueso said.

Aerospace engineering senior Jamie Salinas will be taking over as VP of outreach upon Huesos graduation this spring according to Sarabia.

"For me SOLES is a familia, it's not a place but it's a group of people you really connect with on a deeper level since it's hard to find Latinos in STEM," Salinas said.

Sarabia said networking was one key takeaway he took from his time in the SOLES organization.

"Students don't realize the importance of networking, you could have a 4.0 GPA but if you don't know anyone it's going to be hard to find a job," he said. "For me joining organizations like SOLES or any organization just expands their network and it helps find a community."

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## Council approves youth services

By Melissa Alejandres  
STAFF WRITER

City Council unanimously approved a status report for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan Tuesday evening at City Hall.

The Children and Youth Services Master Plan seeks to create and expand opportunity pathways from youth to adulthood, according to a presentation by the City of San José.

Angel Rios, the deputy city manager of the City of San José, began the discussion of the master plan.

"The Children and Youth Services Master Plan will serve as a strategic road map by mobilizing, integrating and coordinating programs and services across city departments," Rios said.

Rios said public entities, educational institutions, service providers, private sectors, communities and community-based organizations will be working together to leverage community resources.

Within this plan are strategic priority areas. These are critical objectives that are focused on ensuring an organization's long-term goal, according to a webpage from Peoplebox.

Seven areas fall under the strategic priority areas all having an expected outcome, according to the same presentation by the City of San José.

Areas of focus include early learning and child care, health and mental wellness, housing access and security, learning and empowerment, meaningful and sustaining jobs, safe, clean, and connected communities and the System of Care "safety net"

The City of San José's System of care, "Safety-Net," will allow youth and their families to have access to safety-net services, supports and opportunity pathways.

### Health and mental wellness

"Although the pandemic is behind us, it has left many young people struggling to recover from the impact," Hoang said.

The expected outcome of this area of focus is to provide youth with access to holistic support throughout their development journey, according to a presentation from the City of San José City Council.

Jane Kovac, a recreation leader at Seven Trees

Community Center, spoke during the public comment portion about how after-school art programs impacted her mental health.

"(As) someone who was experiencing pretty severe mental health issues," Kovac said "I definitely can fully say that having these art programs, for some people, is between life and death."

### Early learning and child care

Deitra Hoang, a San José City youth commissioner, led the presentation for the master plan and broke down the strategic priority areas.

"All parents (and) caregivers want to have options and choices to affordable and accessible early learning childcare opportunities," Hoang said.

### Housing access and security

"The high cost of housing and housing instability forces families to work multiple jobs to meet their basic needs," Hoang said.

She said that this impacts the quality of life and includes fewer opportunities for parents to spend time with their children and less access



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City Councilmembers listen to policy speaker Sylvia Arena at a meeting Tuesday.

to money for tutoring or aftercare programs.

### Learning and empowerment

This area is supposed to help graduates from high school and help youth to have opportunities to explore different educational pathways.

Educational pathways is a way to describe the different ways that individuals move through the educational system, according to a webpage from the Australian

Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Hoang said there are also opportunities to learn different topics including financial literacy or tax filing assistance.

### Meaningful and sustaining jobs

This area of focus ensures that youth can reach their full potential and enter adulthood with essential skills required for entry into the employment of their choice, according to a presentation by the City of

San José City Council.

Anastasia, a community member who's been living in San José for 18 years, showed support for the program.

"Our children will have access to critical resources such as childcare, educational and job training, leadership development, and physical and mental health services," she said.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Spring 2024

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10 years

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# Spartans bloom during spring semester



PHOTOS BY NIKITA BANKAR

- #1: A collection of red, white, yellow, purple and pink flowers decorate the Global Student Network table on Seventh Street Plaza during the “Make Your Own Flower Bouquet” event on Tuesday afternoon.
- #2: Members from Global Student Network ask students waiting in line which flowers they would like in their bouquets.
- #3: Criminology senior Mariam Roshdy smiles after picking the yellow and pink flowers for her personal bouquet.
- #4: Computer science junior Atishay Jain and computer science junior Khushi Chandra smile brightly as they snap a selfie with their personalized flower arrangements.
- #5: Members from the Global Student Network laugh together as they set aside vibrant bouquets to take home.
- #6: A variety of vivid flowers sit in a basket, wrapped in foggy plastic and waiting to be selected by students.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



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# When it comes to fashion, do you



**Melissa Alejandres**  
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It does not matter what you choose to wear, people will always have unnecessary comments to give, whether it is negative or positive so I say just wear what you want.

Choose what is authentic to you, that is what I did, even if it took me a while to get there.

When I stroll through memory lane and look back at the 13-year-old me who wanted nothing more than to fit in, I think to myself, “Why would I want to blend in when I can stand out?”

Middle school was rough because it was a time when my family was struggling a lot financially.

Although I tried to never let it bother me I got bullied very often. No one else is more

when it comes to fashion. They will pick on you like vultures picking at a carcass.

Back then brands like Abercrombie were super popular, and don't get me started with the hoodies stitched with the words Hollister on them.

I would beg my mom to take me to the mall, but at the time my family had more important things to worry about than some Hollister sweater.

So instead we would often hit up our local thrift store where you could find clothing brands like Hollister, and a lot more for a much cheaper price.

I would go through the racks over and over until I could find something trendy.

one thing that stood out to me, and of course, I picked it immediately.



I will never forget how it looked. It was a washed-out deep sky blue thin hoodie with buttons stitched onto the sleeves. The final touch that made it look like a middle school girl-approved fashion choice was the Hollister bird logo at the bottom of the sweater.

The next day after purchasing it, I knew I would run into the Hollister queen bees at

my school. Immediately after seeing me in my new sweater, they started questioning why my sweater looked worn out and when I had bought it.

I started panicking and it felt like I was choking on one of those round colorful hard candies that your mom warns you to stay away

from as a kid. It felt like those candies were lodged in my throat and I was gasping for air. So I did what any other 13-year-old kid would do: lie, deny and lie some more. Even though they didn't deserve an explanation they finally left me alone after I said, “I bought this a long time ago.” That day after school I looked at myself in the mirror and I started to despise that sweater.

I wanted to rip it into pieces, but at the same time, the previous owner must have sprinkled some magic on it.

The magic of standing up for yourself was something I was struggling to do at that moment.

For some reason what happened with the blue sweater left me feeling different than other

times that my clothes had been inspected and judged by my middle school bullies.

As time passed the middle school queen bees got less vicious and I slowly started realizing something.

Why did I care so much?

Deep down inside, I liked the sweater, it felt like it was made for me even if it looked like it went through World War II.

I realized I only cared because the queen bees cared. So I stopped caring because I realized that I can not control people's opinions.

As I got closer to the end of my time at middle school, I would not think twice about saying or stressing over where I got

my clothes from. I proudly wore any washed-out or ripped thrifted clothes.

I stopped living for others and started living for myself and while it may not sound like a big deal now, it was to my 13-year-old self.

I have grown to like fashion, it doesn't matter if it is Gucci or thrifted, you can rock anything.

I have received the most compliments on my thrifted clothes and now thrifting has become a fashion trend.

If someone is bothered by your authenticity like the queen bees were then that is something they are battling within themselves.

Authenticity is the number one thing no one can take away from you and the queen bees never took it from me.

I have grown to like fashion, it doesn't matter if it is Gucci or thrifted, you can rock anything.

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critical than middle school girls especially

One day, while thrift shopping I finally found

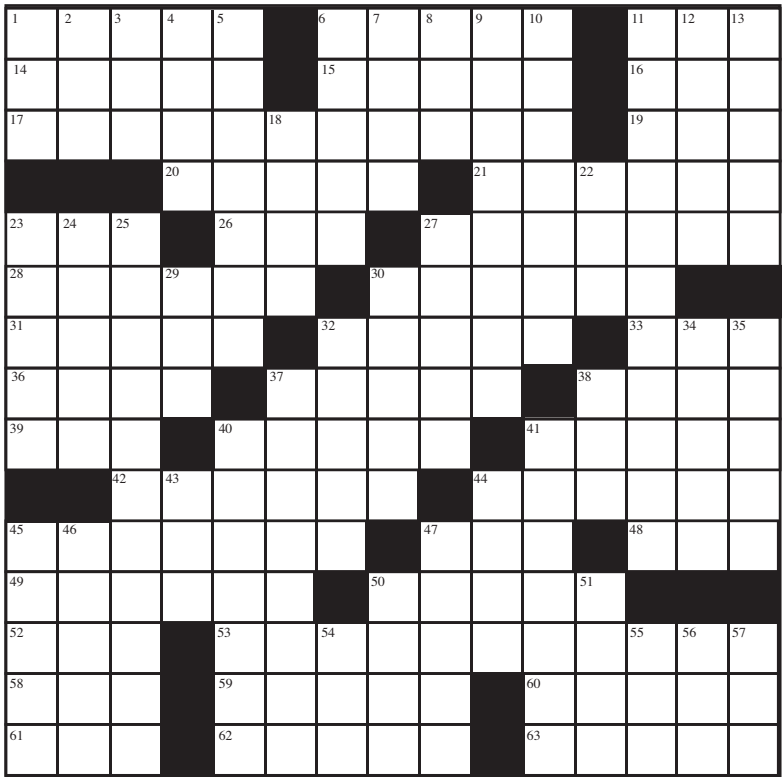
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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



#### ACROSS

- Interspersed with
- West Indies island
- Response to a scarecrow
- Chocolate source
- Rope fiber
- "You --- what you eat"
- Corner Superman in a Central Park mix-up?
- Batter's achievement
- Ravel's "Daphnis et ---"
- "Jurassic Park" beast
- Aviv
- Make dates disappear?
- Bumbles
- The Gipper
- Spa indulgence
- Like a rainbow
- Puts up the cash
- Morning castoffs
- Sound enhancer
- Early Britishers
- Tantrum thrower
- Cheerleader's requirement
- Car payments?
- Be put out to pasture
- The Maldives, e.g.
- "--- Age" (Rodin work)
- Proverbial laugh

#### DOWN

- Word before and after "oh"
- Mo. to remember Columbus
- "Traffic" cop
- "Give it a try"
- Fancy cravat
- Vex
- NAFTA signer
- Recruit's refuge
- Strong chemical bases
- OPEC foolishness in a Central Park mix-up?
- Shady retreat
- Low dams
- Scheme
- Classy org.?
- Hobo
- Uncanny
- Need a mate in a Central Park mix-up?
- Pursuits of good reporters
- Wow!
- Yosemite attraction
- Dinner alerts
- Flashy and sporty
- Transport for Prince Charming
- Topple
- Hipster's pal
- Clipper's target
- Cigar-puffing TV wit
- Lateral lead-in
- fide
- Barbarian
- Hawk's haven
- Tree used for canoes
- Stumbling block
- Smelting waste
- Mai ---
- Finish line
- Perch, at first
- They're all in the family

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

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### SOLUTIONS

April 10

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## JOKIN' AROUND

What did the shy pebble wish for?

That she was a little boulder.

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