

SAN JOSE STATE

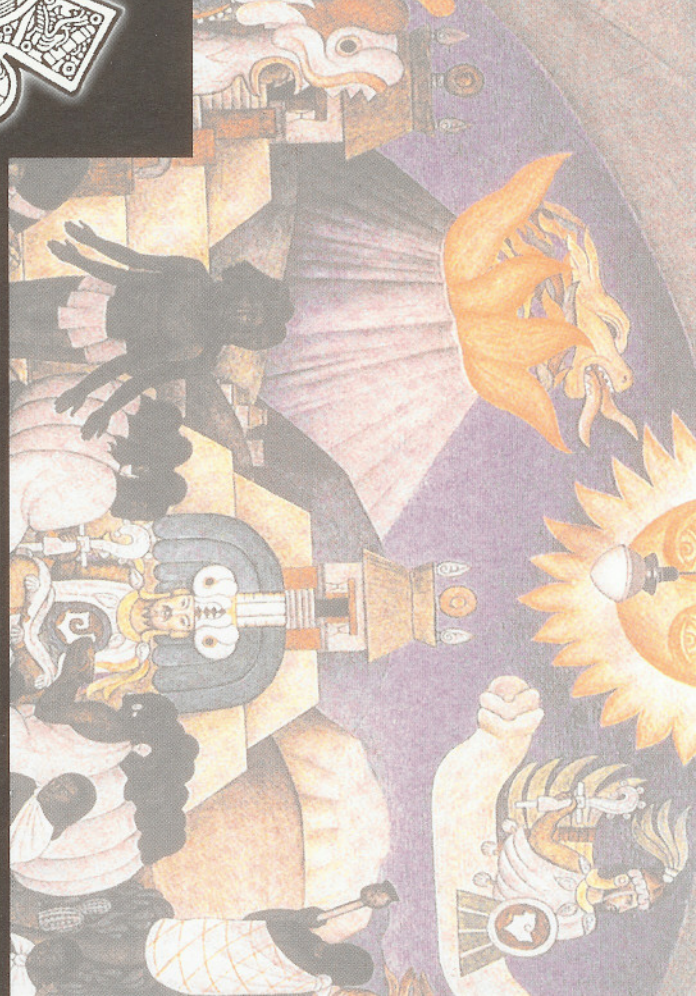
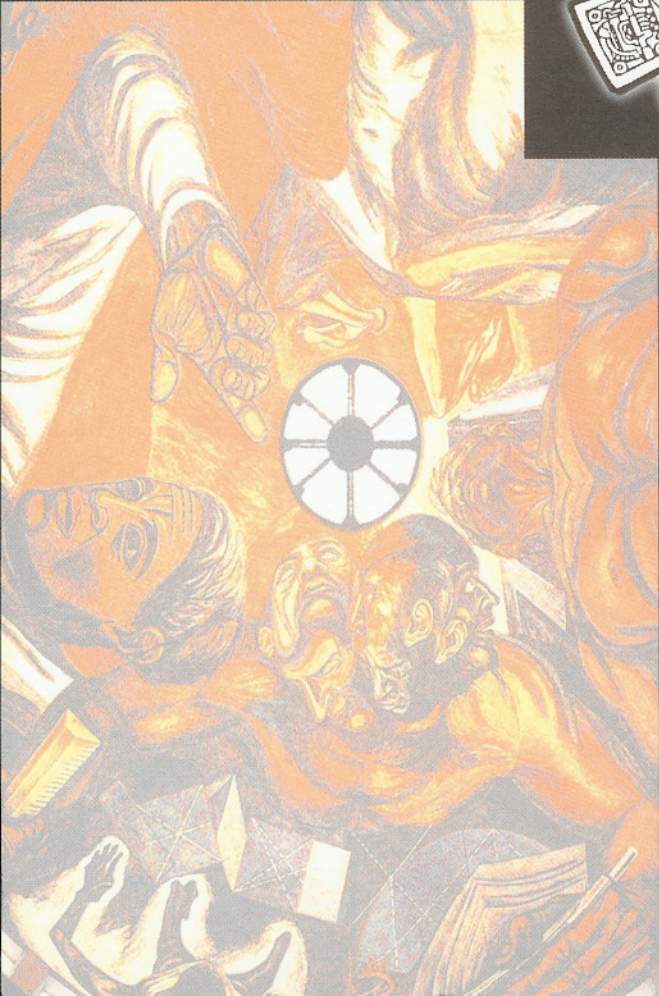
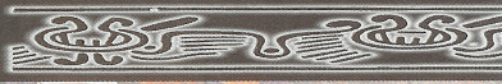
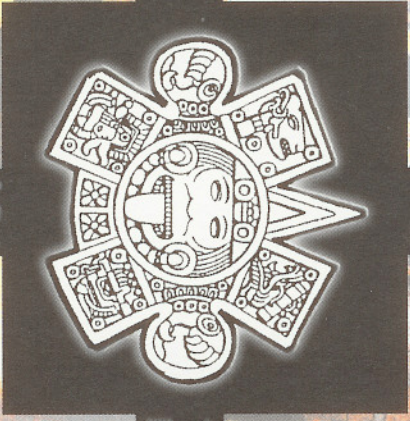
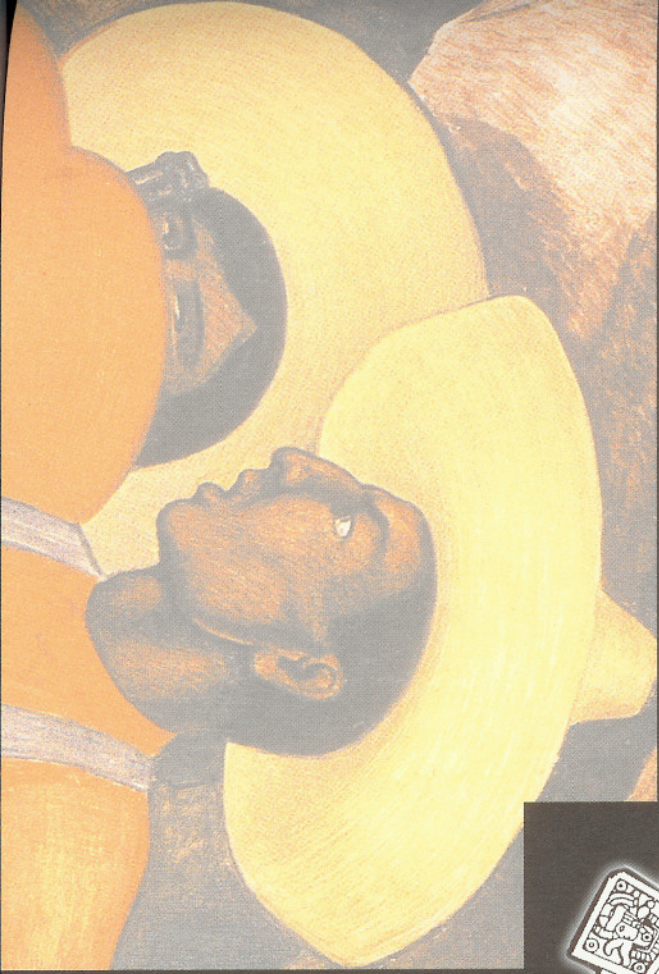


CHICANO

MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 2000

COMMENCEMENT

30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



# EL ENLACE DE NUESTRA GENTE HACIA UN NUEVO SIGLO

WELCOME RAZA, TO THE 30TH ANNUAL CHICANO COMMENCEMENT. THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO TAKE "COMMENCEMENT" BACK TO ITS ROOTS. AS GRADUATES, WE HAVE REFERRED TO OURSELVES AS CHICANOS, LATINOS, MEXICANOS, MEXICAN-AMERICANS AND HISPANICS. HOWEVER, WE MUST PAY HOMAGE TO THE CHICANOS WHO BROKE DOWN BARRIERS TO PUT THIS VERY ORGANIZATION TOGETHER. WE WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN HONOR OF THE HANDFUL THAT PUSHED THE ENVELOPE TO PUT THE FIRST CHICANO COMMENCEMENT TOGETHER. AS WE ENTER THIS NEW CENTURY, WE MUST NOT FORGET THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S COMMENCEMENT IS "THE EMBRACE OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARDS A NEW CENTURY." WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESSES OF YESTERYEAR; WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REALIZING OUR JOURNEY IS NOT COMPLETE. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC FOR THE CONTINUED STRUGGLE WE AS A RAZA FACE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM.

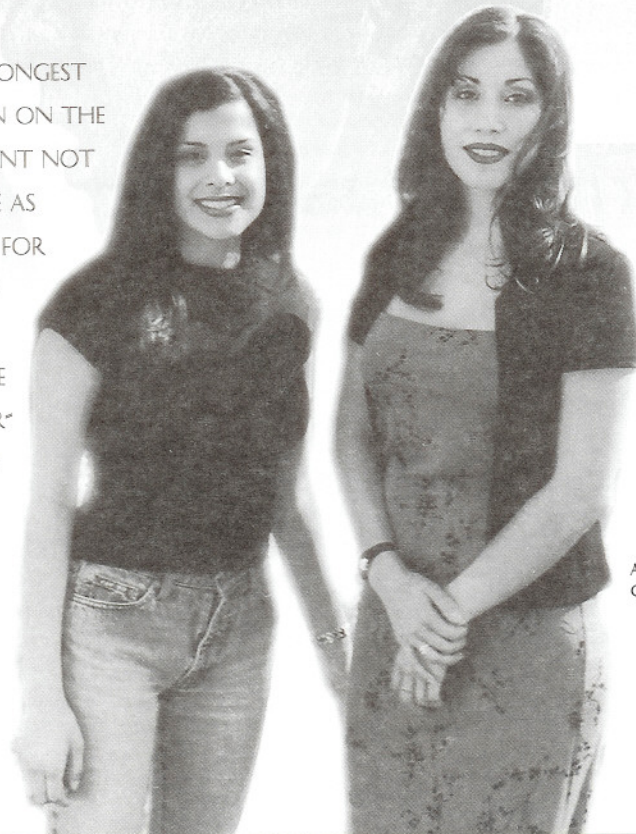
SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHICANO COMMENCEMENT IS ONE OF THE LONGEST RUNNING AND MOST RESPECTED CHICANO GRADUATIONS. WE HAVE TAKEN ON THE CHALLENGE TO ORGANIZE SUCH AN EVENT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AS WELL. PUTTING ON AN EVENT OF THIS CAPACITY WAS NO SMALL FEAT, AND FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE ON THIS GLORIOUS DAY.

OUR SUCCESS IS DUE TO OUR OWN COURAGE AND STRENGTH, YET IT IS THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS THAT IT HAS PROSPERED AND FLOURISHED. FINALLY, WE NOW STRIVE TO SERVE AS INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW IN OUR PATHS.

"WE TEACH WHAT WE LEARN, AND THE CYCLE GOES ON."

JOAN L. CURCI

CELESTE BORBÓN  
Co-CHAIR



ALEJANDRA ALVARADO  
CHAIR

# M. C.'S



PERLA MARINA ARELLANO

BORN AND RAISED IN SAN JOSÉ, PERLA HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE BERRYESSA COMMUNITY FOR 13 YEARS. PERLA IS AN ALUMNI OF SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY. SHE GRADUATED IN MAY OF 1999 WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION.



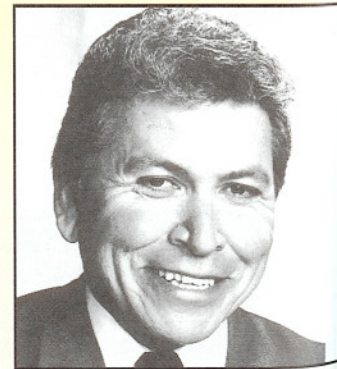
JOSÉ A. RODRIGUEZ

JOSÉ A. RODRIGUEZ FROM CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA MEXICO NAMED BUREAU CHIEF FOR METRO NETWORK IN SAN JOSÉ MORNING NEWS ANCHOR FOR RADIO ROMANTICA RADIO TRICOLOR NETWORK FREELANCE PROMOTIONS FOR UNIVISION 14, SAN FRANCISCO, CA. DJ OF THE YEAR 1996. EL SOL 2000 AWARD  
PLAY BY PLAY ANNOUNCER IN SPANISH FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON OF THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1996). RADIO AND TV PERSONALITY SINCE 1975 IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. SOLO ALGUNOS DATOS DE MI CARRERA PARA NO TOMAR DEMASIADO ESPACIO EN EL PROGRAMA NOS VEMOS, DIOS MEDIANTE EL 28 DE

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RIGO CHACON JOINED KGO TELEVISION TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AS A GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER AND IMMEDIATELY OPENED CHANNEL 7'S SOUTH BAY BUREAU, THE FIRST SANTA CLARA COUNTY BUREAU OF ANY SAN FRANCISCO BASED TELEVISION STATION. TODAY, RIGO'S PRINCIPAL AREAS OF COVERAGE ARE SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, ALAMEDA, SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY AND SOUTH BENITO COUNTIES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED TO REPORT FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA.

WHILE AT SAN JOSE'S KNTV - CHANNEL 11 FOR TWO YEARS IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES, RIGO WON AN EMMY AWARD AS A PRODUCER. SINCE THEN, HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS BROADCAST AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS INCLUDING A SECOND EMMY FOR GENERAL NEWS REPORTING. HE HAS BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE SILVER CIRCLE FOR THE BAY AREA CHAPTER THAT INCLUDES PROFESSIONALS IN BROADCASTING WHO HAVE DEDICATED MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF THEIR CAREER TO THE BAY AREA.



RIGO CHACON  
KGO TELEVISION  
SOUTH BAY BUREAU CHIEF

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WE ARE BORN INTO THE WORLD LIKE A BLANK CANVAS AND EVERY PERSON THAT CROSSES OUR PATH TAKES UP  
THE BRUSH AND MAKES THEIR MARK UPON OUR SURFACE

SO IT IS THAT WE DEVELOP

BUT WE MUST REALIZE THERE COMES A DAY THAT WE MUST TAKE UP THE BRUSH AND FINISH THE WORK FOR  
ONLY WE CAN DETERMINE IF WE ARE TO BE JUST ANOTHER PAINTING

OR A MASTERPIECE

-JAVAN