

Good morning,

I am Dr. Veronica Garcia, the president of Northeast Lakeview College. Welcome to our 9th Annual Pedagogy Conference.

It is such a pleasure to see all of you here today. I know that for many of you, this is not your first time to attend, and we do appreciate your continued support of our Pedagogy Conference.

To those of you who are attending for the first time, we hope that you will find something you can take back with you to your campus to foster successful students.

We are proud of our college faculty and staff for endeavoring each year to present best practices that have come from the classroom.

The theme of this year's Conference is "*Inclusive Education: Equity, Participation, and Opportunity*".

The sessions will focus on how to make the classroom inclusive to include gender, age, ethnicity, and abilities/disabilities.

A Bit about the Conference:

This Conference originally began with the focus on English instruction and instructors at the college level. However, 6 years ago, the Committee decided to expand and include other institutions, students, faculty of all disciplines. It has grown markedly since its inception in 2010.

In fact, this year's Conference boasts more sessions and the largest attendance ever.

There are more presenters from outside of the Alamo Colleges to include Seguin ISD and UTSA. We also have a greater number of high school teachers in attendance.

I would like to thank the Pedagogy Committee for their hard work in presenting the Conference. Once again, welcome to Northeast Lakeview College!