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720 12th Street, Modesto, CA 95354



## *A letter from the Executive Director*

*Dear Esteemed Teachers, Food Service professionals, Facilities Personal, Transportation professionals, and all the invaluable staff and leaders of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs,*

As Executive Director of the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, it is both an honor and a joy to welcome you to the **2025 California Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Conference!**

Bringing this conference back after 20 years, in partnership with our incredible California MSHS grantees, wasn't just a decision—it was a calling. We knew it was time to create a space designed especially for you, the heart and hands of our program.

Every session, every track, and every detail of this conference was built with your work in mind. Whether you support our children through education, health, transportation, nutrition, maintenance, or leadership, there is something here for you.

Our session topics include **Early Education: Infant Toddler/PreSchool/ PFC, Auxiliary Services, Behavioral & Social/Environmental Health, Family Child Care, and Leadership/ Management.** We've also created a special one-day experience tailored to those in **Food Services, Transportation, Custodial Services, and Governance.**

This conference is more than just learning—it's a celebration of your contributions, a chance to connect with fellow MSHS staff from across the country, and a reminder that you are not alone in this work. You are part of a powerful, compassionate movement that makes a difference in the lives of farmworker families every single day.

Thank you for showing up—for this conference, for your teams, and most importantly, for the farmworker children and families who count on you. Your dedication helps build brighter futures, and is essential to the process of feeding our nation!

With deep gratitude,

Cleofas Rodriguez, Jr.  
Executive Director



# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MODESTO**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Time	Event	Location
12:00pm	Vendor Set Up	Pre-Function Area
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Registration Opens	Pre-Function Area
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Opening General Session	Grand Ballroom
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome Reception	Banquet Area

## MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

Time	Event	Location
7:30am – 8:30am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
<b>FULL DAY INTENSIVES</b> 8:30am – 5:00pm	Governance	<b>Martin Petersen Event Center</b> (Room 1 & 2)
	Facilities/Custodial	<b>Tom Changnon Education Center</b> (Orestimba Room)
	Transportation	<b>Tom Changnon Education Center</b> (McClathy Room)
	Food Services	<b>Martin Petersen Event Center</b>
8:30am – 10:00am	Breakout Session A	Rooms Vary
10:00am – 10:30am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:30am – 12:00pm	Breakout Sessions B	Rooms Vary
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Breakout Sessions C	Rooms Vary
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Breakout Sessions D	Rooms Vary

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

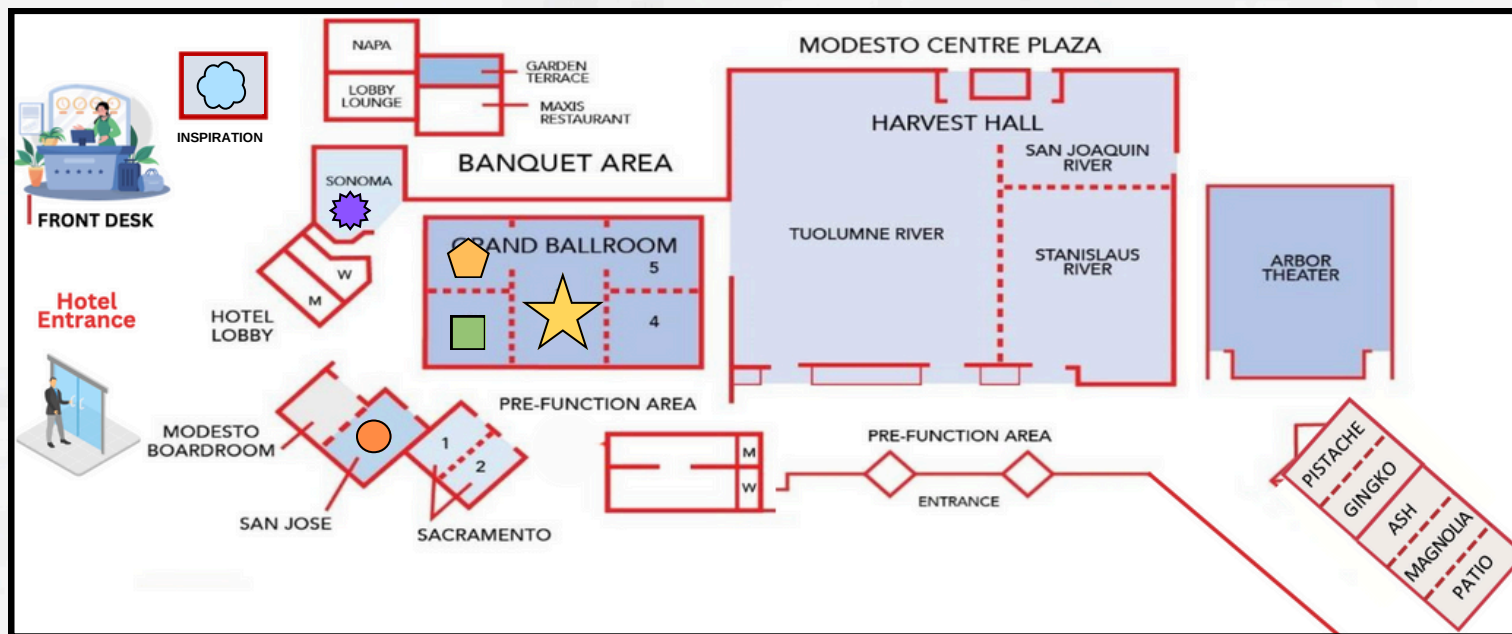
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7:30am – 8:30am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
8:30am – 10:00am	Breakout Session E	Rooms Vary
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10:30am – 12:00pm	Breakout Sessions F	Rooms Vary
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Breakout Sessions G	Rooms Vary
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Breakout Sessions H	Rooms Vary

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

Time	Event	Location
9:00am – 10:30am	<b>Closing Conversation with</b> Cleofas Rodriguez, Jr. <i>NMSHSA Executive Director</i>	Ballroom Area
10:30am	<b>LIGHT LUNCH</b>	

# DoubleTree by Hilton Modesto

## Map & Key



**Opening Session & Closing Conversation**



**Early Education: Infant Toddler/Pre-School/ PFC**



**Auxiliary Services**



**Behavioral & Social/Environmental Health**



**Family Child Care**



**Leadership/ Management**



# Stanislaus County Office of Education

## Map & Key



**Transportation**



**Food Services**



**Facilities/Custodial Services**



**Governance**

### **Free parking is available for SCOE visitors in the following lots:**

- Event Center Lot (behind the Event Center; between the alley and 13th Street)
- 12th Street Garage - 7th Floor only (entrance on 12th street between H & J Streets)
- 14th Street Lot (between G & H Streets)

### **Please consider the following suggestions:**

- Come early - Just in case parking takes longer than expected.
- Carpool with other participants if possible.
- Parking on G Street between 11th and 12th (no time limit)
- Observe posted time limits when parking on the street.

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OREGON  
CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
COALITION

Former Migrant and Seasonal  
Head Start Student



**YONNY CASTILLO**

## About Yonny

Yonny is a former farmworker child from Parkdale, Oregon, and a proud alumnus of the Oregon Child Development Coalition's Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program.

In 2014, he participated in the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association's Summer Internship Program, where he was placed with Farmworker Justice in Washington, D.C. Shortly after, he graduated from Willamette University with a degree in Latin American Studies and Spanish.

## A Quote from Yonny's Time as an Intern

*The NMSHSA Internship changed my life for the better, it allowed me to see my true potential within myself, and for that I am forever grateful. I carry a bit of my experience as part of this internship program wherever it is that I go. I now know that I am capable of greatness in this society, regardless of the color of my skin or my background. I hope that just as everyone associated with NMSHSA, I can also help inspire others!*



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**ILDA MARTINEZ**

## **About Ilda**

Ilda Martinez is the Program Manager at the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association. She oversees the fulfillment of projects and supports in research partnerships. She is a Gates Millenium Scholar and a recent graduate of the International Education Program at The George Washington University (GWU). She was previously a Cisneros Graduate Fellow for the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at GWU where she worked as a Student Support Assistant. She received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Communication at the University of South Florida and served on the board of the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) during her undergraduate years and later joined them as a Family Support Worker.

Ilda first joined NMSHSA as an intern in 2015 working in the Office for Civil Rights in the Department of Education where she advocated for Head Start families. As a current alumna of the NMSHSA internship program and a former RCMA child herself, she is passionate and excited to contribute to further advancing and serving the migrant community.

## **A Quote from Ilda's Time as an Intern**

*NMSHSA helped me break my own barriers and gave me the confidence to continue to pursue my passion in education. Being able to come from a small town into our nation's capital was a phenomenal experience that I wouldn't change for the world. I am excited to see NMSHSA grow in the next couple years and will always support them as they continue to empower other students in the migrant community like me.*



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**LIONOR GALINDO**

## About Lionor

Lionor Rosio Galindo Cardenas is a proud former Migrant and Seasonal Head Start student from Sunnyside, Washington. In 2015, she was selected as a Summer Intern with the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, where she was placed at the Peace Corps in the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity.

Soon after, she earned her Master of Science degree in Child Development from the University of California, Davis.

Today, Lionor serves as the Political Legislative Coordinator for the United Farm Workers, where she proudly advocates for farmworker communities across the country.

## A Message to MSHS Staff from Lionor

*To the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start staff—keep being the stability our young preschoolers need. You are not just your job title; you are the consistent, caring adult they can count on, day in and day out. You are the foundation that helps children thrive in kindergarten and grow into the leaders, advocates, and mentors our communities need. Keep showing up with patience, joy, and flexibility—because you are the person they look forward to seeing daily. Your impact lasts a lifetime.*



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**JANET DOMINGUEZ**

## About Janet

Janet Dominguez is a 25-year-old from Mountain Home, Idaho, and a proud alumna of the Community Council of Idaho Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs. In 2021, she was selected as a Summer Intern for the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, where she worked with the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs in Washington, D.C.

Janet graduated from the University of Idaho in 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. She currently works as a line worker at Marathon Cheese Corporation while continuing to pursue her long-term goal of becoming a dentist.

Outside of work, Janet enjoys spending time with her family and helping run her mom's cooking channel on YouTube, where they share delicious homemade recipes and family traditions.

## A Message to MSHS Staff from Janet

*Thank you for all your hard work. The impact you leave on your students' lives is incredibly profound. None of it could be possible without any of you.*



# ONE-DAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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3:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Breakout Sessions 4	Rooms Vary