



Language Careers: Utilizing Your Bilingual Spanish Skills

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Panelists Bio Sheet

Alba Dillon (Mendiola)



Alba Dillon is a teacher, writer, media literacy speaker, and 2021-2022 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Awardee. She is also a bilingual educator with more than five years of teaching experience, primarily in underserved neighborhoods. In her television career, she received seven Chicago regional Emmy® Awards as an investigative reporter with Telemundo Chicago, including best reporter and outstanding single investigative story. Alba has also participated as a speaker, panelist, moderator, and masters of ceremonies in several conferences organized by non-for-profits, universities, and schools in the US and Mexico.

Mario Lucero



Mario Lucero (he, him, his) is a UIC LAS alum of the Latin American and Latino Studies graduate program, and a former team member of the UIC Latino Cultural Center. Currently, Mario is a Strategist with The Nova Collective, a Black and women-owned consulting firm based in Chicago, devoted to transforming organizational cultures with greater diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Adrian M. Villarreal, M.Ed.



Adrian Villarreal is a double alum from UIC, earning his Bachelor's degree in 2017 and Master's Degree in 2020. Born and raised on the southside of Chicago, Adrian has always sought out opportunities to mentor and serve as a positive male role model for others. Being the first in his family to attend and graduate from a university, Adrian overcame many challenges and learned how to leverage his professional and personal skills to engage in opportunities, which includes actively serving on the UIC Alumni Association Board. With over 5 years of higher education and non-profit experiences, Adrian currently works as a Program Manager for iMentor, a non-profit and mentorship organization that focuses on supporting and mentoring first-generation, underrepresented college students.