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# WELCOME



February 3rd, 2017

Dear Future Educator,

Project Tomorrow welcomes you to the 2017 Educators Rising California San Diego Conference. We hope you find the day informative, insightful, and engaging!

You probably already know that California and the nation are in desperate need for new teachers in the next decade, especially in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. No doubt you also are aware of the profound impact that teachers have on their students, an impact that can change lives. To be honest, it is not an easy job, but the rewards outweigh the demands. We truly believe that this is the perfect time for you to begin down the teacher preparation pathway by expanding your knowledge about careers in teaching and education.

To help you do that, today's conference agenda includes a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, panels, and a college fair, which are all designed to encourage you as you pursue your future career.

Thank you in advance for your active participation in today's conference. The Project Tomorrow team looks forward to helping you become tomorrow's educators, leaders, innovators, and engaged citizens of the world.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Evans, Ed.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Project Tomorrow

## Educators Rising California

Educators Rising is a national network of students and teacher leaders who are inspired and excited by the teaching profession.

Our Vision: Every teacher in America has the skills and experience to help all students achieve their potential.

Our Mission: Educators Rising cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession.

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## Aztecs for Education

Our Mission Statement: Aztecs for Education is a supportive network of Teacher Candidates whose aim is to make a difference in the community through outreach programs and gain valuable experiences that will help us be effective teachers and learners. We Teach, Learn, and Care.

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### Teach! Learn! Care!



# AGENDA

Check-In & Registration	<b>8:00-8:40 AM</b>
Welcome & Introduction – Julie A. Evans, Ed.D	<b>8:40-8:55 AM</b>
Keynote Speaker - David J. Johns	<b>8:55-9:25 AM</b>
Student Activity	<b>9:25-9:40 AM</b>
Session I Workshops	<b>9:50-10:30 AM</b>
Session II Workshops	<b>10:35-11:15 AM</b>
Lunch & College Fair	<b>11:15-12:05 AM</b>
Session III Workshops	<b>12:10-12:50 PM</b>
Session IV Workshops	<b>12:55-1:35 PM</b>
Closing & Evaluations	<b>1:40-2:00 PM</b>

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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## David J. Johns

Anyone who knows David J. Johns knows that he is passionate about children—specifically about ensuring that all children receive the cognitive, social and emotional support needed to excel. David most recently served as the executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and was appointed to lead the Initiative by President Barack H. Obama. The Initiative works across federal agencies and with partners and communities nationwide to produce a more effective continuum of education programs for African American students. Under his leadership, the Initiative studied the experiences of students — leveraged a partnership with Johnson Publishing Company — Ebony Magazine — to produce a series of Summits (AfAmEdSummits) at college campuses throughout the country where the only experts who sat in front of the White House seal were students, as young as elementary school. The recommendations students made at AfAmEdSummits have been used to improve policies, programs and practices designed to ensure that students thrive — both in school and life.

Johns has been featured as an influential politico and advocate by several publications and outlets including The Root, NBC, Ebony and the Washington Post. Johns is a prominent strategist who offers commentary for several media outlets including BET, CNN, EducationPost, and TV One.

Prior to joining the Department, Johns was a senior education policy advisor to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) under the leadership of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. Before working for the Senate HELP committee under Chairman Harkin, Johns served under the leadership of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.



Johns also was a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow in the office of Congressman Charles Rangel, D- N.Y. Johns has worked on issues affecting low-income and minority students, neglected youth and early childhood education and with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). His research as an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow served as a catalyst to identify, disrupt and supplant negative perceptions of black males within academia and society.

Johns obtained a master's degree in sociology and education policy at Teachers College, Columbia University, where he graduated summa cum laude while simultaneously teaching elementary school in New York City. He graduated with honors from Columbia University in 2004 with a triple major in English, creative writing and African American studies. Johns was named to the Root100 in both 2014 and 2013, selected as a member of the Ebony Power 100 in 2015 and received an early career award from Columbia University, Teachers College in 2016.

## Teachers Talk Teaching (Panel)

Hear from experienced teachers as they share their enthusiasm for teaching. These teachers will discuss their careers, including what made them want to pursue teaching, why they are passionate about teaching, and what they enjoy most about their profession.

**Eileen Bagg-Rizzo - Grossmont  
Union High School District;  
Matthew Dunkle, Taffy Tom, &  
Ebony Virgle - Sweetwater Union  
High School District  
(Session I - 9:50-10:30 AM)**

## Building a Teacher Presence

It's scary to be in front of a group of students. The key to breaking this fear is to have a "Teacher Presence." In this session, learn some strategies and activities for building your confidence, building your brand, and building a community of learners.

**Janel Bruan, Damien Jackson,  
Whitney Norton, Tiffani Templeton,  
& Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan - San  
Diego State University  
(Session I - 9:50-10:30 AM)**

## Special Education: A Career Beyond Paperwork

Join Megan Gross, California Teacher of the Year 2017, and a National Teacher of the Year Finalist, as she shares her experiences as a special education teacher and her passion for including students with disabilities in general education. During this session, you will learn how to create a rewarding career as an advocate for your students, strategies for instructing students of all ability levels, and how to build a team with your instructional assistants.

**Megan Gross - Poway Unified  
School District  
(Session I - 9:50-10:30 AM)**

## Office Hours with David Johns

Continue the conversation with keynote speaker David Johns, hear more about his experiences as a teacher, and learn what it takes to be successful in the classroom. This open forum will include plenty of time for discussion, questions, and dialogue.

**David J. Johns  
(Session I - 9:50-10:30 AM)**

## Steps to a Teaching Career (Panel)

What better way is there to understand the path to a teaching career than to hear directly from current students and recent graduates? Hear from these students as they discuss their journey from deciding on an education career, to their experiences in school, and what they expect for their futures.

**Janel Bruan, Daisy Delacruz,  
Damien Jackson, & Shaida Solimani  
– San Diego State University;  
Cassandra Callahan University of  
California San Diego  
(Session II - 10:35-11:15 AM)**

## Building Community: Beyond the Four Walls of Classrooms

Teaching goes beyond the classroom. In this session, learn about projects and ideas that extend learning experiences. Learn about ways to inspire future students to experience education (versus read about it).

**Maggi Chiodo, Holly Daquila,  
Whitney Norton, Tiffani Templeton,  
& Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan – San  
Diego State University  
(Session II - 10:35-11:15 AM)**

## Career Technical Education – Education, Child Development, and Family Services

Come learn about a program for potential preschool teachers and elementary educators. During this session, you will experience hands-on early childhood education experiences and Baby Real Deal, a simulation offered to students so that they “think it over” when deciding when to have a baby. Nancy Martinelli teaches an Education and Child Development Pathway at Oceanside High School. She has also taught grades 3, 4, and 5 for 15 years.

**Nancy Martinelli - Oceanside  
Unified School District  
(Session II - 10:35-11:15 AM)**

## SDSU Campus Tour

Want to discover San Diego State University? Explore the campus on this 40 minute tour led by current Aztecs for Education SDSU students. Some things you may see along your way are the Aztec Student Union, residence halls, Lipinsky Clock Tower, and the famous statue of Montezuma, the Aztec warrior.

**Maggi Chiodo, Holly Daquila, Shaida  
Solimani, Jenny Merrill – San Diego  
State University, Aztecs for  
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## The New Classroom (Panel)

The New Classroom: Using Tablets, Videos, Games and other Digital Tools to Engage and Empower Learning -

Join experienced educational technology resource teachers in this panel discussion all about technology in the classroom.

**Julie Garcia, Mickey Sullivan, Dana Faccio, & Kelly O'Brien – San Diego Unified School District**  
**(Session III - 12:10-12:50 PM)**

## What must teachers know and be able to do? Promote Deeper Engagement in STEM Concepts

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) issued new standards for Teacher Induction in December 2015. These indicate that authorized districts, including the SUHSD "must assess candidate progress towards mastery of the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTPs) to support the recommendation for the clear credential." What does teacher mastery of the CSTPs look like? This session will examine artifacts teachers in the largest secondary district in California generate as they document growth during their most formative years.

**Dr. Katrine Czajkowski – Sweetwater Union High School District**  
**(Session III - 12:10-12:50 PM)**

## School Counseling - The Next Generation

Experience the positive impact of School Counseling through the lens of a former Middle School educator and current graduate student. Uncover old myths of the past of the School Counseling profession and see the exciting role School Counselors play in schools today. Through hands on learning and interactive activities, explore how School Counseling can be a future career path for you. Come join us as we discover and learn about the career path of School Counseling and how you can make a positive, ever-lasting impact in the lives of students, through career planning, academic support, and social/emotional interventions.

**Melissa Moorer – San Diego State University**  
**(Session III - 12:10-12:40PM**  
**& Session IV - 12:45-1:35 PM)**

## Benefits of Project Based Learning

Join John Rosas from the USS Midway Museum to explore Project Based Learning (PBL) by building rockets! During this session, you will build a straw rocket, compete with other groups, and learn about PBL. Sneak peek: some of the benefits of PBL are that it crosses curriculum, fosters creativity and inquiry, requires teambuilding skills and communication, is hands-on, and it's FUN!

**John Rosas – USS Midway Museum**  
**(Session III - 12:10-12:40PM**  
**& Session IV - 12:45-1:35 PM)**

## Bilingual and Proud: Teaching and Learning in Multiple Languages

Do you speak English and another language? Do you have the desire to teach? Do you want to improve your language abilities in creative and exciting ways? If you answered yes to at least one of these questions, then come learn about how you can develop a career pathway towards becoming a bilingual teacher! We will bring you into a typical classroom, highlight processes for teaching and learning in two or more languages, and much more! In this interactive session with Karen Cadiero-Kaplan and Saul Maldonado learn how you can develop and use your language abilities to teach.

**Dr. Karen Cadiero-Kaplan &  
Dr. Cristina Alfaro – San Diego State  
University**

**(Session III 12:10-12:40PM  
& Session IV 12:45-1:35 PM)**

## Integrating Technology to Promote Deeper Engagement in STEM Concepts

As an Educator and Researcher for the San Diego Zoo, Peter has created and implemented interactive classroom outreach programs for schools across the county. This session will focus on innovative methods to increase student engagement in topics like Biology and Wildlife Conservation through a wide array of new technologies and online resources.

**Peter Gilson – San Diego Zoo**

**(Session III 12:10-12:40PM  
& Session IV 12:45-1:35 PM)**

## Teaching STEM in the Middle Grades

Learn what personalized learning looks like in a Next Generation Science Standards middle school classroom and how, no matter what you teach, you are successful with students when you focus on rigor, relevance and relationships.

**Lisa Harrison – Vista Unified School  
District**

**(Session IV – 12:55-1:35 PM)**

## What is AVID?

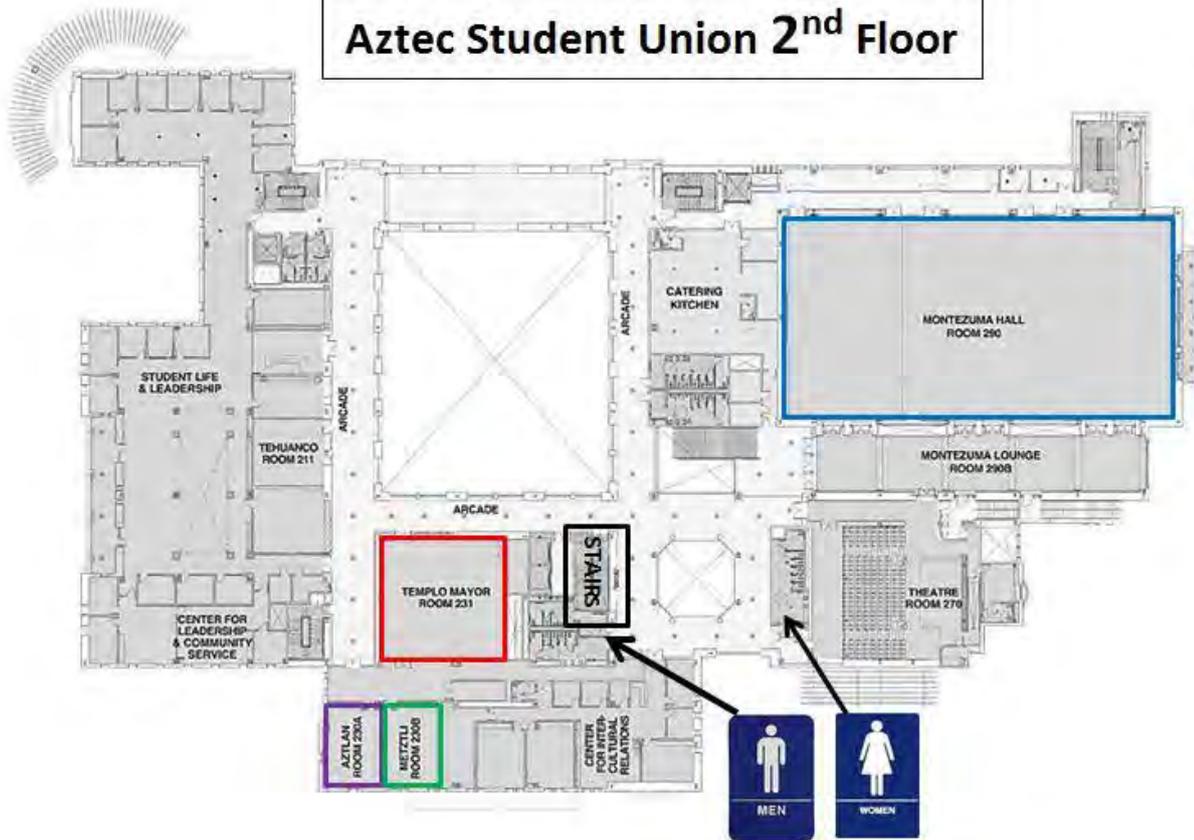
Join AVID Center professionals Tim Bugno and Robin Withers as they explore the benefits of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). Specifically, they will discuss how AVID prepares students for college and life success and the important role of the AVID teacher in that process

**Tim Bugno & Robin Withers – AVID  
Center**

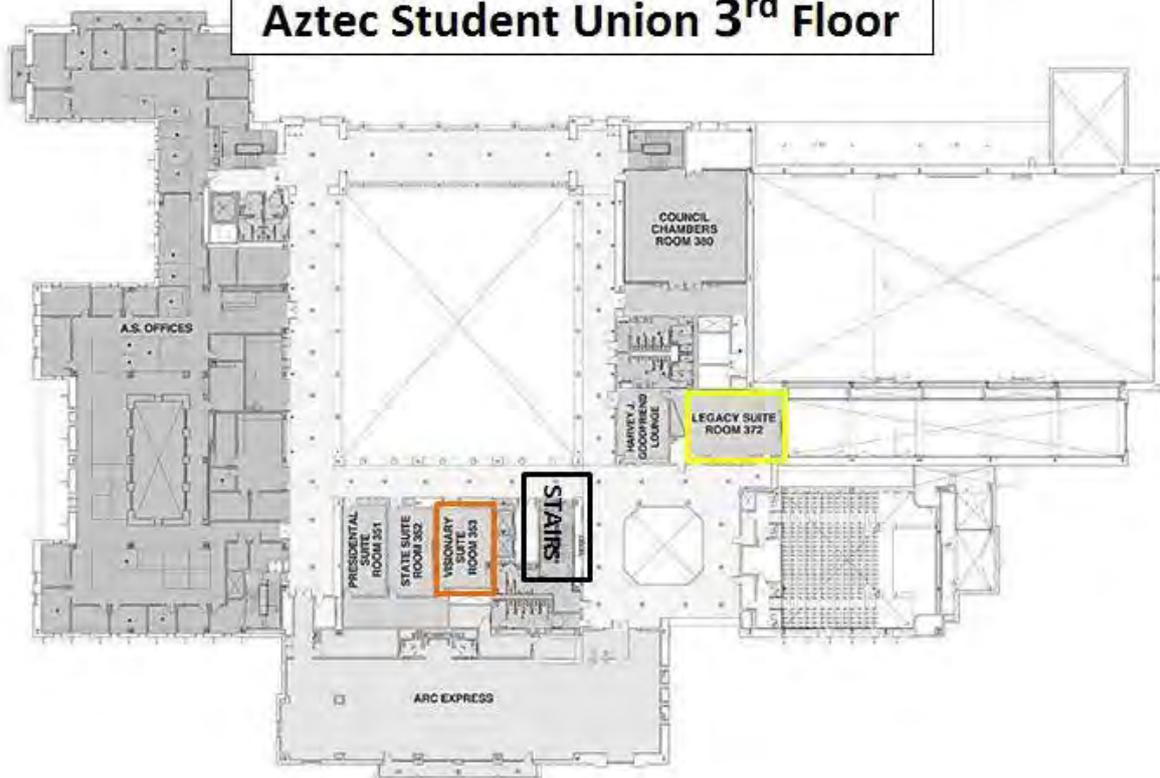
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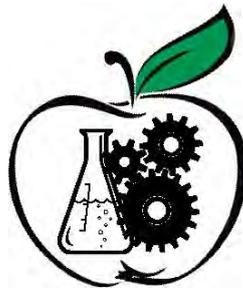
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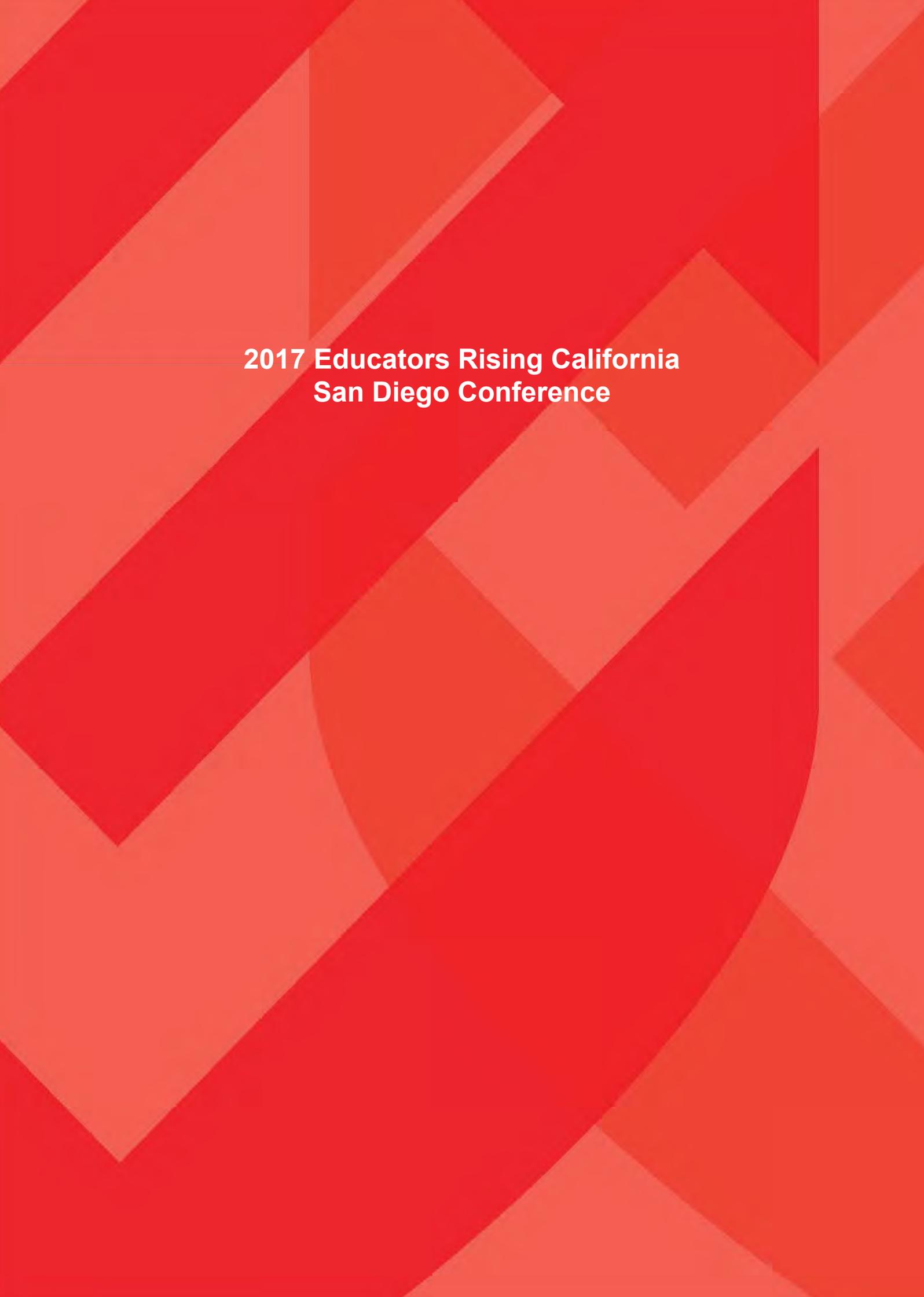


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