



IALAS QUARTERLY

To unify and cultivate educational leaders, serving Latinx communities, for the purpose of empowering all students.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IALAS Familia,

I am humble and excited in being part of the IALAS Board representing each of you as the president. I would like to start by thanking Rodolfo Hernandez and Rafael Segarra for their dedication and support of the IALAS mission and vision as board members. We know they will continue to support us as we grow and continue the great work they implemented in the past years.

I also would be remiss if I did not mention specific events that have shook our world this year. The pandemic has allowed us to begin to think differently on how we run school and exposed the various gaps in education. This has provided the necessary urgency to begin to equalize and provide equity in resources to students. We also faced racial turmoil, which led to peaceful protests as we stand behind our black brothers and sisters. We should not be reliving past history and we aim to make sure it changes so all children receive an equitable and just education. Finally, we won a small victory for our children with SCOTUS keeping the DACA program for two more years. We still have a fight ahead and we stand strong against policies that are racist and divisive to our children.

This year, we will continue past initiatives especially with mentoring future leaders and providing a conclave that offers quality professional learning and addresses best practices in improving education for our children, the future leaders of our world. What is stated above are topics that we will continue to discuss, address and grapple with as we continue to improve education for our children in our various districts whether it be remote, in school or a hybrid model. I hope you become part of these conversations with us.



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As president, there are three main goals I plan to put into place and are part of the mission and vision of IALAS. Goal 1 is exposure and recruitment for this wonderful organization. This begins with all of you renewing your memberships or perhaps becoming a new member. Goal 2 is to enhance the mentoring and leadership program. This means making sure we hear from you what you will need in order to improve or advance in your leadership. Finally, Goal 3 is building a strategic IALAS-to-districts and district-to-district relationships. This occurs when you become a member so that we can hear your story and voice and get to know you as a leader. I am looking forward to our collaboration and building our district networks. Together we will show how education in Illinois always puts children first.

Elizabeth Alvarez, Ph.D.
IALAS President

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IALAS 2020-2021 Membership is OPEN!

Go to tinyurl.com/IALAS2020 to renew or start your membership today!

Then post your best membership pun on Twitter or send to mkassir@ialas.org by July 8th. Best entries will receive an IALAS gift basket!

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Tentative 2020-2021 Event Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1, 2020: IALAS Membership Opens

October 16, 2020: Fall Network Mixer

January 29, 2021: Winter Gala

January 30, 2021: Winter Educational Conclave

May 2021: Statewide Conference

