



# Building Inclusive Community Conference

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## 02.07.26

## '26 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



- Keynote Presenter: Víctor Gómez, Illinois Teacher of the Year
- Performances
- Two Rounds of Workshops (11+ diverse sessions/topics)
- Community Meal
- Afternoon Encore Panel Sessions
- Community Resource Fair



Availability Note: CEUs for Teachers, ASL, and Spanish-language interpretation.

## DONATION DRIVE - NEW for '26

Please bring essential personal items (ideas below) on the day of the conference to be donated to following organizations.

- New undergarments and socks of all sizes/genders.
- Personal hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, bodywash, razors, feminine hygiene products, disposable adult underwear, and similar items.



## CONFERENCE UPDATES and INVITE via this QR CODE:



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# Impact Report

2025

## By the Community for the Community

Purpose: to encourage a welcoming and inclusive culture in our community by developing understanding and empathy through learning about issues and resources within our community.

"I really enjoyed all the speakers, and the group lunch with the opportunity to talk with students!"

- 2024 ATTENDEE

## Overview

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Years of Community Engagement and Impact

- Keynote Presenter
- Performances
- Workshops
- Community Meal
- Non-Profit Resources
- CEUs for Teachers in '25

- Diversity of Topics, Presenters, and Leaders
- Spanish-Language Offerings

- 100 - 200+ Attendees / Year
- Strong and Positive Feedback from Attendees and Presenters

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Community Planning Committee Organizations

20+

Resource Tables/ Support Organizations

71

Workshops

500+

Attendees



## February 7, 2026 Keynote Speaker: Víctor Gómez, Illinois Teacher of the Year

2021

BUILDING AN ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITY TOGETHER: ACTION FOR ALL AGES



Willie Adams, Educator and DJ

2022

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: SHARING OUR STORIES



Mathew Harris (D102 and D204 Graduate, Northwestern University)

2023

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: SHARING OUR STORIES



Dr. Ngozi Ezike is the President and CEO of Sinai Chicago and Former Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health

2024

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Dr. Rachael Mahmood, Equity Teacher Leader, LLC

2025

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: CULTIVATING COMMUNITY. GROWING TOGETHER. EMPOWERING CHANGE.



Nestor Gomez, creator, producer and host of 80 Minutes Around the World

## Origin

April 2021

The murder of George Floyd in May 2020 had a profound and multifaceted impact on our global society and significantly moved our local community to take action through education, connection, and sharing of stories. As such, the Building Inclusive Community Conference was created in April 2021 and sponsored by COMMUNITY Diversity Group of La Grange Area, LeaderShop, and Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ.

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