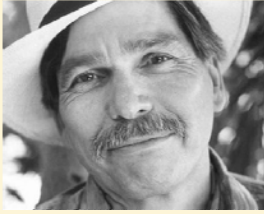


2009 Tech Prep Regional Conference

Tech Prep: The Link Between Education and Economic Development



Featured Presenter:

**Victor
Villaseñor**

Born in the barrio of Carlsbad, California in 1940, Victor Villaseñor was raised on a ranch four miles north in Oceanside. Since his parents were born in Mexico, Villaseñor spoke only Spanish until beginning school. After years of facing language and cultural barriers, heavy discrimination and a reading problem, later diagnosed as dyslexia, Victor dropped out of high school his junior year and moved to Mexico. There he discovered a wealth of Mexican art, literature, music, that helped him recapture and understand the dignity and richness of his heritage.

Villaseñor's body of works include a number of non-fiction books which are all used in schools throughout the country: The trilogy *Wild Steps Of Heaven*, *Rain of Gold*, and *Thirteen Senses*, *Jury: The People vs Juan Corona*, *Macho!*, and *Walking Stars*, a collection of short stories written especially to inspire young people. *Burro Genius*, the first book of the second trilogy, released July 2004, is a national bestseller, and nominated for a Pulitzer prize. Villaseñor's acclaimed written works, as well as his inspiring lectures, have earned him numerous awards and endorsements, including the Founding John Steinbeck Chair appointment.

A gifted and accomplished speaker, Victor Villaseñor, in his candid and heartfelt manner, brings a fresh perspective to a number of universal themes, including pride in heritage, the strength of family, world peace, the power of the written word, and dedication to education and personal achievement.

CONFERENCE INCLUDES SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO:

- Public School Teachers, Counselors, and Administrators
- College and University Administrators, Counselors, and Faculty
- P-16 Practitioners, P-16 Council members, and P-16 Leaders

December 2 - 3, 2009
**Sheraton South Padre Island
Hotel & Condominiums**
310 Padre Blvd.
South Padre Island, TX 78597

Book Sale:

Victor Villaseñor's books will be available for purchase at the conference. The following books will be sold: "**Rain of Gold**"—\$18.00 and "**Burro Genius**"—\$14.00. Villaseñor will be available for book signing after his presentations on December 2 & 3.

Early Registration:

Deadline for early registration is **November 17, 2009**.

Registration Fee for December 2: \$50 if received by early registration; \$60 thereafter
Registration Fee for December 3: \$25 if received by early registration; \$35 thereafter
Registration Fee for **Both Days**: \$65 if received by early registration; \$85 thereafter

Lodging Information:

The Sheraton will provide conference participants with discounted lodging. Cost per room is **\$89.00**. To reserve a room at the conference rate, call 1.800.325.3535 or 956.761.6551 by **November 17, 2009** and ask for group code "**Tech Prep Regional Conference**".

Conference Agenda at a Glance:

Wednesday, December 2		Thursday, December 3	
7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens	7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:00 a.m.	Exhibits Open	8:00 a.m.	Exhibits Open
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Opening General Session	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	General Session
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Breakout Session One	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Visit with Vendors
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	General Session (lunch)	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Breakout Session Four
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	Breakout Session Two	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Breakout Session Five
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Visit with Vendors	12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Closing General Session
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Breakout Session Three		



MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:

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1902 North Loop 499
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Wednesday, December 2, 2009; 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2009; 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Information

First Name:		Last Name:	
Work Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Work Phone: ()		Fax: ()	
E-Mail Address:			
College/University/School District:			
Campus (if applicable):			
Are you a member of a Tech Prep Campus S-TEAM: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Will you be attending: <input type="checkbox"/> both days <input type="checkbox"/> December 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> December 3 rd			
Assignment: <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Faculty Member <input type="checkbox"/> College/University Administrator <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent/Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor/Counselor/Ed Diagnostician <input type="checkbox"/> Paraprofessional <input type="checkbox"/> Community Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other			Please indicate if special needs must be accommodated: <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter for the Deaf <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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NO REFUNDS: Paid participants are encouraged to send a replacement if they cannot attend.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Call 956.364.4509 to request a credit card authorization form.

Mail/deliver checks and registration forms to:

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Special Note for S-TEAM Members:

The conference registration fee is WAIVED for S-TEAM members whose registration forms are RECEIVED by Tech Prep RGV, Inc. on or before November 17, 2009. Payment of a registration fee will be required for S-TEAM members whose registration forms are received after November 17 2009.

Note to all participants:

- Each participant must complete a registration form
- Keep a copy of each form for your records
- Complete ALL sections of this form and attach required registration fees.
- A confirmation notice will NOT be sent.

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