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Christine Gayle Burcena Corpus EdD ‘15
Dissertation Title: “Using Cognitive Task Analysis to Capture How Expert Secondary Teachers Build a Classroom Community Based on Trust, Care, and High Expectations in Ethnically and Culturally Diverse Urban High School Settings”
Chair: Dr. Kenneth A. Yates

Rodolfo Acosta PhD ‘15
“The best part about Rossier was the opportunity to work with gente who are driven to change our educational landscape for the better through both practice and research. I plan to use what I learned here and continue my advocacy work with Latina/o familias and communities in the K-12 sector.”

Benjamin Charles Heddy PhD ‘14
Chair: Dr. Gale M. Studnits

Holli Gonzalez MEd Advanced Instruction ‘15
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Constance Iloh PhD ‘15
Dissertation Title: “Black by Popular Demand: An Exploration of Black Student College-Going to the For-Profit Higher Education Sector”
Chair: Dr. William G. Tierney

Flag Bearers

Emy Flores EdD ‘15
“Rossier has further developed my educational leadership, innovative practices and continuously pushed me toward excellence. While at Rossier, I was promoted from principal to director to assistant superintendent and engaged audiences from across the globe in discussions about leadership, change, strategic planning, transformative teaching and learning, and public service.”

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Keynote Speaker

John Brooks Slaughter PhD, PE
“I ask you who graduate here today to look ahead 30 years... to define a world that you would like to exist. After establishing in your mind what you wish to be true at that time, project yourself back to the present and determine what you must do now to make it come true.”

Julio Rene Flores MEd Educational Counseling ‘15
“I realized that in order to create equal outcomes for our urban communities, we must create and support a new narrative, one grounded in an anti-deficit perspective. Through this counter-narrative, we promote stories that define students by their best, not their worst.”

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