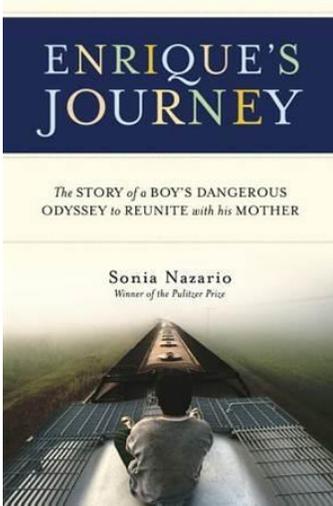


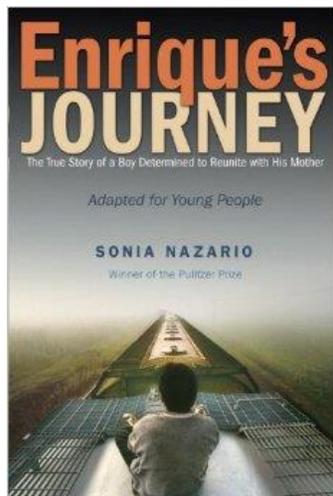
Dear Colleagues:

Beginning in the Fall 2017, the PDC will only produce one annual publication. We would love to publish your materials, reflections, stories, or input; we also welcome your students' work and art. Please send this information to [PDC@piercecollege.edu](mailto:PDC@piercecollege.edu).

Each Spring, we will issue a brief overview about our One Book-One Campus program and other relevant events.



**Enrique's Journey**  
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(Young Adult  
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## One Campus-One Book

By **Michael Habata**

The OCOB selection for academic year 2017-18 will be *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with his Mother*, by Sonia Nazario, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* series. It is the story of a Honduran boy who braves unimaginable hardship and peril to reach his mother in the United States, riding on the top of trains from Guatemala through Mexico towards the United States border.

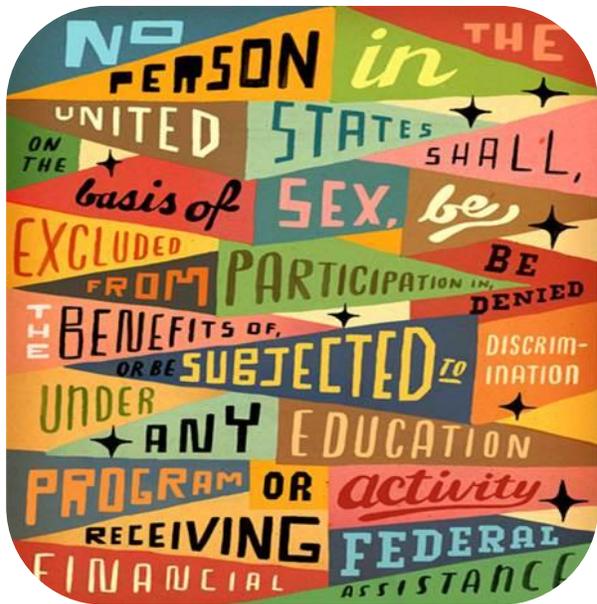
The selection was made by the Pierce College Library, working with the college Diversity Committee and Associated Students Organization. The One-Book One-Campus (OBOC) program is sponsored by the Pierce Diversity Committee, Pierce College Library, English Department, Theater Arts Department, and Equity Committee.

Members of the Pierce community, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, are encouraged to read a common book throughout the academic term and participate in campus-wide, thematically integrated activities.

Faculty members may include either version of the book in their curriculum for Fall 2017, through their bookstore requisitions. The deadline for requisitions is April 15, 2017.

The Pierce College Library has purchased multiple copies of both the standard book and the Young Adult adaptation. Several copies of both editions will be available for checkout from the library for faculty to review. As during past One Book events, there will be a limited number of copies of the book given away to faculty, students, and staff interested in using the book.

## IMPORTANT NEW LAWS IN EFFECT ON MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



**Gender-neutral bathrooms:** AB 1732 requires that all single-user toilet facilities in any business or public place to be all-gender facilities.

**Homeless students at community colleges:** Any community college campuses with shower facilities on campus must allow homeless students who are enrolled, paid and in good standing to use the facilities, under AB 1995.

Another law, **AB 1747**, requires public and private institutions that offer food services to apply for a state-funded program that provides food for homeless students.

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## TITLE IX ADVOCATES WANTED:

The term "Advocate" refers to someone who assists a Reporting Party and/or Alleged Victim or a Respondent generally in a Sexual Misconduct case. Advocates provide moral support as well as information regarding procedural issues, throughout the pendency of an investigation, through the last internal Appeal.

**For more information, contact Dr. Earic Dixon-Peters**, Vice President of Student Services & Title IX coordinator, [peterseb@piercecollege.edu](mailto:peterseb@piercecollege.edu)

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## EVENTS ON CAMPUS

**PAST EVENTS:** **Black History Art Con**, funded by CRT proposal (pictures will be posted in the fall), and a showing of the film, "**The Hunting Ground**."

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** For Women's History Month, Sheryl Nomelli will be showing a film, "Equal Means Equal" on **Wednesday, March 22 from 2-4pm in the Great Hall**

**FINAL OCOB EVENT:** **The PDC, Library, Music Department, Equity Committee, and Theater Arts Department will be hosting a "SYMPHONY" on June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30-8, place TBA.**

## PDC REPORT ON UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

In our Fall publication, we will provide a more thorough update on the effects of federal policy on our undocumented students and on how the immigration ban has impacted our college. For now, please note that the following resources are available for our community and for our students:

**UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT WEBPAGE**, created by Jeanette Maduena, with invaluable information:

<http://www.piercecollege.edu/students/undocumented/index.asp>.

**PDC SANCTUARY LETTER:** This letter enables students to find professors, administrators, and staff who will serve as their unwavering advocates. If you'd like to sign this letter, please email us at [PDC@piercecollege.edu](mailto:PDC@piercecollege.edu).

### QUICK SUMMARY OF LACCD AND COMMUNITY ACTION:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN  
THE DIVERSITY  
COMMITTEE? PLEASE  
EMAIL US:

[PDC@piercecollege.edu](mailto:PDC@piercecollege.edu).

We meet every second  
Thursday of the month  
from 11:15-12:30 in the  
International Student  
Conference room

Our **AFT** has passed a declaration to make our nine campuses into sanctuaries, our **PDC Senate** and **District Senate** have passed resolutions to make our campuses into sanctuaries, and our campus **Sheriff's Department** and Los Angeles Police Chief have confirmed that they will not pursue students based on their immigration status or religious practices.

In response to the PDC sanctuary letter and AFT declaration, our **Board of Trustees** established a task force to examine how to best support our undocumented students. Fernando Oleas is serving on this committee, should we have any questions.

**Our administration** is also supportive; our Chancellor and nine college presidents issued a letter, stating that our campuses would be a 'safe haven' where students would be encouraged to enroll, regardless of immigration status or religious practices, and these students would not be pursued on the basis of these identities.

The LACCD Chancellor, CAL State Chancellor, and the UC Chancellor also wrote a letter to President Trump on behalf of DACA students, asking for his kind consideration towards these students.

At Pierce College, Juan Carlos Astorga is in the process of creating a Dream Center for our students. We will provide an update in the Fall.

**IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO MAKE OUR CAMPUS A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT, PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR IDEAS:**  
**[PDC@piercecollege.edu](mailto:PDC@piercecollege.edu). Thanks!**

## **DIVERSITY WISH LIST / OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:**

### **SPECIAL SERVICES REP FOR PDC WANTED**

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PDC invites all members of our community to participate. In particular, we need a Special Services Rep. We meet from 11:15-12:30 every second Thursday of the month.

The PDC promotes diversity awareness on campus and contributes to activities that honor this diversity.

### **TITLE IX ADVOCATES WANTED:**

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Dr. Eric Peters is establishing a team to serve as advocates for individuals involved in sexual misconduct cases on campus. For more information on how to get involved, please contact him at **[peterseb@piercecollege.edu](mailto:peterseb@piercecollege.edu)**

### **PDC NEWSLETTER CONTENT WANTED**

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PDC welcomes all members of our community to submit content for our future newsletters. We are requesting the following materials (on topics of diversity):

- a) Reflections / personal experiences
- b) Best teaching practices
- c) Examples of student work
- d) Examples of faculty, staff, and administrator's work
- e) Photographs of campus people and activities
- f) Letters of concern/opinion
- g) Art (in any genre)
- h) Comments, concerns, or input about PDC newsletter
- i) Op-Ed articles
- j) Ideas about how to make our campus a more equitable, safe, or inviting experience

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