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## **TEDxPaloAltoCollege in search of speakers and performers**

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College is searching for speakers and performers for its fourth annual event on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Coordinators for the independently produced event aim to create a hyper-local experience by tapping the talent of the Southside community to share their passions, ideas, and experiences through the theme – “RE” – which alludes to the need to “*RE-IMAGINE, RE-START, RE-FRAME, RE-FRESH and RE-IGNITE*” after a year and a half of the pandemic.

“TEDxPaloAltoCollege has been one of our key community-building events over the past few years, bringing people together to consider new ideas,” said Dr. Robert Garza, president of Palo Alto College. “We are very excited to see this year’s carefully curated event. Our students and community have overcome many challenges during this time and have perhaps emerged with a fresh outlook on life. This event is bringing that vision into focus as we reimagine, reclaim, and rebuild.”

Applications are now open for prospective speakers or performers and can be completed online at [tedxpaloaltocollege.org](http://tedxpaloaltocollege.org) through Aug. 20. Speaking and/or performing at a TEDxPaloAltoCollege event can open up doors by allowing presenters to engage with a broad audience.

To learn more about TEDxPaloAltoCollege, visit [tedxpaloaltocollege.org](http://tedxpaloaltocollege.org) or email [pac-tedx@alamo.edu](mailto:pac-tedx@alamo.edu).

### **About Palo Alto College**

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a Rising Star winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at [alamo.edu/pac](http://alamo.edu/pac).

### **About TEDx, x = independently organized event**

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for

the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

### **About TED**

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or fewer) delivered by today's leading thinkers and doers. Many of these talks are given at TED's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and made available, free, on [TED.com](https://www.ted.com). TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan, and Daniel Kahneman.

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