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**PULITZER PRIZE-WINNER SONIA NAZARIO TO SPEAK AT FORUM
“ON IMMIGRATION AND JOURNALISM” AT SHASTA COLLEGE ON FEBRUARY 6**

**Event Part of California Humanities’
CA 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen Initiative**

(Redding, CA) – **California Humanities** presents a free public forum, **On Immigration and Journalism: A Conversation with Sonia Nazario**, on Wednesday February 6, 2019 in partnership with **Shasta College**. Nazario won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing for her six-part *Los Angeles Times* series “Enrique’s Journey” about the experiences of Latin American children immigrating to the United States, and is currently an opinion writer with the *New York Times*, focusing on immigration and asylum issues.

Nazario will appear in conversation with Oakland-based journalist **Joaquin Alvarado**. Alvarado, cofounder of StudioToBe, an independent media company and coworking community, is also the former CEO of the Center for Investigative Reporting.

On Immigration and Journalism is presented as part of California Humanities’ **CA 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen initiative**, a year-long partnership with California community colleges designed to engage a broad cross-section of young Californians in a consideration of the vital connections between democracy and journalism. The initiative brings Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists to California campuses, provides hands-on media literacy training, and helps amplify young people’s voices and perspectives in the public dialogue.

“As young people prepare to participate in civic life, we want to engage them and the wider community in discussions about how journalism and the media are part of a thriving

democracy,” said **Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities**. “We welcome Sonia Nazario to lead this conversation with students and the community of Redding.”

CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE LIST:

TITLE: On Immigration and Journalism: A Conversation with Sonia Nazario

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 7–9 pm

LOCATION: Shasta College Theater, 11555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding, CA 96003

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/sonia-nazario-shasta-college>

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP. ASL interpretation will be provided.

ABOUT CA 2020: DEMOCRACY AND THE INFORMED CITIZEN

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ABOUT CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, promotes the humanities—focused on ideas, conversation and learning—as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more, visit calhum.org or follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

ABOUT SHASTA COLLEGE

Shasta College was founded in 1948 and serves all people in Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity Counties, including parts of Lassen, Modoc, and Humboldt Counties. Serving over 13,600 students the District has two campuses in Redding, a campus in Tehama, Weaverville and one in Burney in addition to its many online courses and programs. Shasta College offers certificates, Associate Degrees, transfer options, and a completely online Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management. Shasta College has been honored to receive numerous grants for innovative programs that have led to the success of the students and communities served.

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