The RISE College Access Conference is a FUN, INTERACTIVE experience for multicultural youth &/or potential first-generation college students in grades 8-11 to learn more about their PASSIONS, LEADERSHIP, COLLEGE LIFE, & 4-H OPPORTUNITIES that help build confidence and empower them to reach their full potential.
Keynote Speaker, Kenia Calderon

Kenia currently works as a Client Relationship Consultant at Coopera. She helps business organizations reach the underserved Hispanic market. Prior to joining Coopera, Kenia assisted the Hispanic community with aspects of the immigration process at American Friends Service Committee. She also previously served as an emerging markets intern and project assistant at Coopera. Kenia is a recent graduate of Drake University with a bachelor’s degree in management and a concentration in entrepreneurship.

A native of El Salvador, Kenia has been a tireless advocate for Latinos, for the undocumented community and those with DACA status (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also known as Dreamers). Kenia’s advocacy work has garnered substantial local and national media attention. In 2015 she was named one of the “15 people to Watch in 2015” by The Des Moines Register and in 2016 she was named an Iowa International Center Passport to Prosperity Honoree.

Kenia is a graduate of the 2014-2015 Latina Leadership Initiative and 2017 Adams Academy cohort. During her time at Drake she co-founded three student organizations: La Fuerza Latina, UNITY Roundtable, and Drake’s Women in Business. She enjoys writing about the topics she is passionate about such as the development and growth of the Hispanic community, immigration, and access to higher education. A few of Kenia’s pieces have been published by The New York Times, Huffington Post, and The Des Moines Register.

Permission & Registration Form

Return this completed form to your school office or ISU Extension County contact OR register online at www.tinyurl.com/4HSimpsonRise by February 4. Space is limited!

Questions? Contact 4-H Youth Program Specialist, Tiffany Berkenes, at (515) 957-5760 or berkenes@iastate.edu.

STUDENT FIRST NAME: ___________________________________________ LAST NAME: ___________________________________________

SCHOOL: ___________________________________________ GRADE: _______ GENDER: _______________________

T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE): XS  S  M  L  XL  2XL

RACE/ETHNICITY: ___________________________________________ PHONE #: __________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________

LIST SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: ___________________________________________

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Do you have interest in participating in a 4-H college & career exploration or leadership club/learning community at your school or on the Simpson College campus? (Circle preferences)

Yes   No   Maybe

At my school   On Simpson campus

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: ___________________________________________

PHONE #: ____________________________ PARENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________

“By signing above, I approve my child’s participation in the 4-H RISE and give permission to use images and recordings of my child for educational or marketing purposes through ISU Extension and Outreach.”