



# Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2024/2025



## Welcome to the Latina Leaders of Kern County Quarterly Newsletter!

We are thrilled to introduce our new quarterly newsletter, a dedicated space to celebrate and connect with the vibrant Latina community in Kern County. Our mission is to engage, inform, and inspire by sharing the latest news, upcoming events, and spotlighting the incredible achievements of our members.

Each quarter, you'll find updates on community initiatives, opportunities to get involved, and stories that highlight the diverse talents and contributions of Latina leaders in our area. Whether you're looking to attend an event, volunteer, or simply stay informed, our newsletter is your go-to resource.

Thank you for being a part of our community. Together, we can continue to uplift and empower Latina voices in Kern County.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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# Community Spotlight

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## **Mango Haus**

Owners- Johnny and Karen Diaz  
Johnny is from Oaxaca, Mx and  
Karen is from Central America.  
Mango Haus hosted the LLI  
graduation this year.

Mango Haus serves Elevated  
Wholesome Cuisine Latin  
Inspired Dishes.

They are open Mon - Sat 7:30AM  
to 2:00PM and Sun 9:00AM to  
3:00PM.

They currently have 2 locations:  
One in Bakersfield at 700  
Truxtun Ave. and a second  
location Mango Haus Lounge in  
Tehachapi. Third location will be  
opening in March 2025 in  
Bakersfield on California Ave.

The name Mango Haus was  
inspired by Karen's craving for  
Mangoes daily during her  
pregnancy. All dishes served at  
the Mango Haus have mango as  
an ingredient.



## **Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted to recognize the incredible women in our community who are making a difference! The Latina Leaders of Kern County invite you to nominate outstanding women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact in their respective fields. Whether they are advocating for social justice, leading community initiatives, or excelling in their professions, we want to celebrate their achievements. Please submit your nominations by emailing [\*\*latinaleadersofkerncounty@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:latinaleadersofkerncounty@gmail.com) and help us honor the remarkable women who inspire us all. Together, let's shine a spotlight on their contributions and continue to uplift our community.

## Previous Events Highlights

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### **Fall Mixer**

At the 2024 Fall Mixer hosted by the Latina Leaders of Kern County at the Bakersfield Museum of Art, attendees enjoyed a unique opportunity to engage with the talented Jacqueline Valenzuela, known on Instagram as **@pieldemazapan**. Jacqueline, an artist from Los Angeles and the daughter of Mexican immigrants, captivated the audience with her vibrant artwork celebrating the women of the lowrider community. Through her pieces, she beautifully highlights the culture and resilience of these women, offering a fresh perspective on a traditionally male-dominated scene. To learn more upcoming exhibits and/or events, please visit the Bakersfield Museum of Art website. <https://www.bmoa.org/>





## Upcoming Events

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Exciting upcoming events such as the Spring Mixer and our annual Leading the Way fundraiser will be announced on our quarterly newsletter. Stay tuned for more details!

## Latina Leadership Institute

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This program is designed for Latinas in Kern County. The goal of the institute is to train Latinas in essential leadership and advocacy skills. Congratulations to the following ladies for completing and graduating from the program:

***Ashley Aguilar***  
***Jacqueline Aguilar***  
***Karen Vazquez***  
***Savannah Oates***  
***Anahi Guerrero***  
***Marlene Corona Castillo***  
***Alicia Ruiz***  
***Rony Alvarez***

For more information visit our website: <https://kernlatinas.org/lli/>



# Youth Leadership Program

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The program is designed to help high school Latinas, and their families, become better prepared to make positive and informed education and life choices. There are a total of 108 students in the 2024/2025 cohort—35 seniors and 73 sophomores. Last year, 2023/2024, there were 102 participants. The students are exposed to an array of topics: how to work in teams, college admissions/requirements/application, goal setting, and community engagement. For more information on the program and mentorship opportunities, visit our website: <https://kernlatinas.org/youthleadership/>.

## Community Events

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Come support this event hosted by one of our talented members, Diana Perez!

Scan the QR Code for ticket information!



18+ EVENT

PURCHASE TICKETS



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FASHION HAUS COLLECTIVE



**FASHION SHOW**  
DESIGNERS  
JULIE VVILLASEÑOR & DIANA PEREZ

FRIDAY  
**FEB. 28**  
2025

**THE COLLECTIVE**  
931 19TH STREET  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

**ABOUT EVENT**  
Join us as Julie & Diana showcase their latest collections and bring an elevated fashion experience to Bakersfield. Enjoy a drink, take fun photos in our photo booth, and build community with local fashion enthusiasts. Dress code is strictly enforced.

IG: @FASHIONHAUSECOLLECTIVE

*Thank you for reading!*