



***Chicano Student Programs and  
UCR Underground Scholars presents***

## **Pursuing, Navigating & Thriving in Graduate School for Justice Impacted Scholars**



***Joe Louis Hernandez  
Coordinator, Rising Scholars***

Joe Louis Hernandez is a formerly incarcerated doctoral student at Claremont Graduate University in the School of Education Studies. His research focuses on the strengths that formerly incarcerated students possess because of their lived experiences of incarceration, gang membership, or addiction. At a young age, he got involved with drugs and the street lifestyle consisting of gangs, violence, and incarceration. Educationally Joe is a two-time high school dropout that was stuck in 10th grade for 3 years ultimately graduating from home studies. During his second time at Mtsac, he met his mentor Diana Felix who pushed him to aspire to transfer to a 4-year institution. Since returning to school Joe has earned his Associates degree, A Bachelor's degree from CSULA, and a master's degree from CSULB in Student Development in Higher Education where his thesis **YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE STRENGTH OF STREET KNOWLEDGE** set off his research career.

***Monday, February 7***

***2:30-3:30 PM***

***Meeting ID: 984 1591 5299***

***Passcode: 514 914***

Participants will receive a \$10 Dining Gift Card.  
Details shared during workshop.