

HISPA YOUTH CONFERENCE

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TAKE ACTION!
Achieve Your Dreams

April 24, 2025
Kean University
Liberty Hall Academic Center &
Exhibition Hall

A decorative graphic on the right side of the poster features three interlocking gears. The top gear is red and contains the HISPA logo, which shows two stylized figures holding hands. The two bottom gears are teal and contain photos of children. The background is light gray with faint icons of a calculator, a pencil, a magnifying glass, and a globe.

**Natalia Osorio
Quintero
HISPA's
Chief Strategy and
Operations Officer**

**Double Checking Tech
and Room Set up**

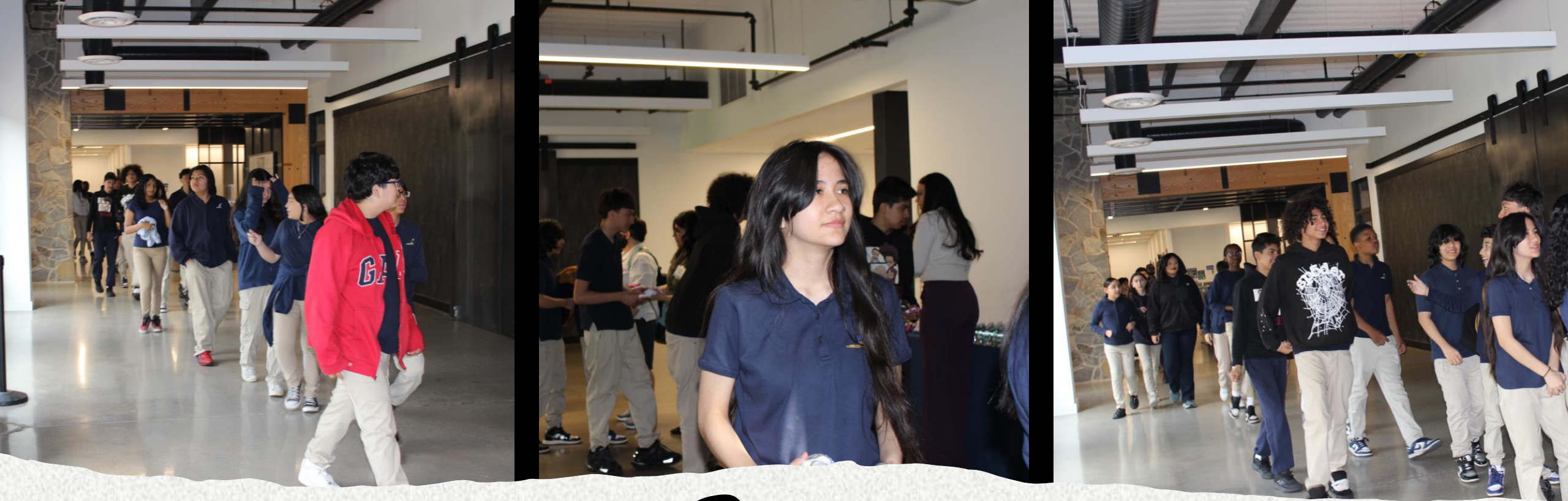






School Buses Arrival





Welcoming Students to Kean University



Building Tower Card Challenge





Tower Building

The Winners (12 Level Tower)





Ivonne Interacting with Students







Welcome from
Dr. Ivonne Diaz Claisse
HISPA, Inc.





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Welcome Remarks from Ana I. Berdecia. M.Ed.





Dr. Daniel Flores, Admission Office



HISPA & Watson-Kean Partnership



Achieve Your Dream
Dr. Jennifer Vincas-Cua

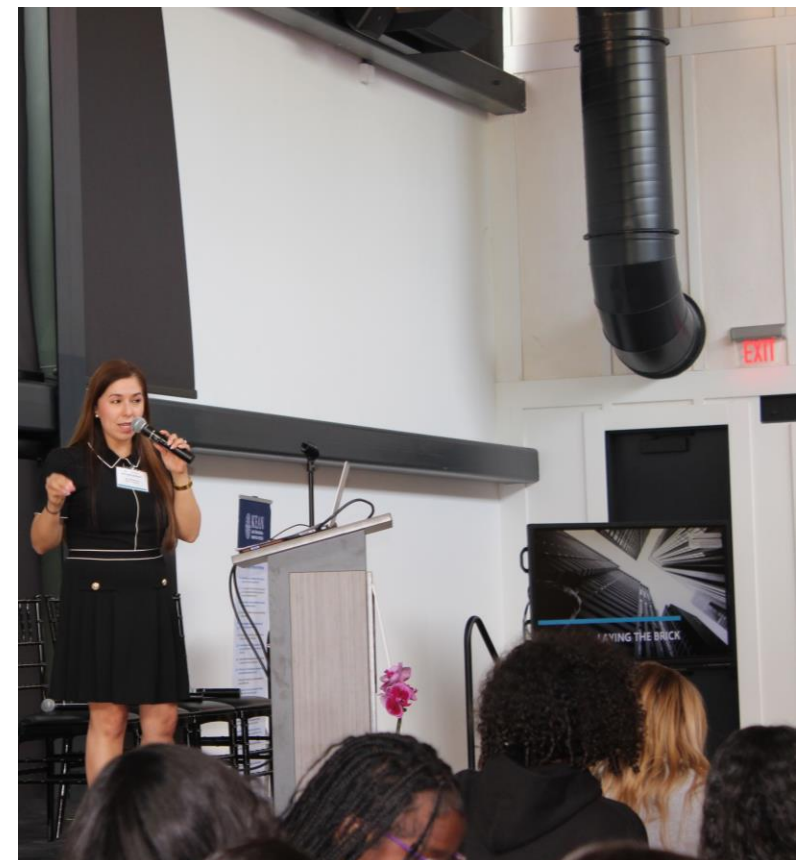
Dr. Jennifer Vincas-Cua, Kean Professor and Keynote Speaker

College of Health Professional
and Social Services



Keynote Address

“Take Action, Achieve Your Dreams”







Appreciation to the Watson Institute of Kean University



“Life After High School” Panel

Moderator: Rod Colon, Talent Development & College Program Director, HISPA Inc.

Kristina Spencer
Biology Student
Kean University

Ahad Shabazz
Biology Student
Kean University

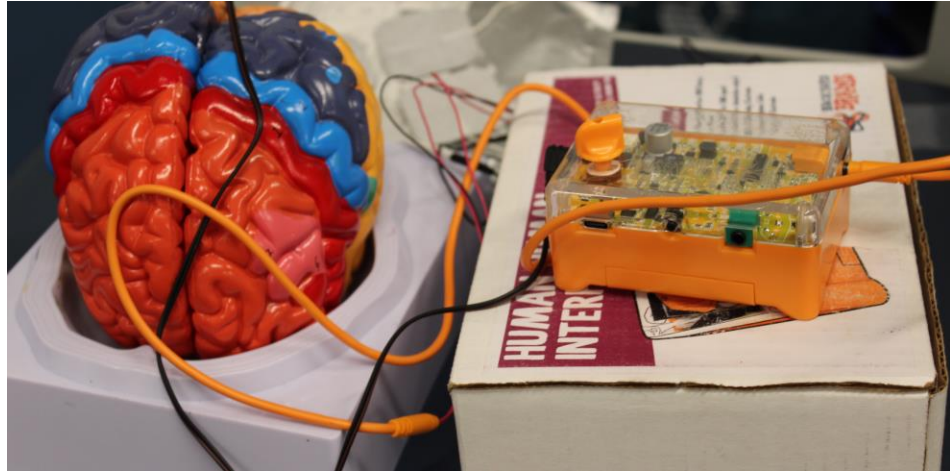
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Pfizer Workshop-Intro to Neuroscience





Exploring Neuroscience with Pfizer



Parts of the brain: visual! Hand-Eye Coordination

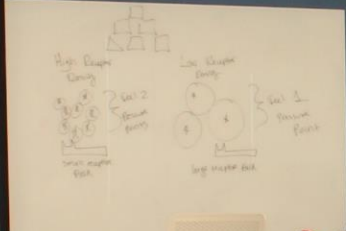


Cerebellum

Your senses and muscular system need to work together to execute movements. If the brain is confused, executing those movements becomes hard.



- We are going to flip your world upside down and see how it affects your ability to do simple tasks:
- Give your partner a high-five
 - Write your name on a dry erase board
 - Draw a cat on a dry erase board
 - Stack a tower of 6 paper cups







Let's Experiment with Merck

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The Power of a Smile with KinderSmile Foundation

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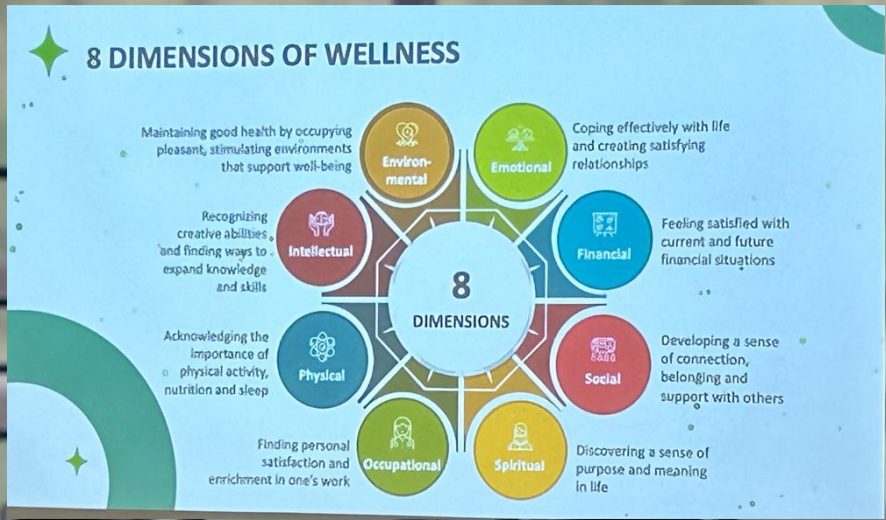




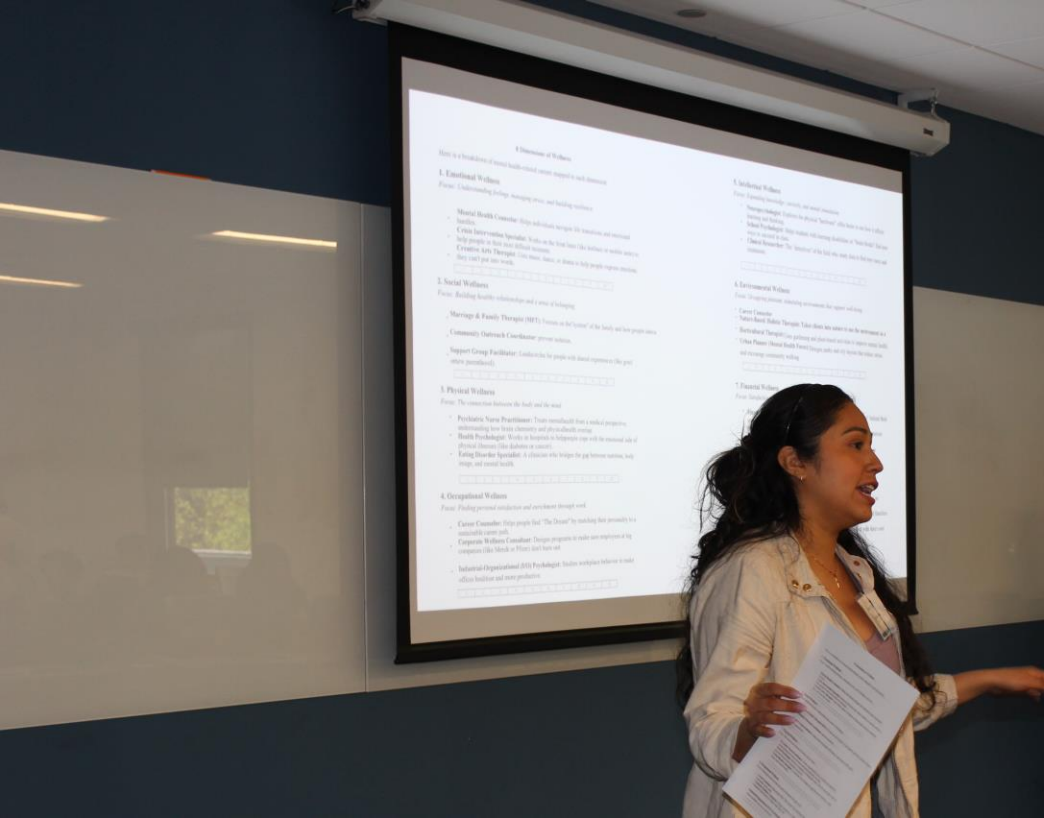
Vision In Action: Crafting Your Future in Mental Health and Wellness

Workshop lead by:
Kean's Graduate Students from the College of
Health Professionals and Social Services









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FOR YOUR SAFETY
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IS LIMITED
450

**Graduate Students & Professors
from College of Health Professions
& Mental Health**





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Mentor Circles Role Models Connecting





Gian Paul Gonzalez

Motivational Speaker







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Special Guests







Thank you to the HISPA & Watson Volunteers



Until Next Time-Good-Bye, Adios