



November 26, 1997
Michele Serros
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Dear Michele,

Thank You for sending me Chicana Falsa. I know you do not know who I am, but I have come to know you through listening to you at the Fresno Convention Center and by reading your book. I was very excited when I received it in the mail. Thank you for signing it for me. I hope you do not mind that I copied down your PO Box so I could write to you.

Since I received your book, I have lent it to several young Latina students at Mendota High School (where I work). They are so inspired by your ability to express yourself so freely in your writing. Many of the young females I work with have a hard time articulating their feelings. I think they are afraid of what others might think. But, your words have made an impact on them and stimulated some curiosity about career opportunities as a writer.

On March 21, 1997, Mendota High School will offer a womens conference for our young females. It will take place on our campus. The title of it may be something like, "Choices". We are trying to advocate for post secondary education, non-traditional careers, and self-esteem among young females at Mendota High School. Anyway, what I am leading up to is I would really like to invite you to be a key note speaker. You probably have someone who coordinates public appearances. I would like to contact this person to see if my idea is even a possibility. I would like to be sent some information regarding YOU and how to get you to come out to spread your words throughout this small, rural community.

I understand if you cannot make a commitment to us. But, I have enclosed some background information on Mendota High School students. I am sending it so that you will have a better idea of who you will be attending this conference.

My address: Mendota High School
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Please address Cheri Cruz, School To Work Coordinator

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cheri Cruz

