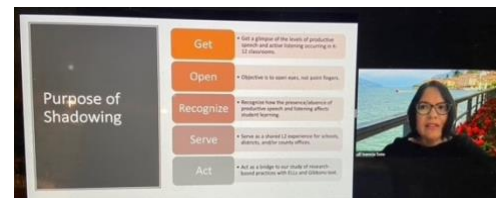


CABE Remembers and Honors the Life of Dr. Ivannia Soto

1976 – 2024



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our dear colleague, visionary leader, partner, and amiga, Dr. Ivannia Soto, on April 23, 2024. Ivannia was a champion and a true advocate for Multilingual Learners, leading this important work in the halls of academia and in classrooms all across the state, through her prolific writing and publishing, by providing highly sought-after professional learning, through being present in the policy halls of Sacramento, and by opening her arms and heart to colleagues and friends as a passionate collaborator, coach, and role model. Her emblematic work on English Learner and Multilingual Learner Student Shadowing has made a tremendous impact in schools across the nation and will continue to serve as a legacy of her passion, commitment, and love for students and educators. Ivannia is part of our CABE *familia*, and we feel her loss deeply.



While Ivannia was a member and supporter of CABE for many years, CABE was also fortunate to have her serve as a staff member and consultant for over five years. She was the Director of Project BEST (Bilingual Educator Strategic Training) from 2017 to 2020, as well as a CABE Project Specialist Advisor, where she relentlessly advocated and provided public comment at State Board of Education and CTC (California Commission on Teacher Credentialing) meetings. She proudly took on the role of ex-officio with CABE affiliate, the California Association of Bilingual Teacher Education (CABTE), where she collaborated on the revision of the Bilingual Authorization standards and built strong partnership links between CABTE and CABE. She was also instrumental in creating a strong relationship between Whittier College and CABE offering university credit to teachers who completed CABE professional learning hours.



Her latest book, [Breaking Down the Monolingual Wall: Essential Shifts for Multilingual Success](#) (Corwin Press, 2023), highlights not only her own research and analysis but also illustrates her collaborative and collegial spirit. She invited seven additional authors to contribute to the book, exemplifying that *empowered leaders empower other leaders*.

CABE extends our heartfelt sympathy and support to her husband, Ron, her loving dog Frida, her parents and sister, and her entire family. We are grateful they have shared the following regarding her life and her profound impact on education.

Dr. Ivannia Soto ¡PRESENTE!

[Statement from Ivannia's Family](#)

