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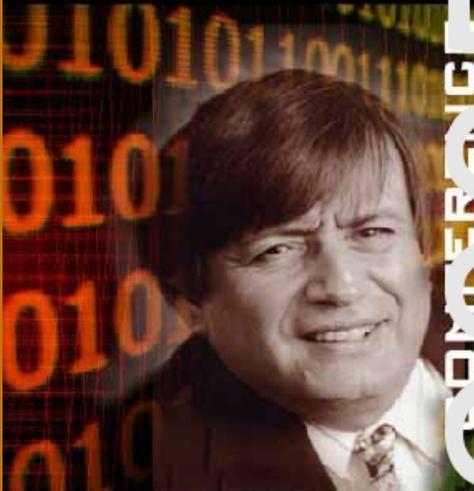
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## Program Highlights

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Enchantment Ballroom A-B

**Doctoral Consortium**  
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Ph.D. Students Discuss Research and  
Career Objectives with Experts

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**Student and Scholarship Recipient  
Orientation**

Students Learn to Maximize their Tapia  
2005 Experience

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Fiesta Room

**Opening Reception**  
*Hosted by Google*

Meet Richard Tapia, Speakers,  
Panelists, Organizers and Sponsors

Thursday, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Pavillion Court and Landing

**Poster Session and Reception**

Chat with Researchers about Latest  
Research Results

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Make Suggestions for the 2007  
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## Featured Speakers

**Keynote Speaker**  
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### **Walking in Beauty on an Ever-Changing Path, A Native Woman Engineer's Perspective**

**Sandra Begay-Campbell**  
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Sandia National Laboratories



Pamela Williams is a senior member of the technical staff in the Computational Sciences and Mathematics Research Department at Sandia National Laboratories. Her research interests include optimization, machine learning and mathematical software design.

Dr. Williams earned a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in Computational Applied Mathematics from Rice University. Williams' honors and awards include an Otis A. Singletary Scholarship, National Society of Black Engineers Fellow, AT&T Cooperative Research Fellowship, and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Education Outreach Award. She is a member of ACM, NAM, and SIAM. In addition, Dr. Williams was recently elected to a three-year term on the University of Kentucky Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

## Welcome to the Tapia Conference 2005

Welcome to the 2005 Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference, the third in a biennial series, that celebrates diversity in the field of computing. Celebrating diversity means just that - appreciating the rich variation in our experiences, expertise, and cultural backgrounds. This year's theme is "A Diversity of Scholars - A Tapestry of Discovery." The conference seeks to weave together these unique threads to create a tapestry of discovery and achievement.

The theme conjures up memories of my participation in Rice's Spend A Summer With a Scientist program, precursor to Rice-Houston AGEP. At the beginning of the summer, Tapia brought together students of different genders and cultural backgrounds with research interests ranging from sociology to physics to applied mathematics. By the end of the summer, we, the students, discovered that outward differences masked common goals, fears, and obstacles encountered in life and graduate school. From these experiences, we formed lasting bonds throughout graduate school and beyond.

Mark Friedman, Technical Program Chair, has developed a strong and exciting program consisting of contributed papers from leading-edge researchers, workshops, and panels on various technical issues as well as diversity and outreach activities, posters, Birds-of-a-Feather sessions, and a doctoral consortium. Whether you are an established researcher, mid-career professional or student exploring your options in computing, we think you will find a session or topic that is useful and informative.

I hope the conference provides an opportunity to network and establish connections beyond your institution's walls. In addition, I challenge you to discover and appreciate the diversity among your fellow conference attendees.

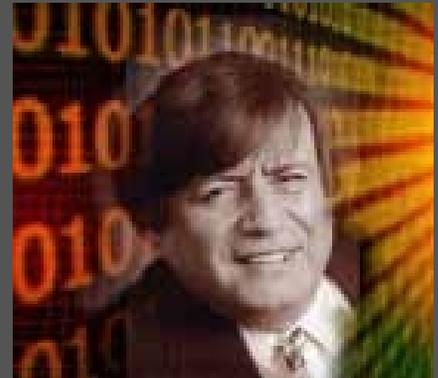
**Pamela J. Williams**  
**Sandia National Laboratories**  
**Tapia 2005 Conference Chair**  
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## Information on Richard Tapia

**Richard A. Tapia**  
**North Harding Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics**  
**Rice University**

The symposium honors the significant contributions of Dr. Richard A. Tapia, a mathematician and professor in the Department of Computational and Applied Mathematics at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He is internationally known for his research in computational and mathematical sciences and is a national leader in education and outreach programs. Dr. Tapia has authored or co-authored two books and more than 80 mathematical research papers. His current positions at Rice are Noah Harding Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics; Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Office of Graduate Studies; and Director of the Center for Excellence and Equity in Education.

Richard Tapia was born in Los Angeles to parents who separately emigrated from Mexico as young teenagers in search of educational opportunities for themselves and for future generations. Richard was the first in his family to attend college, earning his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of California, Los Angeles. Due to his efforts, Rice University has received national recognition for its educational outreach programs and the Rice Computational and Applied Mathematics Department has become a national leader in producing women and underrepresented minority Ph.D.'s in the mathematical sciences. Some of Dr. Tapia's honors include: election to the National Academy of Engineering (1992) for his seminal work in interior point methods; the first recipient of the A. Nico Habermann Award from the Computing Research Association (1994) for outstanding contribution to aiding members of underrepresented groups within the computing community; the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from President Clinton (1996); appointment by President Clinton to the National Science Board (1996), the governing body of the National Science Foundation; and the establishment of a lecture series to honor Dr. Tapia and African American mathematician David Blackwell at Cornell University (2000). Dr. Tapia also received the Hispanic Engineer of the Year Award from Hispanic Engineer Magazine in 1996, and was inducted into the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference Hall of Fame in 1997. Dr. Tapia was inducted into the Texas Science Hall of Fame in 2004. Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology Magazine also selected him as one of the 50 Most Important Hispanics in Technology and Business for 2004.



**Honoring the contributions  
of Richard Tapia and  
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throughout computing**

# RICHARD TAPIA CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY IN COMPUTING

Wednesday, October 19, 2005		Thursday, October 20, 2005		
	8:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast: <b>Foyer, Atrium, Pavilion I-III</b>		
	8:45 AM	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Pavilion I-III Conference Chair: Pamela J. Williams, Sandia National Laboratories		
	9:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Opportunities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Computing Industry</b> Dr. Mark E. Dean IBM Fellow and Vice President, IBM Almaden Research Center		
	10:00 AM	Coffee Break: <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>		
	10:30 AM	<b>T1: Sage Computational Math I</b> Session Chair: Illya Hicks, Texas A&M University	<b>T2: Fiesta Room Collaborative Environments</b> Session Chair: Jeffrey Forbes, Duke University	<b>P1: Enchantmt C-F Leadership: A Diverse Perspective</b> Organizer: Valerie E. Taylor, Texas A&M University
	11:15 AM			
<b>Doctoral Consortium</b> Sponsored by the <i>National Science Foundation</i> Enchantment A-B 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM Doctoral Consortium Chair: Nina Berry, Sandia National Laboratories	12:00 PM	Lunch: <b>Pavilion I-III</b>		
	1:30 PM	<b>T3: Sage Programming Languages</b> Session Chair: Andrea Lawrence, Spelman College	<b>P2: Fiesta Room Grid Computing: The Promise and the Challenges</b> Organizer: Charles Koelbel, Rice University	<b>W1: Enchantmt C-F Introduction to Cyberinfrastructure I</b> Organizers: Donald Frederick, San Diego Supercomputer Center, UCSD and Sandie Kappes, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, UIUC
	2:15 PM	<b>P3: Sage Beware of False Prophets: Which Initiatives ... Work?</b> Organizer: Wanda J. Smith, Virginia Tech		
	3:00 PM	Coffee Break and Poster Setup: <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>		
	3:30 PM	<b>Plenary Session: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Data and the Next Generation</b> Dr. Francine Berman Director, San Diego Supercomputer Center, Univ. of Cal. San Diego		
	4:45 PM	<b>BoF1: Sage Sharing Experience on ... Multicultural Bridge Programs</b> Organizer: Manuel Penaloza, et. al, South Dakota School of Mines and Tech	<b>BoF2: Fiesta Room Career Strategies for Computing Professionals ...</b> Org: Mark A. Friedman, The Richard J. Roman Institute	<b>W2: Enchantmt C-F Introduction to Cyberinfrastructure II</b> Organizers: Donald Frederick, San Diego Supercomputer Center, UCSD and Sandie Kappes, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, UIUC
<b>Student and Scholarship Recipient Orientation</b> Enchantment C-F 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Program Chair: Mark A. Friedman, The Richard J. Roman Institute Scholarships Chair: Stephenie A. McLean, Texas Advanced Computing Center, University of Texas at Austin	5:45 PM	Break <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>		
<b>Tapia Conference Alum Presentation: Moving toward Future Objectives</b> Dr. Jeffrey Forbes Duke University	6:15 PM			
	7:00 PM	<b>Poster Session and Reception</b> Pavilion Court and Landing		
<b>Opening Reception</b> Hosted by <i>Google</i> Fiesta Room 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	10:00 PM			

Friday, October 21, 2005			Saturday, October 22, 2005		
Buffet Breakfast: <b>Foyer, Atrium, Pavilion I-III</b>			Buffet Breakfast: <b>Foyer, Atrium, Pavilion I-III</b>		
<b>Announcements:</b> Pavilion I-III <b>Program Chair: Mark A. Friedman, The Richard J. Roman Institute</b>			<b>Announcements:</b> Pavilion I-III <b>Conference Chair: Pamela J. Williams, Sandia National Laboratories</b>		
<b>Plenary Session: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Changing the Places Where We Work: Diversifying Computing</b> <b>Dr. Janice Cuny</b> <b>Program Director, Broadening Participation in Computing, NSF</b>			<b>P8: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Tapping Technology to Develop Diversity: Building the MentorNet Network</b> <b>Organizer: Carol B. Muller, MentorNet</b>		
Coffee Break: <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>			Coffee Break and Poster Breakdown: <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>		
<b>T4: Pavilion V</b> <b>Computational Math II</b> <b>Session Chair:</b> Monica Martinez-Canales, Sandia National Laboratories	<b>T5: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Systems</b> <b>Session Chair:</b> Demetrios Kazakos, University of Idaho	<b>P4: Enchantmt C-F</b> <b>Next Generation Computing – Preparing the Future Workforce: An Industry Perspective</b> <b>Organizer:</b> John S. Hurley, The Boeing Company	<b>T7: Pavilion V</b> <b>Applications</b> <b>Session Chair:</b> Patricia Teller, University of Texas-El Paso	<b>P9: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Engaging People in Cyberinfra-structure</b> <b>Organizer:</b> Ann Redelfs, EPIC	<b>W4: Enchantmt C-F</b> <b>Fostering IT Career Resilience</b> <b>Organizer:</b> Wanda J. Smith, Virginia Tech
Lunch: <b>Sendero Ballroom</b>			Lunch and Town Hall Meeting Sendero Ballroom  Conference Adjourns at 1:30 PM		
<b>T6: Pavilion V</b> <b>Diversity</b> <b>Session Chair:</b> Nina Berry, Sandia National Laboratories	<b>P5: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Research Opportunities in Bioinformatics</b> <b>Organizer:</b> Tiffani L. Williams, Texas A&M University	<b>P6: Enchantmt C-F</b> <b>Making the Journey of Graduate School Your Own</b> <b>Org: Jamika Burge, et al., Virginia Tech</b>			
			<b>P7: Enchantmt C-F</b> <b>The Computer Science Academic Job Search</b> <b>Org: Juan Gilbert, et al., Auburn University</b>		
Coffee Break: <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>					
<b>Plenary Session: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>The Development of Dynamic Ventilation Imaging</b> <b>Dr. Thomas M. Guerrero</b> <b>Assistant Professor, Univ. of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center</b>					
<b>BoF3: Pavilion V</b> <b>Widening the Pipeline for All Minority Students</b> <b>Organizer: Anja Remshagen, et. al, University of West Georgia</b>	<b>BoF4: Pavilion I-III</b> <b>Six Sigma and IT</b> <b>Organizer:</b> Rodi Tountcheva, The Ohio State University	<b>W3: Enchantmt C-F</b> <b>Are They Really Listening? Effective Presentations in Science Settings</b> <b>Organizer:</b> Tiffani L. Williams, Texas A&M University			
Break <b>Foyer, Atrium</b>					
<b>Banquet and Award Ceremony</b> Sendero Ballroom <b>Banquet Presentation:</b> <b>Walking in Beauty on an Ever-Changing Path, A Native Woman Engineer's Perspective</b> <b>Sandra Begay-Campbell</b> Principal Member of the Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories					

**Legend:**  
**T# = Technical Presentation**  
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**Schedule at a Glance**

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**Doctoral Consortium**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2005**  
**8:00 AM – 7:30 PM**  
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**Supported by the National Science Foundation**

The Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for Ph.D. students to discuss and explore their research interests and career objectives with a panel of established researchers in computing and in computational mathematics, science and engineering.

**Student and Scholarship Recipient Orientation**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2005**  
**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Enchantment Ballroom C-F**

At the Student and Scholarship Recipient Orientation, experience and suggestions will be offered to students towards maximizing the benefits of their participation in the Tapia 2005 conference and future professional activities. Students will learn of programs and opportunities to support their education and career offered by the Coalition to Diversify Computing (CDC) and our sponsors, ACM, IEEE-CS and CRA. Jeffrey Forbes, an assistant professor at Duke University and Tapia Conference alum, will share his past Tapia Conference and CDC program experiences and their influences on his career. The orientation will provide valuable information and professional networking opportunities.

*Tapia Scholarship recipients are required to attend the orientation to learn of procedures that must be followed for reimbursement of expenses. Doctoral Consortium participants must attend the later portion of the orientation starting at 7:30pm.*

**Opening Reception**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2005**  
**8:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**Fiesta Room**

**Hosted by Google**

The Opening Reception offers an opportune time to network with your colleagues, leaders in the field and potential future collaborators. Conference participants will have an opportunity to meet honoree Richard Tapia, a host of speakers and panelists, representatives from our sponsors and supporters, conference organizers and other conference participants. The Career Information Center will be open during the reception.

**Keynote and Plenary Sessions**

True to the conference theme, “A Diversity of Scholars – A Tapestry of Discovery,” Tapia 2005 plenary sessions feature presentations on wide ranging topics by diverse leaders in the computing sciences from academia, industry and government agencies.

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**Pavilion Court and Landing**

The Poster Session and Reception presents an opportunity to learn about the research featured on more than 20 posters authored by undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctorates and faculty. The topics include collaborative and emerging technologies, computational mathematics and science, and multidisciplinary activities in computer science. Poster judges will talk to presenters at their poster during the session.

## Banquet and Award Ceremony

**Friday, October 21, 2005**

**7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**Sendero Ballroom**

At the celebratory banquet, good food, music, entertainment, dancing and an awards ceremony will be accompanied by a talk from Sandra Begay-Campbell. At the banquet, in addition to networking with a diverse group of students, faculty, researchers and practitioners from many areas, you will be able to socialize with a number of leaders in the field of computing in an informal setting.

### **Best Student Poster Award**

An award of \$1000 will be given for the best student poster.

### **The Richard A. Tapia Achievement Award for Scientific Scholarship, Civic Science and Diversifying Computing**

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the bi-annual “Richard A. Tapia Achievement Award for Scientific Scholarship, Civic Science and Diversifying Computing.” The award honors Richard Tapia’s lifetime work as a “civic scientist” – a scientist who recognizes that at the very center of our highly complex technological and scientific world are people. Recipients are distinguished computational or computer scientists or computer engineers who are also making significant contributions to quality of life matters such as teaching, mentoring, advising, building and serving communities, or affecting local or national policy on human resource issues. Awardees will be recognized as those who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in increasing the participation of those groups who are underrepresented in the sciences.

### **Banquet and Presentation:**

**Walking in Beauty on an Ever-Changing Path,  
A Native Woman Engineer’s Perspective  
Sandra Begay-Campbell  
Principal Member of the Technical Staff  
Sandia National laboratories**

Sandra Begay-Campbell, a Principle Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories and a member of the Navajo Nation, will share her perspective which combines her cultural values into a technical environment as she leads Sandia’s efforts in the Renewable Energy Program to assist tribes with renewable energy development.

### **Conversation, Native American Entertainment, Music and Dancing**

Finish the evening with great conversation, entertainment by a troop of Native American dancers, music and dancing. Join the Tapia Conference 2005 attendees for a social and entertainment as you meet new friends and renew old friendships.

## Lunch and Town Hall Meeting

**Saturday, October 22, 2005**

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Sendero Ballroom**

Your help is needed with the planning of future events and programs related to increasing diversity in the field of computing. Voice your ideas or suggestions at the Town Hall Meeting which will provide an open forum for discussions about future Tapia events as well as possible programs that can be undertaken by the Coalition to Diversify Computing, a joint organization of the ACM, CRA and IEEE-CS, which is open to ideas for new projects that aid in increasing the diversity in the field of computing, especially within graduate programs in computing.

### **Your feedback is important! Please fill out the survey!**

During the conference, we will be surveying the participants to get your feedback on the appropriateness of the sessions, what you found most useful, and your suggestions for future Tapia Conferences. In addition, we would like to find out how the conference benefits you, and whether you intend to follow up with any of the speakers, panelists, committee members or others you have met while you were here. We cannot stress enough how important your feedback is – we want to be sure we continue to offer quality sessions that entice you to return again and again, to participate fully in future events, as well as proudly encourage your colleagues to attend in 2007 and beyond.

