

December/January

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**Latino Programs and Services**

The Office of Latino Programs and Services had or participated in the following activities and events throughout the month of December and January:

Ecological Stewardship Institute News

8 new Latino students enrolled at NKU this spring

Education Forum: "Our Children Cannot Wait" Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

St. Xavier High School Tour and Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>



Some of the highlights from the events that we would like share with you are the following:

**Internal Programs**



**Josue Guerrero has been named Ecological Stewardship Institute (ESI) scholar** for the spring 2014. He will receive a stipend for his work. He is working with a trans-disciplinary student team integrating a new "water quality app-pro" with a River on the Web (ROW) website and a stream water quality assessment data base. He will also be working on putting all the materials on the website and apps en Español!

The **Northern Kentucky Champions for Education** hosted an Education Forum on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the University Center, Otto M. Budig Theatre. Over 250 people showed up to talk about educational issues and to hear from Kentucky Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson and Education Commissioner Dr. Terry Holliday. The Office of Latino Programs and Services provided support of volunteers, parking and the programs. Former NKU President Dr. Votruba and current NKU President Geoffrey S. Mearns participated in this forum as well.

**Scholarships**

ELL Foundation/Toyota Scholarship deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. To fill out an application please visit <http://ellfoundationcinci.org/Scholarships.html>

## **Upcoming events:**

February 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Student Union Ballroom

### **English Language Learning Foundation 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Breakfast**

NKU has been hosting this recognition since its inception. During this celebration 17 local students will be receiving scholarships. In addition, a Student of the Year, Educator of the Year, Tutor of the Year, and Make a Difference Award will be awarded.

RSVP is required and you can register for this event at: [http://ellfoundationcinci.org/Events\\_2.html](http://ellfoundationcinci.org/Events_2.html).

**To volunteer for this event please contact our office.**



March 1-29<sup>th</sup>

### **Cesar Chavez High School Writing Contest**

The Cesar Chavez High School Writing Contest is an opportunity for local high school students to show-off their writing skills, as well as, their passion for Cesar Chavez's legacy. Students are encouraged to write an essay and submit it to our office. Winners will receive an award and be recognized at the Annual Latino Student Recognition Dinner. **For more information please contact our office.**

March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Frankfort, Kentucky

### **March on Frankfort Civil Rights March**

The Offices of Latino Programs and Services, African American Programs and Services, and LGBTQ Programs and Services, are taking a group of students to Frankfort to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March on Frankfort. **To sign up for this event please contact our office.**

March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

### **Behringer-Crawford Museum Two-Headed Calf Awards Banquet and Silent Auction**

**For more information regarding the Behringer-Crawford Museum Two-Headed Calf Awards Banquet and Silent Auction please visit [www.bcmuseum.org](http://www.bcmuseum.org).**

April 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom, 107A

### **Latino Student Recognition Banquet**

The Office of Latino Programs and Services will be hosting their annual Latino Student Recognition Banquet and will recognize students for their academic achievement, volunteerism, Latino/a of the Year, Mentor/Mentee of the Year and graduating seniors. **To reserve your spot and help congratulate these students, please RSVP to our office.**



June 25-26<sup>th</sup>

Location: TBA

### **English Language Learning Foundation Middle School Fun with Science Camp**

The Office of Latino Programs and Services, the English Language Learning Foundation, and Dr. Miriam Kannan will be having a Science Camp for participants that are in middle school in the Greater Cincinnati area. **More information forthcoming.**

August 4-8<sup>th</sup>

Northern Kentucky University

### **English Language Learning Foundation High School Fun with Science Camp**

The English Language Learning Foundation, the Office of Latino Programs and Services, Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics, the Ecological Stewardship, and the Foundation for Ohio River Education will be having a Science Camp for local high school students in the Greater Cincinnati area. Students will cruise the Ohio River in a paddle boat, gather DNA from their own cells to make necklaces, use a microscope to see the microbial life in pond water, grow bacteria that live in our bodies, and many other activities. **For more information please contact [http://ellfoundationcinci.org/Events\\_2.html#Fun with Science Camp](http://ellfoundationcinci.org/Events_2.html#Fun_with_Science_Camp).**



August 10-12<sup>th</sup>

Student Union, Room TBA

### **Latino Programs and Services Orientation Workshop**

The Office of Latino Programs and Services will hold their annual orientation for new incoming Latino students. The purpose of this orientation is to welcome them to NKU, as well as, provide valuable information for their college career. Students will get acquainted with the LPS staff, other Latino students, as well as, learn about other valuable offices on campus. A unique part of the orientation is that students get to partake in activities that strengthen leadership and team building skills. Students are also able to form strong relationships with others that could last a lifetime. **To sign up please contact our office.**

## **Latino Mentor Program (LAMP)**

Throughout the month of December and January, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

Welcome Back Mixer on January 17<sup>th</sup>

Mentor Co-Op Search Strategies Workshop on January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mentor Interviewing Techniques on January 28<sup>th</sup>



Students had the opportunity to take part in the **LAMP Welcome Back Mixer** to spend some time with their peers before the semester gets hectic again. Twenty-four students attended and they all met someone new that they had not known prior to the event. Subway was provided for the students as they mingled and got to know other students in the program and then watched the movie *The Sandlot* in the UC Otto Budig Theatre.

LAMP students were encouraged to attend the NKU Career Services **Co-Op Search Strategies** workshop on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. At the Co-Op event students were provided strategies to obtain co-ops/internships in the future. This was a great event for students to learn about acquiring hands-on experience in their career and field while earning academic credit and getting paid.

NKU Career Services held a workshop on **Interviewing Techniques** on Tuesday, January 28th at 4:30 p.m., and 8 students attended. Career Services led students through discovering how to prepare for an interview, ways to answer interview questions, and what to wear. They also included tips on how to interview on the phone and by video. After attending the workshop students were strongly encouraged to schedule a mock interview with the Career Services staff to practice their skills.



**LAMP's Student of the Month for January is Hannah French.** It is Hannah's first year at NKU and she is majoring in Media and Broadcasting. On campus she is involved in the Latino Mentor Program, Student Government Association, Activities Programming Board, Freshman Service Leadership Committee, and Delta Gamma. When asked what she would like her peers to know about her, Hannah responded, "I'm very outgoing and I love getting involved on campus. Being at NKU this past semester has been the best 5 months of my life and I can't wait for more to come. I can't wait to see what the future has in store for me." Her advice to other mentors/mentees in the program is to "Make sure to keep yourself accountable for school, work, activities, etc. To be successful you have to manage your time and work hard. Make sure to keep your grades up, but also make time for yourself. Each one of you is so awesome and is going to be very successful. You have to strive to be successful, to achieve that goal."

### **Upcoming events:**

February 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Student Union 105

**Mentor Resume and Cover Letter Workshop-Open to All**

February 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Student Union 108

**Mentor Marketing Yourself Event-Open to All**

February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom 107A

**Diversity Networking Reception-Open to All, RSVP required at [www.myinterfase.com/nku/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/nku/student) by February 7<sup>th</sup>.**

February 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Student Union 105

**Mentor Training Session for Job Expo-Open to All**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Student Union 302

**Mentor Leadership Workshop-Open to Mentor Participants**

February 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

**Job Expo 2014-Open to All**

February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Student Union 324

**Mentor Mid-term Study Session-Open to Mentor Participants**

**External Programs**



**NKU LPS, English Language Learning Foundation, and St. Xavier High School Collaboration Project**

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Sister Margarita Brewer, President of the English Language Learning Foundation, Rev. Louie Gasparini, MCCJ, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Director of Hispanic Ministry, Leo Calderón, ELL board member and Director of LPS met with Father Tim A. Howe, SJ, President of St. Xavier High School, and John V. Ravenna, Director of Multicultural Initiatives, St. Xavier High School. The purpose of this meeting was to engage on several educational projects. One of these projects is called The Companion Scholars Program. This is a month long summer academic program that is free for low income students. ELL agreed to identify a total of 20 high academic achieving Latino male students who are going into the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014. Finally, St. Xavier High School will be awarding two academic scholarships to two low income high academic achieving Latino students.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful supporters for collaborating, guiding and assisting our office, but most of all, for providing the successful academic and networking opportunities for our students.

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