

LatinO

PROGRAMS
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SERVICES (LPS)

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December/January Activities & Events...

The Office of Latino Programs and Services had or participated in the following activities and events throughout the months of December, 2014 and January, 2015:

- Virgin de Guadalupe
- Destino Educativo 2020
– Latino Student Success Initiative
- Road to NKU
- Translations Services for United Way of Greater Cincinnati
- Heritage Night at Union Elementary

Felicidades!!

We would like to congratulate our December 2014 Graduates and wish them much success as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

Sultan Alkathiri
Mohand Alyameny
Jesus Astudillo
Sarah Brake
Ernest Briones
Gabriela Castillo
Pedro Dianchi
Di Carcano
Andrea Gentile
Walfred Guerrero
Mandie Hubig

Mary Le Roy
Christopher Mendiguren
Arturo Minera
Christina Moore
Genaro Moreno
Michelle Palmer
Maria Gabriela
Rodriguez Vivas
Thomas Schneller
Jessica Sipka
Macarena Toro Serey

**HIGHLIGHTS of these and other events,
plus information on upcoming events
are featured inside...**



Internal Programs



The Office of Latino Programs and Services

along with the Catholic Newman Club had the annual **Virgin de Guadalupe Event**. Mass was held in her honor and afterwards a video and presentation was shown to the participants. After the events students had a chance to socialize with others and ask questions about the Virgin during the social. The Virgin of Guadalupe is the patron saint of

Mexico and her appearance is celebrated throughout Latin American on December 12. The Virgin first appeared December 9, 1531 to a Native American peasant name Juan Diego on a hill of Tepeyac, in a suburb of Mexico City. This image would later be imprinted on a tilma which would have many different symbolisms within the image. This apparition would serve as an icon for all American-born Spaniards as well as Native Americans in Mexico.



Latino Student Success - Destino Educativo 2020

is a new project that is being spearheaded by LPS office. The Destino Educativo 2020 or Education Destination is

made up of a task force of 13 members from all over campus, and 3 subcommittees: access, retention, and graduation. Each subcommittee will come up with 2-3 recommendations and submit them to the task force for review. The purpose is to evaluate these three areas and continue leading Latino student higher education initiatives in the greater Cincinnati area, the region, and the Commonwealth. We are aiming to reinforce all pipelines, prepare for the Latino college age forthcoming influx, and strengthen and secure NKU's place as the #1 Latino higher education institution in programs and services. In addition, to continue as the "to go center" for Latino programs and services in the region, and strengthen our ties and increase commitment and engagement

with the community. Findings of this project will be announced later on this semester.

One of the community engagement

initiatives is to reach out to local organizations and partner with them to help the community, as well as, provide opportunities to our students. This year we partnered with **United Way of Greater Cincinnati** and **Success by Six** to help the Latino community by translating documents for this program. Success by Six raises awareness about the importance of the early years and engages local partners to ensure the developmental needs of children. They provide programs for parents about their children's needs such as health and physical well-being, language and communication development, and cognitive and general knowledge, etc. We translated the course evaluations to help facilitate the learning and understanding of the material presented.



In conjunction with NKU & Centro de Amistad Programa de Tutorías para Niños, which was organized as part of the Fall 2014 SPI 480-01 US Latino & Latin American Social

Justice class, **Alex Pineda, Joseph Killebrew, Olivia Hagedorn, Danielle Grout, Lindsee Tippetts, Tayrick Alvarez, Rachel Schoulties, Monica Molestina, Gabriel Reyes, Courtney Powell and Sara Palomino** collectively served 140 hours of service at Centro de Amistad. Sister Juana Mendez sent each student a Panera gift certificates as a thank you token. In addition, Monica Molestina and Sara Palomino were invited to join Centro de Amistad as their first interns. They will continue teaching English as a Second Language to adults at Centro de Amistad and will assist in recruiting additional tutors to assist the children with their homework. Toyota recently donated ESL books, a projector and a smart board to the Centro de Amistad and plans are in place to continue.



On December 9, Union Elementary School in West Chester, Ohio, had their first **Heritage Night.** The theme for this special occasion was **"Expose, Expand, and Empower."** According to Mrs. Marie Cioffi, Union Elementary School Teacher, the

purpose of this event was to create an interactive environment in which students and families would be exposed to activities from a number of countries. This is exactly what their students experienced under the NKU leadership of Dr. Sam Zachary, former Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor Irene Encarnación, Faculty from World Language and Literatures, and Leo Calderón, Director of Latino Programs and Services. Profesora Encarnación not only had a Mexican table full of books, artifacts, but also had an interactive "scavenger" educational activity which was a lot of fun! We were very impressed by their high academic achievement, and the extensive diversity in which Latinos accounted for 11% of the student population. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Cioffi for their successful "Heritage Night" and for including us!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

By Amber Mercedes



I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to study abroad in London during winter break just before I graduate this coming May! It was certainly an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I hope that one day I'm able to return back to London as just a tourist, because I have many

more sites that I would like to see there. Although there are many similarities between our culture here and the culture in London, the slight differences make you more thankful for even the little things like getting free refills at restaurants! Overall, I really loved the opportunity and I would encourage every student to take on the challenge of studying abroad because it will enrich your education far beyond your imagination!

SCHOLARSHIPS

English Language Learners Foundation Scholarship • Deadline Feb 1, 2015

For more information www.ellfoundationcinci.org

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI) Scholarship • Deadline April 16, 2015

For more information www.chci.org/scholarships/

The Fountainhead Essay Contest • Deadline April 26, 2015 (for high school juniors and seniors)

For more information <http://essaycontest.aynrandonovels.com/TheFountainhead.aspx?theme=blue>

Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation (HENAAC) Scholars Program Deadline April 30, 2015

For more information <http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program>

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Foundation

For more information <http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/>

League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship

For more information <http://www.lnesc.org/site/1/Home>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund • Deadline March 30, 2015

For more information, <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/>

LPS Upcoming

For more information, to volunteer or to participate please



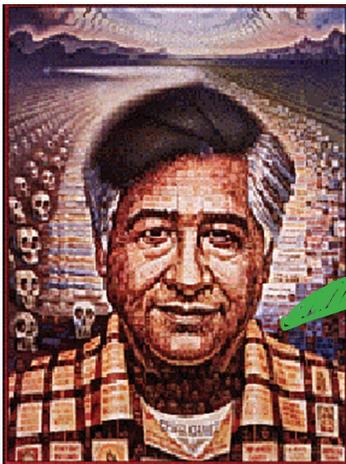
English Language Learning Foundation 7th Annual Breakfast

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom

The English Language Learning Foundation, Inc. invites you to participate in the 7th Annual Recognition Breakfast. Funds are raised through their annual recognition event to continue to provide programs and scholarships to students in the Greater Cincinnati area. Their programs are directed to help English language learners become successful in their academic lives while fostering their cultural identities.

For more information please visit www.ellfoundationcinci.org/events_2.html



Cesar Chavez High School Writing Contest

MARCH 1-29, 2015

In partnership with the World Languages and Literatures Department, the Cesar Chavez High School Writing Contest will be held once again. This 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.

Behringer Crawford Two-Headed Calf Banquet and Silent Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom

LPS and the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement Center has partnered with the Behringer-Crawford Museum to host its annual banquet and silent auction at NKU. This dinner raises funds for the museum to continue its programming, as well as to honor local heroes of history and volunteerism. For more information please visit

www.bcmuseum.org



Coming Events

Please contact Diane Maldonado at maldonadod1@nku.edu

Latino Student Recognition Banquet

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom 107A

The Office of Latino Programs and Services will be hosting our 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.



English Language Learning Foundation High School Fun with Science Camp

DATE TBA

Northern Kentucky University

The English Language Learning Foundation, World Languages and Literature, 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.



Latino Programs and Services Orientation Workshop

DATE TBA

James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union

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.

LAMP

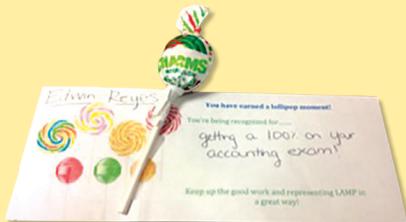
Latino Mentor Program

Throughout the months of December and January, LAMP students took part in the following activities.



Our **study sessions** for finals took place on December 2nd and 3rd in the Student Union from 12-2pm. Students were provided with pizza while they began to prepare for their finals the following week. Study sessions provide a great environment for our students to help each other with classes that students are struggling with. The upperclassmen really work with the first and second

year students to help them succeed in their first year, one that seems to be extremely challenging for most students to adjust.



LAMP started a new program in September where members of the program can nominate other LAMP members in

the program to receive a lollipop moment.

The **Lollipop Moment** is a reward to someone that has exemplified great behavior. December and January's winner was Karen Cipriano. A LAMP Lollipop Moments for December and January was awarded to Karen Cipriano by her mentor, Juan Maldonado. She was elected as the Vice President of Model United Nations and is also juggling 18 credit hours.

Great job LAMP students, keep up the great work!

LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS

LAMP STUDY SESSION

January 20, 2015,
Noon-2:00pm; SU 324

FINANCIAL AID/ SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

February 5, 2015,
Noon-1:00pm; SU 106

This event is provided to give students an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have in regards to the FAFSA, scholarships, or financial aid to plan for the upcoming school year. We know that some of the paperwork can be confusing at times, so we hope that students will take advantage of this event to help alleviate the stress that it can cause.

INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES

February 9, 2015
4:00-5:00pm; SU 106

This NKU Career Services Event is designed to help our students discover how to prepare for an interview, ways to answer interview questions, and what to wear. Includes tips on phone and video interviews. After attending this workshop we hope that students will call NKU Career Services to arrange a mock interview with their staff.

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MENTORS OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2014

JANUARY 2015



**The Mentor of the Month
for December, 2014
JUAN MALDONADO!**

Juan is a senior geology major here at NKU and has been a great asset to LAMP for many years. Juan has done an excellent job this year connecting with his mentees and really helping them find their place here at NKU. His Head Peer Mentor, Bryant Picazo, had the following to say about him, "I want to nominate Johnny for student of the month. I always see him helping out his two mentees and always making time for them. Johnny has gotten really close to both of them both inside and outside of the classroom atmosphere. His mentees are always going up to him asking him for advice or just to talk and his opinion is valued by many." We just want to thank Juan for his dedication to the program throughout his college journey and cannot wait to see what he achieves in the future!



**The Mentor of the month
for January, 2015
EDWIN REYES!**

Edwin is a third year student majoring in Business Management here at NKU. He has been very involved with the Latino Programs and Services Office as well as Alpha Psi Lambda National Inc. this year. Fellow Head Peer Mentor and Fraternity Sister, Maria Rojas had the following to say about him, "I want to nominate Edwin because he has really stepped it up with his leadership this past semester. He has become a wonderful mentor for LAMP and has even been selected as a Head Peer Mentor. Edwin was also selected to attend the Norse Leadership Society Fall Retreat and the Alternative Spring Break Trip to Mexico. Edwin is a great role model for all students. Keep up the good work!" Congratulations Edwin and thank you for all your dedication to our program.

DIVERSITY NETWORKING RECEPTION

February 12, 2015

3:30-5:00p, SU 107A Ballroom

Hosted by African American Programs & Services; Latino Programs & Services; Disability Programs & Services; LGBTQ Programs & Services; the Office of International Students & Scholars; the Veterans Resource Station; and Career Services. Network and explore career-related opportunities with local and regional employers. Appetizers will be served. Dress professionally; bring resumes and your ALL CARD.

RSVP REQUIRED BY FEB. 6.

LAMP STUDY SESSION

February 16 & 17, 2015

Noon-2:00pm; SU 324

JOB EXPO 2015

February 25, 2015

3:00-6:00pm; SU 107

Explore professional employment and co-op/internship opportunities with more than 100 local and regional employers at the largest career fair of the year. See Career Services website for details. ALL MAJORS WELCOME! Dress professionally; bring resumes and your ALL CARD.

For more information, to volunteer or to participate please contact Kara Thompson at thompsonk14@nku.edu.



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