

Northern Kentucky University

Office of Latino Programs and Services (LPS)

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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 February:

Centro de Amistad Collaboration

Diversity Outreach with the Chase College of Law

English Language Learning Foundation 6th Annual Recognition Breakfast

Letters to Sonia Sotomayor

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



Internal Programs



We would like to inform you that **Mayra Guzman** has been selected as the student **commencement speaker for the College of Arts & Sciences** this coming May. This is truly an honor, particularly for the Latino campus community since she will be the first Latina to have this privilege. Mayra is a truly exceptional student who has excelled since her arrival from Mexico only seven years ago. Mayra has participated in important search committees, organized student panel presentations, as well as, coordinated several community outreach projects. She has been involved in a number of student organizations including the Norse Leadership Society, League of United Latin American Citizens, Latino Mentor Program (LAMP), Latino Student Organization, and founding member of the first coed Latino Fraternity/Sorority in Kentucky.

The English Language Learning Foundation had its **Sixth Annual Recognition Breakfast** on Thursday, February 27th in the Student Union Ballroom at Northern Kentucky University. NKU has been hosting this recognition since its inception. During this celebration 17 local students received scholarships and nine of the awardees were from NKU. NKU President Geoffrey S. Mearns gave the keynote remarks. Jose Arreaga and Adama Diakhate were Students



of the Year, Christine Erskine was Educator of the Year, Vera Brooks received the Make a Difference Award and Jane Portman was Tutor of the Year. Over 300 people attended this event and were able to bid on items for the silent auction that will be used towards scholarships for English Language Learners.

We are busy gathering information for the upcoming **2014-2015 Calendar of Events**. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to whom we should invite for the National Hispanic Heritage Month Latino Keynote Speaker Series, Fall Latino Student Orientation, academic, cultural or social workshop topics, etc., please let us know. We are also interested in partnering with you on mutual projects that benefit our students. - Leo Calderón, Director of Latino Programs and Services

Scholarships

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI) Scholarship, Deadline April 16, for more information www.chci.org/scholarships/

The Fountainhead Essay Contest, Deadline April 26, (for high school juniors and seniors) for more information <http://essaycontest.aynrandnovels.com/TheFountainhead.aspx?theme=blue>

Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation (HENAAC) Scholars Program, Deadline April 30, for more information <http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program>

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Foundation, Deadline May 1, for more information <http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/>

League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship, Deadline March 31, for more information, contact <http://www.lnesc.org/site/1/Home>

Upcoming events:



March 1-29th

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 5th 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 50th Anniversary March on Frankfort. **To sign up for this event please contact our office.**

March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

Behring-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.

April 10th 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 25-26th

Location: Green Acres Pond Site and River Lab

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. **For more information please visit <http://latino.nku.edu/programs/ScienceCamp.html>**

August 4-8th

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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 10-12th

Student Union, Student Union 302

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 February, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- Diversity Networking Reception on February 13th
- Mentor Training Session for Job Expo on February 20th
- Mentor Leadership Workshop on February 22nd
- Job Expo on February 26th
- Mentor Mid-term Study Session on February 27th



The Diversity Networking Reception that was held on Thursday, February 13, 2014 was a success. Participants who attended included students from African American Programs and Services, Disability Programs and Services, Latino Programs and Services, LGBTQ Programs and Services, and the Office of International Students and Scholars. There were over twenty employers that attended the Diversity Networking Reception including Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation, Fidelity Investments, UPS, and many more. I attended the

reception and met with a few organizations including Teach for America and Education at Work. Although I am only a freshman here at NKU, it was a great opportunity attending the reception. Though some companies were not looking for underclassmen, I gained a great deal of information that will set me up for future success. The non-profit organization Education at Work did, although, offer me a future interview. I hope to attend any future Diversity Network Receptions as an upperclassman, and possibly gain more interviews and opportunities. –Maria Rojas, student worker for LPS

Fourteen LAMP students attended **the Diversity Networking Reception** hosted by African American Programs and Services, Latino Programs and Services, Disability Programs and Services, LGBTQ Programs and Services, the Office of International Students and Scholars, and Career Services. The event gave the students a chance to network and explore career-related opportunities with local and regional employers. Students were asked to have their resumes on hand and to dress in business attire for the event.



There were 9 students that attended the four hour **Leadership Workshop**. The students were provided with a presentation by Matt Campbell, representing Total Quality Logistics, about Social Media Best Practices such as using LinkedIn to market themselves and connect with future employers. Alma Bartos also volunteered for the day to talk to students about the topic of business etiquette. This was a very interactive presentation and the students had the opportunity to voice their opinions about specific etiquette "rules" and ask any questions that they may have about dining with future employers. This event was focused on getting students ready for life after college

and enhancing their professional development skills and all of the students felt as if they benefitted from attending the workshop.

NKU's homecoming, *Lights, Camera, Norse Up!*, is a week full of fun filled events such as the Nearly Naked Mile, Norse Talent Show, the NKU Step Show, and the Homecoming basketball games. The individuals below were chosen as representatives of a specific organization and earned enough votes from their peers to have solicited a spot on NKU's homecoming court. The Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess winners were determined solely on votes from NKU students, although, the King and Queen Candidates had to take part in the voting aspect in addition to an interview portion. The Homecoming Gala was held on February 26th where the top 5 candidates were announced for the Prince, Princess, King, and Queen along with the Homecoming Duke Andrew Blake and Duchess Caitlyn Thiel. On Thursday, February 27th, the Homecoming Prince Nathan Garbig and Princess Natalia Weekly were announced at halftime of the Men's Basketball Game vs. Stetson University and On Saturday, March 1st, the Homecoming King Mathew Hicks and Queen Evelyn Lear was announced at halftime of the Men's Basketball game against Florida Gulf Coast.



Pictured below are students associated with Latino Programs and Services that have been nominated for homecoming court! King Candidate: Arturo Minera; Prince Candidate: Conner McDermott; Duchess Candidate: Hannah French; Duke Candidate: Emanuel Picazo.

Congratulations to all of the candidates and winners and we are very proud to have some of the familiar faces from our office representing the NKU student body.



Arturo Minera

(Nominated by Delta Gamma)



Hannah French

(Nominated by Delta Gamma)



Connor McDermott

(Nominated by Pi Kappa Alpha)



Emanuel Picazo

(Nominated by Phi Sigma Sigma)



LAMP's Student of the Month for March is Christian Reyes. Christian Reyes is our Mentor of the Month for March! On campus Christian is extremely involved with Latino Programs and Services and is a Mentor in LAMP. He is also Associate Member Educator in Alpha Psi Lambda-National, Inc., he works at the NKU Campus Recreation Center, and he plays intramurals. Christian's major is Elementary Education and he loves to eat! His advice to his fellow mentors is to always be a positive mentor for your mentee. His advice to mentees would be centered on a quote by Bruce Lee: "Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it." Lizzy Wolking, Christian's mentee, nominated him for this recognition. She appreciates how he has always been there for her and makes sure that she is doing well in school. She values

how he has been such a great mentor for her this year.

Upcoming events:

March 21st from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

University Center 135

LAMP Job Search Strategies-Open to All

March 27th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Student Union 105

Chase Law School/Free Food Thursday-Open to All

March 27th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Student Union 104

LAMP Salsa Mixer-Open to All

April 4th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

University Center 135

LAMP Ace the Interview Event hosted by Total Quality Logistics-Open to All

April 16th from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

University Center 135

Student Special Recognition Event hosted by Arturo Minera-Open to LAMP

April 22nd from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Student Union 324

LAMP Finals Study Session-Open to All

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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