

LATINO (LPS)

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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

- English Language Learning Foundation 7th Annual Recognition Breakfast
- 2015 Ohio Latino Education Summit "Milestone in the Pipeline for Success" Presentation
- Behringer Crawford Museum Two-Headed Calf Awards and Silent Auction
- Alternative Spring Break to Mexico City
- Destino Educativo 2020 Task Force Presentations
- Su Casa Bilingual College Fair
- Spanish Norse Day
- Ignacio Berroa Visit
- Kroger Career Day

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

INTERNAL PROGRAMS



Latin Jazz Legend Ignacio Berroa, recognized as one of the greatest drummers of our time.

LATIN JAZZ LEGEND

A few weeks ago, we had the privilege of hosting Latin Jazz legend Ignacio Berroa. Various departments on campus such as the Music Department, and Latino Programs and Services had the honor of bringing Ignacio to NKU. Ignacio Berroa has been recognized by many as one of the greatest drummers of our time. His numerous contributions to the American music scene have earned him a place among a very selective group of artists known to have set new musical trends for the 20th century. International drummer and composer Ignacio Berroa recently received the 2007 Danish Music Award for "Best International Jazz Album of the Year" and a 2007 Grammy nomination for his long-awaited debut

album "CODES" from Blue Note Records. "CODES" has swept the souls of listeners across the globe, with an all-star lineup that includes David Sanchez, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Edward Simon, John Patitucci and Giovanni Hidalgo. Highly respected among his peers, Ignacio's musicianship and versatility have enabled him to build a successful career by gaining the recognition of some of the most important artists in the business. He has even had the pleasure of being Dizzy Gillespie's drummer for ten years. He is a pioneer in the fusion of Cuban drumming with jazz drumming and has received the lifetime achievement award from the Montreal Drum Festival. Students got a chance to talk with him over breakfast and were amazed by his experience and wisdom. In

the afternoon he presented his perspective on the history of Latino jazz as well as had a jam session with a few professors.

RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Office of Latino Programs and Services along with the English Language Learning Foundation hosted the 7th Annual Recognition Breakfast. This year, the foundation gave out 22 scholarships to local students who are English Language Learners. Out of those 22 scholarships 40% went to NKU students!! The event was once again held in the Student Union Ballroom and attracted over 240 people. Some other notable highlights were the awards given out to the community including: Alma Oñate (an NKU student) and Yohannes Amsalu for Students of the



English Language Learning Foundation scholarship winners at the 7th Annual Recognition Breakfast.



Kroger Career Day scholarship winners

Year; Alison Palassis for Educator of the Year; The Good Samaritan Free Health Center for the Make a Difference Award; and Julie Tolbert for the Tutor of the Year. This year's keynote speaker was H.A. Musser, CEO and President of the Santa Maria Community Center in Price Hill. Thank you to all the sponsors who contributed to this fundraising event which included four departments from NKU!

DESTINO EDUCATIVO 2020 TASK FORCE

On March 31, 2015, the Destino Educativo 2020 Task Force listened to three different presentations from the Access, Retention, and the Graduation Subcommittees. For the past three months these subcommittees had been meeting to review best practices of how we serve Latino students. After reviewing current data and programs, each subcommittee came up with three recommendations to submit to the Task Force. The Task Force then reviews the recommendations and will share them with President Mearns as well as the campus and community. These results will be shared in our next newsletter, so stay tuned for exciting changes!

KROGER CAREER DAY

The Kroger Company and NKU Career Services hosted Kroger Career Day on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, from 3:30-6 p.m. Students were dressed up and had their resumes on hand. They had a chance to win a tablet and other prizes. Students from all majors were encouraged to attend and meet with the three top executives from Kroger, representatives from Latino, LGBTQ, African American and Young Professional Resource groups. They had an opportunity to also network with various divisions within the Kroger corporate family which included IT, Manufacturing, Human Resources, The Little Clinic, Pharmacy, Fred Meyer Jewelers and Corporate Internal Audit. One of the main highlights of this event was the presentation of scholarships. Kroger offered twelve \$500 scholarships to Latino students,

but decided to award scholarships to the seventeen students listed below. Congratulations to our students!

KROGER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

JASMINE ARCE

JAIME DIAZ

LUCIA GARAY

CARLOS GUZMAN

ANGELINA HARLOW

STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ-HELTON

AMBER MERCEDES

MONICA MOLESTINA

BRENDA MORAN

MARTIZA OZEPY

SARA PALOMINO

REYNIERI PEREZ

CARLY RAMSEY

JASMINE RANGEL

MARIA ROJAS

STEPHANIE ROSADO

ANALIA VILLAGOMEZ

LATINO STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Diversity Networking Reception



As a junior, I needed to start thinking of the future and what I was going to do after my experience here at NKU. I knew I needed to start being proactive and making use of resources available to me. That is why I took advantage of the Diversity Networking Reception, an event that our LAMP program stressed for us to attend. At this event, I was able to gain insight and experience by conversing with potential employers on a professional level. It was intimidating at first, but that is the great thing about events like these, they help you lose that fear and gain confidence in your own abilities and strengths. From this event, I took away a great experience and I was able to receive an interview for a summer internship. My advice is that everyone should take advantage of the great events and programs that are provided to students here at NKU, you never know what kind of great things you can receive from merely attending the event.

When I was informed about the opportunity to spend spring break in Mexico City, I took it as soon as I could. I am glad I took advantage of such an amazing program that LPS and Campus Recreation had to offer. It was such a great experience being able to live with a host family for a week. They were so welcoming and caring, and made me feel right at home. We were able to focus on various aspects during this trip such as culture, politics, health, and well-being of the community. Each day spent in Mexico City was always a new and exciting adventure. I would definitely recommend anyone who is thinking about going on this trip to do it. You will not regret it and you will come back as a better and more enlightened person.

— EDWIN REYES



Spring Break in Mexico City

During spring break, myself and many other NKU students and staff, including Maria Rojas, Edwin Reyes, and the Director of Latino Programs and Services, Leo Calderon, went off on a colorful adventure of culture and history in the oldest city in North America—Mexico City.

Although it was probably one of the most fun experiences I have ever had, it was not a vacation, but a deep study that broadened my understanding of life. At points, we were submerged in history from the Anthropology Museum, Chapultepec Castle, and historic parts of the city. Everywhere we went, there was art in the form of murals and sculptures. We even experienced the art of Frida Kahlo and the extraordinary collection of the Soumaya Museum. You might have heard that the food in Mexico is the best and I will say this is a fact, not an opinion.

At other times, we were connecting with different students from elementary school to college. We did simple things like playing games, help with cleaning weeds on the playground, or just listening to the issues in the community, but there was a renewed sense of the importance of your fellow man.

Thanks to our host families and students of the YMCA University, we were guided in understanding the everyday culture of Mexico. The best part was that we were accepted with so much love.

— ASHLEY TAYLOR

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, April 9, 2015

LATINO STUDENT RECOGNITION BANQUET

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.

July 27-31, 2015

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL FUN WITH SCIENCE CAMP

Northern Kentucky University

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.

August 7-11, 2015

LATINO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS

INSTITUTE, INC. (CHCI) SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE APRIL 16, 2015

www.chci.org/scholarships/

THE FOUNTAINHEAD ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE APRIL 26, 2015

(FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS)

essaycontest.aynrand novels.com/TheFountainhead.aspx?theme=blue

HISPANIC ENGINEER NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CORPORATION (HENAAC) SCHOLARS PROGRAM

DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2015

www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/ henaac-scholarship-program

THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (SHPE) FOUNDATION

DEADLINE MAY 1, 2015

www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)



Diversity Networking Reception

Throughout the month of February and March, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- Diversity Networking Reception
- Interviewing Techniques
- Financial Aid Event
- Professional Tuesdays
- Professional Wednesdays

DIVERSITY NETWORKING RECEPTION

The Diversity Networking Reception was 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. This event allowed LAMP

students the opportunity to network and explore career-related opportunities with local and regional employers. All students were stressed to dress professionally and to have multiple copies of their resume ready to go to hand out to potential employers. There were over 60 students that attended and 25 employers who were there to recruit them. One student, Edwin Reyes secured an interview with Legion Logistics. Great job Edwin!!

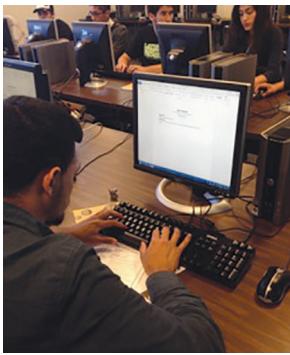
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES EVENT

The Interviewing Techniques Event was designed and held by NKU Career Services to help students discover how to prepare for an interview, ways to answer interview questions, and what to wear. The program included tips on phone

and video interviews so that students felt more prepared to begin their interviewing journey after taking part in the discussion. After attending this workshop, students were stressed on the importance of calling Career Services to arrange a mock interview with their staff. We hope that our LAMP students feel ready to tackle the real world with their up and coming interviews after attending this event!

FINANCIAL AID EVENT

The Financial Aid Event provided students an opportunity to ask questions that they may have in regards to some really big topics in our students' lives today; money and tuition. Many students in the LAMP program are first generation college students, and although this is a huge



accomplishment, many are faced with some hardships that they had not prepared for. A large number of students in general, first generation or not, are not informed on how to effectively use their resources to afford the college experience. The FAFSA, scholarships, and financial aid are all resources that were covered at the event to help them plan for the upcoming school year. Diane Woods, a staff member of the NKU Financial Aid Office, facilitated this event and talked to the students

about any specific questions that they had with their own individual process of applying for aid. Most of the questions she answered were geared towards study abroad scholarships and scholarships for undocumented students. After attending the event, LAMP students felt more prepared to fill out their scholarship, financial aid requests, and FAFSA for the upcoming school year. We hope that by providing this event, that one of the most challenging obstacles that our students experience here at NKU will be just a little bit easier from here on out.



PROFESSIONAL TUESDAYS

Our Professional Tuesday event took place on March 3, in the Student Union from 12-1pm. This gave students a chance to debate about a specific topic of the day, which focused on relationships at this particular event. Some questions we discussed included: "Do you think

there should be more diversity within dating or should individuals stick with their own race?" and "Do you think that the people we date are similar to our parents?" Everyone had a different perspective about the topic of dating and relationships which made the event really interesting. One of the participants, Denisse Fernandez, had this to say: "I thought the event was nice. It was interesting to discuss such relevant topics and to talk about things that are going on today." Tyler White also commented on the event saying: "I really enjoyed hearing everyone's perspectives and laughing together in the end." We are happy to have brought the professional Tuesday/Wednesday events back this school year and we look forward to our final one coming up soon!

PROFESSIONAL WEDNESDAYS

Our Professional Wednesday event took place on March 18, in the Student Union from 12-1pm. Professional Wednesday Events give students a chance to debate a particular topic that is current in society today. The event topic this week was centered on if marijuana should be legalized, or not, in all states for medical purposes. Everyone had a strong opinion one way or the other at this event. One student commented after the event saying, "I really enjoy hearing the similarities and different opinions we had on this topic and how we were able to communicate our thoughts in a professional manner." Another student who attended the event said, "I liked that we were able to discuss the different perspective on how we view this topic." Thanks for those who attended our final professional event!

LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

April 1, 5-6:00 p.m.

NONPROFIT CAREERS (CAREER SERVICES)

SU 108

Investigate career and internship possibilities in the nonprofit sector. Hear from a guest speaker with 20+ years' nonprofit experience.

April 8, 4-5:00 p.m.

GOVERNMENT CAREERS (CAREER SERVICES)

SU 105

Receive an introduction to federal government opportunities and how to locate and apply for positions.

April 14, 3-5:00 p.m.

TEACHER JOB FAIR

SU 107

Meet with school system representatives seeking teacher candidates. See the Career Services website for details. Dress professionally; bring resumes and your ALL CARD.

April 27, 12-2:00 p.m.

STUDY SESSION

SU 324

A quiet space dedicated to studying with other mentors and mentees in LAMP. Snacks will be provided!

April 28, 12-2:00 p.m.

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LAMP MENTORS OF THE MONTH



For the month of February, **ALEX PINEDA** is our Mentor of the month. Alex is a senior majoring in Computer Information Technology, with a minor in Forensics and Spanish. Alex is also an associate member of Alpha Psi Lambda.

Alex not only has one mentee but two, and his time that he dedicates to LAMP on a regular basis is one that is noticed by all! He pushes his mentees to always go for it and to always challenge them, while pushing himself to do the same. He attends most of the LAMP events and is always willing to volunteer for the Latino Programs and Services Office. We are very lucky to have Alex in our program and cannot wait to see all of the things he accomplishes in the future. Congrats Alex and keep up the great work!



We are happy to announce that **LUIS LOZA** is our LAMP student of the month for March. Luis is a Tio this year and he exemplifies exactly what we would like to see from our Tios/Tias in our program. Luis is a Mechanical and Manufacturing and Electronics Engineering Technology major. He is well rounded and involved around campus in numerous organizations and leadership positions including: Secretary for IEEE, the Treasurer for ASME, member of Leadership University, Norse Baja Racing, Student Support Services, and involved in Habitat for Humanity. Not only was he active in the above organizations, he also volunteered numerous times for the Latino Programs and Services Office and always offers a helping hand when needed. Luis has also been recognized as a Victor's Volunteers recipient as well as the recipient of the Dream Award. When we asked Luis for some advice for the other students in LAMP he stated, "meet frequently with your Lamp family so you know who is in your family and give the best advice possible." Thank you Luis for your dedication to LAMP and we cannot wait to see what is in store for you in the remainder of your time here at NKU!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

by the Multicultural Recruitment Team

PROJECT FOCUS @ HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

NKU's Admissions Multicultural Recruitment Team is wrapping up Project FOCUS for 2015. This is a college readiness program for students at Holmes High School who started as sophomores and are currently juniors. This year NKU students from the Northern Kentucky Leadership Institute (NKLI) conducted a session on leadership and student involvement. Academic advisors from the Norse Advising Center served as guest presenters in another session dedicated to majors, career exploration, academic advising, and campus resources. The program ends with a visit to NKU.

SPRING 2015 SPANISH NORSE DAY

On Monday, March 16, 2015 the Office of Admissions hosted Hispanic/Latino families on campus for an information session in Spanish. This visitation program gives prospective Hispanic/Latino students and their parents the opportunity to learn more about NKU while meeting current Latino NKU students, faculty and staff, including the office of Latino Programs and Services. The families enjoyed the tour of our modern campus guided by Presidential Ambassador Elys Verdugo.

MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Registration is under way for NKU's 6th Annual Multicultural Leadership Conference "Ignite your Potential." This conference is designed for African-American, Latino/Hispanic and Native American high school juniors who rank in the top third of their class, or have a GPA of a 2.5 or higher. Students also must be nominated by their guidance counselor. The conference is scheduled on May 15-16, 2015. For more information, you may contact Cory Clark at 859 572-5752.

OTHER EVENTS...

- On March 6, 2015, Chase College of Law, in partnership with the Office of Admissions, successfully held the Multicultural Law Academy, an event designed to inform students from racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession about careers in law.
- Admissions Counselor Leyla Peña presented at the YMCA/Toyota Mentoring Program on March 10, 2015. Participants are from Wlthrow University HS and Holmes HS.
- On Sunday, March 15, 2015, NKU participated in a college and career event at San Carlos Borromeo Church, hosted by the Latino community youth group "Nuestro Futuro/Los Triunfadores."
- The Future Norse Festival helps accepted students navigate the next steps at NKU. Future Norse students are meet with Financial Aid, Housing, pay confirmation and orientation fees, and meet with multiple support services on campus. The first Future Norse Festival was held on March 23, 2015 and the following date is April 8, 2015. If you know of any future Norse who might benefit from this program, registration is in the following link: admissions.nku.edu/application/checklist/acceptedstudentdays.html.

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