

LATINO (LPS)

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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The Office of Latino Programs and Services sponsored or participated in the following activities and events throughout January and March

- Educators and Community Leaders Latino Affairs Summit: Where Do DACA Students Go From Here?
- English Language Learning Foundation Annual Breakfast
- Behringer-Crawford Museum Two-Headed Calf Awards and Silent Auction
- IME Fellowship Program/NKU Scholarships
- LULAC Latino Emerge Conference
- United States Hispanic Leadership Institute Conference
- Diversity Networking Reception
- Free Food Fridays
- Mentor Training
- Study Sessions
- Leadership Retreat

HIGHLIGHTS

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

INTERNAL PROGRAMS

Educators and Community Leaders Latino Affairs Summit: Where Do DACA Students Go From Here? By Roman Rogers

Reflecting on the “Educators and Community Leaders Latino Affairs Summit: Where Do DACA Students Go From Here?” (DACA Summit), I was truly inspired and felt privileged to be in the audience to hear other people’s stories. I never really focused much on “politics nor the bigger picture;” however, during the summit I could feel an awakening inside me that really sparked my attention. I could not just be in the audience, I wanted to know more and I wanted to help. In addition, I really enjoyed listening to the responses and questions that were asked. I felt that they were all very constructive and interesting. The stories not only inspired me but welcomed me to the table of seeing the bigger picture and that help is needed. The climb to immigration reform begins by spreading this message.

It is events like these organized by Latino Programs and Services that, not only create opportunities for students, but provide a platform where we can be educated outside the classroom. As a result of this, it is important to note an important message from the LPS staff: that it only takes one person to be inspired to add to the progression of change. I believe this to be true, just being present can make a difference because there is always something to be learned.

The panel was comprised of NKU President Geoffrey Means; Victor Ponce, NKU student; Sister Juana Méndez, Centro de Amistad; Don Sherman, Community Activist; Rogelio Pérez, BB&T Market Leader; and Samuel Ezenagu, Immigration Attorney. The panel was moderated by Judge Marilyn Zayas, First District Court of Appeals for Hamilton County. Close to 150 people attended this event on January 26, 2017.



Sister Juana Méndez talks about her work with the Latino community in Northern Kentucky. She is a Sister of Charity from the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Covington.



Marie Kobayashi, ESL/Foreign Language Manager of Cincinnati Public Schools, addresses the panel during the DACA Summit.



Lourdes Ribera, from LULAC Cincinnati, asks a question on January 26, 2017 at the DACA Summit.

INTERNAL PROGRAMS



From l-r Vanessa Tafolla, Monica Tafolla and Sandra Oñate. Both Monica and Sandra received scholarships from the ELL Foundation, Inc.

Organization Awards English Language Learners By Sandra Oñate

The English Language Learning Foundation, Inc. (ELL) provides scholarship awards to deserving students who are persevering in obtaining a higher education. To celebrate the students who were awarded the scholarships, the ELL Foundation hosts an annual breakfast where members of the community are invited to attend and participate in the silent auction.

The Ninth Annual Recognition Breakfast was held on February 23, 2017 at NKU. This year I had the honor to be awarded the English Language Learning Foundation Scholarship along with 12 other NKU students. Not only does this foundation provides a resource and a financial means to continue our higher education, but it also provides resources for younger Latino/Hispanic students who are not in college yet.

Yasmeen Kahn earned the Educator of the Year Award; Lizette Hernández was awarded the Sister Margarita Brewer Latina Student of the Year; the Sisters of Charity received the Make a Difference Award; and Azar and Janene Nader were the recipients of Tutors of the Year.



The 2017 ELL Foundation Inc. scholarship recipients during the 9th Annual Recognition Breakfast on February 23, 2017.

This year's NKU scholarship recipients are: Jessica Aguilar, Christina Caffrey, Yessenia Cantero, Denisse Fernandez, Nancy Girón Sánchez, Luis Loza, Alexandra Navarro-Guzmán, Sandra Oñate, Sara Palomino, Victor Ponce, Franklin Reyes Franco, Vanessa Tafolla, and Sergio Toro-Bazzani.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Monica Posey, President of Cincinnati State Community & Technical College.



The Make a Difference Award was awarded to the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati for their contributions in support of the increasing English language learning population in the region.

INTERNAL PROGRAMS

!La Lucha Sigue!

By Alexandra Navarro-Guzmán

We departed at 9:00 am on Thursday, February 16th in front of the Student Union circle. There we were, seven Latino Mentor Program (LAMP) students from NKU prepared for a weekend in Chicago full of opportunities. When we arrived at the Sheraton Grand Chicago hotel, we found a place full of Latinos and Latinas yearning to be professionals and leaders. The day started off with a stroll through the beautiful city of Chicago and eating the best deep dish pizza around. We then gathered back at the hotel to listen to a comedy show along with a Mariachi band. Our group continued the following days attending workshops and lectures that founded our desire for leadership. The workshops were designed for leadership building and development, to educate us on how to advocate for our community, in addition to providing us with techniques on how to speak to prospective employers.

The United States Hispanic Leadership Institute National Conference (USHLI) hosts hundreds of students and young professionals. Speakers from all over the country speak at this event and encourage Latinos to stand up and become leaders. USHLI pushes students to work harder than ever until there is a change in people's perceptions of our community. This conference left us with hopes of a bright future and excellence within our community.

The NKU delegation was comprised of Francesca Phillis, Alexandra Navarro-Guzmán, Roman Rogers, Victor Ponce, Natalia Lerzundi, and Spencer Foreman, accompanied by Leo Calderón, Leyla Peña and Jasmin Arce. The USHLI Conference has become the premier Hispanic leadership conference in the nation. This year's theme was "*La Lucha Sigue! Core Values Never Lose.*"



From left to right Roman Rogers, Francesca Phillis and Jasmin Arce pose in front of Cloud Gate, most commonly known as "The Bean" at Millenium Park.



The NKU student delegation to USHLI was comprised of (from l-r) Victor Ponce, Roman Rogers, Alexandra Navarro-Guzmán, Natalia Lerzundi, Francesca Phillis and Spencer Foreman.



From l-r: Leo Calderón, Dolores Huerta, Leyla Peña, Jasmin Arce and Roman Rogers. Dolores Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist.

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Two-Headed Calf Awards By Leyla Peña, LPS



Student volunteered at the Two-Headed Calf Awards. From l-r: Francesca Phillis, TJ Ellis, Alexandra Navarro-Guzmán and Leyla Peña.

This year the Behringer-Crawford Museum's Two-Headed Calf Awards was held on March 30th at NKU and recognized the following: Michael J. Hammons, Service to the Community: Generosity and Vision; Dave Schroeder, Service to History: Scholarship and Public Service; Terri Cox-Cruey, Service to Learning: Academic Excellence and Innovation; Matt and Rebekah Gensler Butler, Special Recognition: Community; and The Hills of Kentucky Dulcimer Club, Special Recognition: Education.

The Behringer-Crawford Museum preserves the regional history of Northern Kentucky. To learn more or to visit, go to: <http://www.bcmuseum.org/>

Mexican Consulate Awards Scholarships By Leyla Peña, LPS

The IME Fellowship Program/NKU Scholarships awards students who are Mexican or of Mexican origin with scholarships to continue with their college education. This scholarship program is through the Institute of Mexicans Abroad via the Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis. Part of the funding was also provided by a contribution from Northern Kentucky University. Twenty \$1000 scholarships were awarded to NKU students and high school seniors who plan to enroll at NKU next fall. The NKU recipients for this year are Luis Loza, Yessenia Cantero, Sara Palomino, Carlos Guzmán, Ana Solorio, Karina Montes, Nancy Girón Sánchez, Pavel Romero Castillo, Sandra Oñate and Roman Rogers.



Scholarship recipients of the IME Fellowship Program/NKU Scholarships.

Marching for Justice and Dignity



Brenda Moran (left), NKU LULAC President, joined LULAC National for the National Women's March in Washington, D.C. in January. Also pictured is Laura Moese, Director of LULAC Ohio (right).

LATINO STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Students Rally against Anti-Immigrant Bill in Kentucky

By Christina Caffrey



The NKU LULAC Chapter held its first rally on campus against Kentucky House Bill 501 on March 3rd.

The NKU League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) rally was held on Friday, March 3rd in the Student Union Plaza. It was held to protest against Kentucky House Bill 501, which proposed that local law enforcement agencies and Kentucky State Police to enforce immigration laws, define sanctuary and sanctuary policy, prohibit local governments from adopting sanctuary policies, withhold state funding from sanctuaries, prohibit post-secondary educational institutions from enrolling, employing, or contracting with undocumented individuals, require these institutions to keep records of immigration status, withhold state funding from these institutions if they enroll, employ, or contract with undocumented people.

The bill went against basic human rights. It was also important to inform our fellow classmates about this bill. LULAC members handed out sheets explaining what HB 501 was and the number they could call to alert government officials to oppose it. At the rally many told their personal stories and why they decided to participate. It was very emotional but rewarding for all of us. We made signs together at Free Food Friday and chanted while marching around campus. HB 501 was ultimately not considered.

An Adventure in London

By Vanessa Tafolla and Madison Cyrus

The Study Abroad Winter program in London, England was a learning experience full of adventure. We stayed at the Mayfair Hotel, located approximately 5 minutes from Green Park, which takes you straight to Buckingham Palace! We stayed in the heart of London, immersing ourselves in its history, the culture, and its very diverse population. We visited Bath Abbey, where you can find Jane Austen's Museum. We also went to Shakespeare's Globe, and spent a day at Oxford University. The Warner Brothers Studios Tour of the making of Harry Potter was unbelievable for Potter fans.



Left: Vanessa Tafolla at Platform 9 ¾ as she heads over to Hogwarts. Tafolla and Cyrus participated in the London Theatre and Literature study abroad program in December 2016.

Below: Vanessa Tafolla (right) and Madison Cyrus represented Alpha Psi Lambda while in London.



LATINO STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Students March Pro-Life By Monica Molestina



Monica Molestina takes a selfie while in Washington, D.C. during the Annual March Pro-Life last January.

On January 27, 2017 we had the opportunity to take a stand in our nation's capital for something we value and believe in. We traveled to Washington D.C. for the Annual March for Life, a protest in defense for the rights of the unborn. It began at the National Mall and ended before the Supreme Court building. It was a great experience to learn, visit the historic landmarks of Washington, D.C. and be conscious and involved in tough issues debated in our country. The trip also taught us to stand for what we believe in, even if there is dissonance regarding the issue in our own Latino community, but in a gracious and wise manner.

Collegiate Conference Inspires NKU LULAC Chapter By Yessenia Cantero

The LULAC Latino Emerge Conference was definitely very inspirational. I was one out of 10 in the nation to receive a scholarship to attend this event. This scholarship was something I did not expect, and I was honored to be the first scholarship recipient for the conference to represent Kentucky. I could not be more proud of our NKU LULAC chapter for representing the NKU Latino students.

When we first arrived in Washington, D.C. we volunteered at a food drive. We attended many workshops and met many great leaders, such as congressmen Luis Gutiérrez and Bernie Sanders. We were taken on a small tour behind the scenes of Washington, D.C. What truly touched me was the sense of family and patriotism from the students there. It was moving to listen to stories of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) students, like myself who are doing great things for the community, and realizing there are many of us fighting for the same cause.



From l-r: Brenda Moran, Christina Caffrey, Yessenia Cantero and Hector Anaya in Washington, D.C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of July 10, 2017

Safari into the Water Underworld is a science camp provided to English Language Learner (ELL) middle school students. Please contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu for more information.

July 17-21, 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL FUN WITH WATER SCIENCE CAMP

The English Language Learning Foundation, the Office of Latino Programs and Services, the Foundation for Ohio River Education and Greenacres Water Quality Project LLC will be having a **free** science camp for local high school students in the Greater Cincinnati area. Information will be posted soon at www.latino.nku.edu

August 11-14, 2017

2017 LATINO ORIENTATION

Recruitment for the **2017 Latino Orientation** is open for new freshman and transfer Latino students starting in fall 2017. **Features of this Orientation include:**

- A **4-day on-campus Orientation dedicated to Latino students**
- Living on campus? Move-in a week early, before classes start
- Learn about scholarships and academic resources
- Take part in a leadership building excursion to Potter's Ranch
- Learn about a **UNV 101** class designed for Latino students

To learn more and to apply, please visit: latino.nku.edu. Also contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu and 859 572-6013

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (SHPE) FOUNDATION

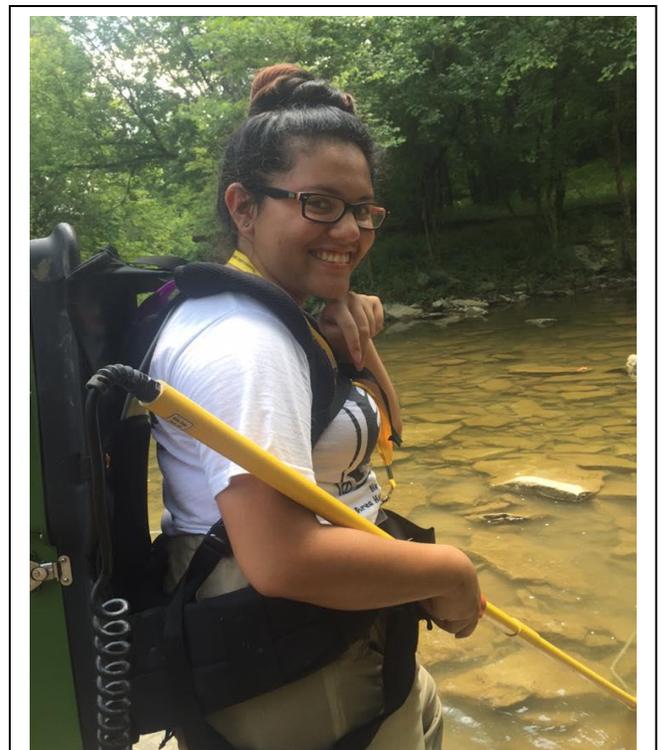
DEADLINE July 31, 2017

<http://scholarships.shpe.org/students/>

US BANK

FINANCIAL GENIUS 2017 SCHOLARSHIP

SWEEPSTAKES. Students from accredited two or four-year colleges or universities can win up to \$20,000 in scholarships. **Promotion ends October 27, 2017.** More information at usbank.com/studentunion



The Fun with Water Science Camp is free and open to students in the Greater Cincinnati Area. The program will take place from July 17-21, 2017.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

or to volunteer/participate, contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

By Jasmin Arce

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

- **LAMP Mentor Training**
- **Ice skating outing**
- **Study sessions**
- **Free Food Fridays**
- **Leadership Retreat**
- **Career Services Workshops**

MENTOR TRAINING



Leo Calderón, Director of LPS, speaks to LAMP members at a training session held on January 18th.

We kicked the Spring Semester off with a training to welcome our students back, go over the new calendar, and review the mentor and mentee expectations. We initiated the program with an ice breaker, which led into the calendar review. Each student received a hard copy of the calendar with academic, social, cultural, and volunteer events. To ensure every student is striving for the main goal of LAMP, academic & social success at NKU and beyond, we reviewed the mentor and mentee expectations. Whitney Richardson, Staff Clinician from the Health, Counseling and Student Wellness, was a guest presenter and spoke about active listening and stress. She did an amazing job at engaging our students to learn about the importance of self-care.

DIVERSITY NETWORKING RECEPTION

By Zoe Koza

The Diversity Networking Reception I attended at Northern Kentucky University gave me an excellent opportunity to network and for employers to get to know me. With over fifteen employers attending this reception, I created a career-gear network. Having the ability to attend, I gained valuable insight into the work field as well as what I can do to better myself for current and future employers. I went into this reception believing I would only speak to employers directly in my field of expertise; however, upon attending, I realized that every employer there had something to offer me. For anyone looking to get their name out there this is the networking reception I encourage diverse students to attend. I received job offers as well as internships for the upcoming summer. It is an opportunity that cannot be missed and one highly encouraged by LAMP.

The Diversity Networking Reception is organized by Career Services in partnership with African American Programs and Services, Latino Programs and Services, LGBTQ Programs and Services and Disability Programs and Services.



Zoe Koza (left) attends the Diversity Networking Reception with her mentee Alondra Rosales.

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

By Jasmin Arce

Ice Skating



Group of LAMP students at Northern Kentucky Ice Skating Center for a fun ice skating outing.

This January we took approximately 20 students to Northern Kentucky Ice Skating Center. Students openly skated for two hours and enjoyed hot chocolate from the concessions stand. Overall it was an exciting event full of laughter, memories, and a few falls.

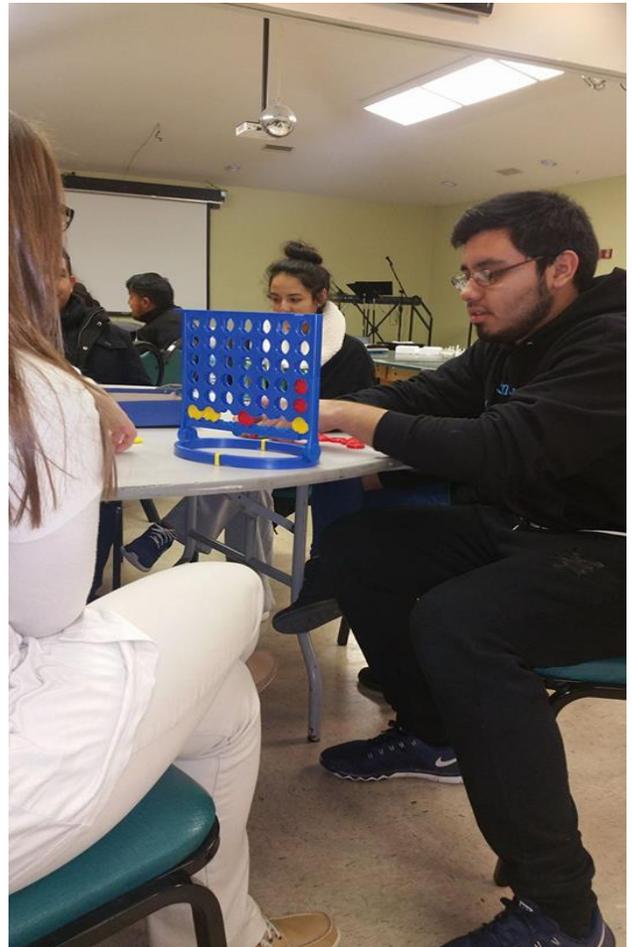
Study Sessions

This semester we focused on four, longer study sessions that took place prior to midterms and prior to finals week. During these sessions, students are welcome to come and go as they please in order to accommodate their schedules. We provide students with a quiet space to study with their peers. They use each other as an academic support system and come to study sessions in pairs or in groups. On average 15-20 students attended at each session.

Free Food Fridays

During the spring semester LPS hosts Free Food Fridays twice a month at the Baptist Student Center. Most of our LAMP students take advantage of this opportunity and benefit, not only from a free meal, but also to socialize and decompress from their school and work commitments. Attendees listen to music, play board games, or simply enjoy each other's company. Guest speakers are regularly invited to talk about resources and opportunities available to students.

About 20-25 students on average attend Free Food Fridays.



Luis Montes (right) plays Connect Four during a Free Food Friday at the Baptist Student Center.

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

By Jasmin Arce

Mentor/Mentee of the Month

Each month the head peer mentors nominate one mentor and one mentee from their community that they believe deserve to be recognized for the hard work they have done in LAMP. These students truly amplify the characteristics of an outstanding LAMP member. They are not only leaders among LAMP, but the overall community. Your hard work is noted and appreciated.

January Mentor & Mentee of the Month

Zoe Koza (Mentor)

Zoe is very efficient at communicating with her Head Peer Mentor when it comes to attending events, meetings, asking questions, and showing interest in the program. She learned a lot this year and has grown as a person and a professional. She is very consistent and has expressed interest in becoming a head peer mentor next year. Zoe is a hands on mentor with her mentee Alondra Rosales. She is committed to see that her mentee is on the right track.



Roman Rogers (Mentee)

Over the course of the semester, one could observe Roman developing into an active student leader. He attends the majority of events of Latino Programs and Services and volunteers to help in any way that he can. Roman, along with other students, created a new organization called NKU R.I.S.E. (Reassuring Immigrants Sustaining Excellence) to raise awareness and support DACA students in the Northern Kentucky University community. His work ethic and passion for social justice are truly inspiring, says Francesca Phillis, Head Peer Mentor of his community.

February Mentor & Mentee of the Month

Frank Espinoza (Mentor)

Frank has been consistent with communicating with his mentees Mary Andrikus and Shavon Johnson. He talks to them on a regular basis and meets up with them once a week for coffee. Frank has been part of the Latino Mentor Program for a year now and has been an asset to his community. He is always willing to volunteer. Frank is a determined individual who knows how to balance his time between work and school in order to make time for LAMP. He is an essential member of LPS, and we are eager to see what he accomplishes in the future.



Keneila Smith (Mentee)

Keneila has been an amazing mentee in the program. She has stepped up and taken new leadership roles and fights for social justice. She regularly comes to events and is always willing to volunteer when she is available. She also speaks with her mentor on a weekly basis and has formed strong relationships with other LAMP members. Keneila is a committee leader for community service in the African Student Union, the U.S. representative for the International Student Union, Vice President of NKU R.I.S.E., and a dancer for the Northern Stars dance team. Keneila is super involved and she is only a freshman. She has shown outstanding growth over the past year and we are excited to see her grow throughout her college career.

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

By Jasmin Arce

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On March 25th we held our annual leadership retreat titled: “*Unidos Jamas Seremos Vencidos*” (United We Will Never Be Defeated) at the Campus Recreation Center. Close to 20 students participated in a series of workshops and multiple team building activities. The presentations focused on immigration and advocacy, how to create your personal vision, and a gender-based session. Mr. Rubén Contreras, VP of the Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Ms. Lorena Mora-Mowry, Founder and Digital Editorial Director of the blog *Mujer Latina Today*, were our distinguished guest speakers.

Campus Recreation staff led a series of team building/team bonding activities, and co-sponsored this important LAMP program. Participants were also involved in a hands-on activity to describe their journey at NKU in order to represent each academic year in college.



Participants engage in team building activities.

Mr. Rubén Contreras and Ms. Lorena Mora-Mowry (center) pose with the 2017 LAMP Leadership Retreat participants.



LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

VICTOR'S VISION RETREAT



SUPPORTING THE NORSE BASKETBALL TEAM IN DETROIT



PRIDE WEEK



PRESENCIA LATINA

PRIDE WEEK-THE SILENCE SHOOT



HERITAGE BALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION...

about the 2017 LAMP Orientation, contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu or 859 572-6013

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

BY THE MULTICULTURAL
RECRUITMENT TEAM

Multicultural Law Academy

March 3, 2017

The Office of Admissions, in partnership with Chase Law School, hosted 53 high school students and 21 guests at the annual Multicultural Law Academy on March 3, 2017. The guest speaker this year was Roula Allouch, a Cincinnati lawyer.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a mock trial.

ADMISSIONS CONFIRMATION

Students who have been accepted to NKU have to confirm their enrollment for next fall. Once the \$75 confirmation fee is paid, students will be able to schedule their registration/orientation date.

For more information about next steps, please visit:
<https://admissions.nku.edu/post-acceptance.html>

If you have any questions about admissions or about next steps, please call the **Office of Admissions** at 859 572-5220.

En español

Academia Multicultural de Derecho

3 de marzo de 2017

La Oficina de Admisiones, conjuntamente con la Escuela de Derecho Chase, recibió a 53 estudiantes de escuela secundaria y 21 invitados a la Academia Multicultural de Derecho el 3 de marzo de 2017. La oradora invitada fue Roula Allouch, una abogada de Cincinnati.

Los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de participar en un juicio de prueba.

CONFIRMACION DE ADMISION

Los estudiantes que han sido aceptados a NKU deben confirmar su admisión para el otoño pagando la cuota de \$75. Tan pronto paguen la cuota de confirmación, los estudiantes podrán seleccionar su fecha de registro/orientación.

Para más información acerca de los siguientes pasos luego de ser aceptado, por favor visite:
<https://admissions.nku.edu/post-acceptance.html>

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre admisión o sobre cómo proceder luego de ser aceptado(a), por favor llame a la **Oficina de Admisiones** al 859 572-5220.

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