

March

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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 March:

- The Behringer Crawford Museum Two-Headed Calf Banquet and Silent Auction
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March on Frankfort, Kentucky
- Diversity Outreach with the Chase College of Law
- Spanish Norse Days
- Career Day at Ft. Wright Elementary
- Accepted Student Days Resource Fair
- Cesar Chavez High School Writing Contest



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

**Internal Programs**



Once again our office partnered with the Chase College of Law to host our **Free Food Friday** event. Heather Crabbe who is the Outreach Officer from Chase Law School met with students informally to talk about what it takes to go to law school. She was able to dispel some of the myths and make students feel at ease about law school. Chase Law was generous enough to provide the food for this gathering. Heather handed out information and will serve as a contact person when students apply to law school.

**Student Highlight by Arturo Minera**



On March 5, 2014, the Directors of NKU's African American Programs and Services, Latino Programs and Services, and LGBTQ Programs and Services, along with a handful of students involved in these offices, joined in on the **50th Anniversary Civil Rights March on Frankfort**. The Allied Organization of Civil Rights hosted this March, inviting schools and

civil rights groups from all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky to come and show their support. This is a great opportunity for participants to continue to address ongoing civil rights issues. The only way for me to accurately describe it, is to show you what we saw (which is what I did if you click the YouTube link below!), but in a few words, this experience was incredible. Well over a thousand people were in attendance, young kids to people like Sharon Butler, a woman who was in attendance 50 years ago! Though there wasn't a big enough number as we would have hoped, it definitely was an eye opening experience listening to the progress we've made as a committed people, a diverse state, and a freer country for all. Here's to the next March, hoping you can join us! Link to video <http://youtu.be/LnzmRj7nwTA>

**The Behringer Crawford Museum** hosted their fourth annual Two-Headed Calf Banquet and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Student Union Ballroom at Northern Kentucky University. Community guests were able to celebrate local honorees which included Ralph Dress for Community Service Award, Jim Reis for the History Award and Rick Hulefeld for the Education Award. Well over 150 people attended this extraordinary event and guests were able to bid on auction items, such as, paintings from local artists, gift certificates, and antiques to benefit the museum. Our students were able to volunteer by helping out with the silent auction, registration, and parking.



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/](http://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:

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: 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 4-8<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, 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 March, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

Job Search Strategies on March 21<sup>st</sup>

Salsa Mixer on March 27<sup>th</sup>



Matt Campbell, from Total Quality Logistics, hosted an event for LAMP students on **Job Search Strategies** on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-3pm. Nine students attended the event in preparation for their future career search.

Throughout the event, Matt stressed the importance of attending Job Fairs at NKU, as well as, networking through LinkedIn. He also went through the importance of sending “Thank you” letters to employers after the initial interview stage to really set you above the other candidates. 100% of the students felt that the event was helpful and are looking forward to more career related events. Matt will return on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to *Ace the Interview*.

Nine students attended the **Salsa Mixer** on March 27th led by our very own Maria Rojas. The students were introduced to numerous styles of Latin dance including Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata. First the students were shown some steps for beginners and then they were partnered up with other students to grasp the real salsa experience. One hundred percent of the students recommended having the event again next year and all of the students mentioned that they hoped to have more Latino inspired cultural events in the future. Overall the event was a huge success and we cannot wait to have more Latino inspired events next academic year!



**LAMP's Student of the Month for April is Bryant Picazo.** Bryant is majoring in Finance and a first year student here at NKU. He is an Associate Member of Alpha Psi Lambda Psi chapter, part of the Professional Business Leaders, and the Latino Mentor Program. Bryant is proud to say that he is the first one in his family to go to college and the only son in his family. He would like his peers to remember to “Follow your dreams no matter how crazy they might seem and challenge yourself to become better”. Mayra Guzman nominated Bryant and said that he is doing great getting involved on campus little by little. She is really happy to see that he has “attended most of the LAMP and LPS events and encourages others to go! I am sure he is going to be a great leader!”

Thanks Mayra, we think Bryant is an excellent choice for our Student of the Month!

### **Upcoming events:**

April 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

University Center 135

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

April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

University Center 135

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

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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