

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 September and October:

- Cincinnati Hispanic Fest
- LULAC Gala
- Zumba at the Rec
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Reception
- Hispanic Heritage Month Film Series
- NKU Mexican Consulate and Other Services Day
- PICO Luncheon
- Latino College Fair
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote
Speaker: Elaine Diaz Rodriguez
- Latino Music Fest
- Adelante Hispanic Achievers
- Pre-Celebration of "Dia de los Muertos"
- Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala
- 3 vs 3 Outdoor Soccer Tournament
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund Gala
- Black and Gold Day

HIGHLIGHTS

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

INTERNAL PROGRAMS



We have been very busy these past few months with celebrating the **National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration** (NHHM). NHHM is celebrated from September 15 to October 15. September 15th marks the independence for many Latin American countries hence is why this celebration starts in the middle of the month. Our very first activity was **Zumba at the Rec** which was co-sponsored by the Campus Recreation Department. Thanks to Matt Hackett for supporting NHHM! The room was filled as students from different backgrounds danced their butts off to a little bit of Salsa, Merengue, and other dance styles. There were close to 50 people who took advantage of this event and even lost a few calories.

On October 8th, the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development, Office of Civil Rights, and the Cincinnati Hispanic Employment Program celebrated their Hispanic History Month Observance Program at their Cincinnati office headquarters by having a panel discussion. The theme for this special occasion was **“Recruiting and Retaining Hispanics: Enriching our organizational core and cultural values.”** Leo Calderón, Director of Latino Programs and Services, was one of the panelists, where he presented on “NKU Successful Strategies for Recruitment and Retention of Hispanics.” The panel presentation was broadcasted to other EPA offices throughout country.



On Wednesday, September 16th, we held our annual **NHHM Kick-Off Celebration** which attracted over 130 students, community, and family members. We even had students from Covington Latin Spanish Club join us. Adobo led by Jaime Morales provided the music before and after the celebration. New this year was Monica Molestina and Sara Palomino who served as the Mistresses of Ceremony. These ladies did a superb job! Keynote remarks were given by H.A. Musser, CEO and President of Santa Maria Community Services. Alpha Psi Lambda strolled in and demonstrated their fraternity’s signature moves. And of course who could have a party without food?! Chartwells laid out a nice spread for all to enjoy.

Within the past two months, our students, as well as, our staff have attended three dinners to support our students who have been awarded **scholarships**. (The third dinner will be highlighted in the student highlight section). On September 19th, the League of United Latin American Citizens awarded scholarships to the following students: Diana Contreras, Nancy Giron Sanchez, Patricia Figueroa, Monica Molestina, Brenda Moran, Sara Palomino, and Ana Karen Rosas. On October 17th the Hispanic Scholarship Fund awarded the following NKU students with scholarships: Luis Loza, Andreina Taliaferro, Alexander Ribail, and Monica Molestina. If you see these students be sure to congratulate them on this great success.

INTERNAL PROGRAMS



This year's **NHHM Keynote Lecture Series** hosted Elaine Diaz Rodriguez who is a Cuban blogger, journalist and former professor at the University of Havana where she taught courses focusing on digital journalism, communication, technology, and society, and alternative journalism on the web from 2008 until 2015. She launched an independent media outlet in Cuba called *Periodismo de Barrio*, where she is currently the editor in chief. On October 1st, she visited NKU's campus and met with students, staff, faculty, and community members to discuss *Cuba In An Era of Change*. Many students were surprised by the many restrictions and limited access to media in Cuba. There were close to 60 people who were able to experience Elaine's visit.



Students enjoying Latino Music Fest

On Thursday, October 8th over 130 students from three different middle high schools visited Northern Kentucky University's campus to learn about **Day of the Dead**. Gray Middle School, Beechwood High School, and Mason County High School took advantage of the annual Dia de los Muertos Pre-celebration hosted by LPS. Students watched a video about the cultural aspect of Day of the Dead, heard a presentation, and participated in activities that showcased some of the traditions and symbolism practiced during this time of year. After all the excitement of making their own masks and *cempasuchil* (flower of the dead) students were provided a lunch co-sponsored by Housing and closed their visit with a tour of campus. NKU students also volunteered to lead the activities, as well as, give a presentation.



The Office of Latino Programs and Services held their second annual **Latino Music Fest** on Friday, October 2nd with Son Del Caribe and Dali Amador. Son Del Caribe is a local Latin band that features salsa and merengue favorites, as well as, some original compositions. Jaime Morales leads this diverse group of musicians. Jaime also brought in Dali Amador who is one half of the musical duo, The Amador Sisters. Dali is a violinist who hails from Cuba. Over 130 students, staff, faculty, parents and community took the opportunity to practice their dancing skills while enjoy some refreshments and snacks.

LATINO STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



The Great Divide: Remix attracted over 30 people. Majority wise was filled with Latinos and African Americans that showed up to listen to what the speakers, Mariah Manson and I, Kevin Montes, had to say on topics regarding on both the African American and Latino community as a whole. There were different

groups mentioned that had involvement with the community such as Nu Upsilon Black Women's Honorary, the fraternity Alpha Psi Lambda, Latino Student Organization (LSO), and the N.A.A.C.P. We discussed the different statistics from the Latino and African American community in the United States such as going to school and completing, the amount of racial population has grown, and racial stereotyping. We discussed on how the typical stereotyping affects not only us but to everyone as well. We broke up into different groups with a small activity to discuss different situations that included these racial issues that lead to many different responses. We also showed how the media portrays minorities and how it affects many people such as the recent events with Donald Trump. Finally we talked about how we can work together and create a much larger impact in the NKU community, let others know that we are here to help, inform people, support others who also share our culture, and spread our culture to many people who would like to know about both cultures. By: Kevin Montes

It's me Hector Anaya, and the **major/minor fair** is basically where the different majors offered within a different colleges here at NKU. They gave you information about any major that you personally had an interest in and also can see the minors offered with the major of your



choice. I wanted to be a psychology major so I went to the table that just involved the psychology majors and any minors offered as well. I got very great information and it allowed me to be able to make the choice of actually staying as a psychology major. I also am going to minor in neuroscience because it goes along with my major and it sounds very interesting to me. I would recommend to anyone who didn't go or to incoming freshman to go to know what you want to study. By: Hector Anaya



LATINO STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Cincinnati USA Hispanic Chamber had their 2015 Dinner Gala on 10/12/15. Mexico and United States – Our Common Future was their theme. The event started with a nice reception at six and the doors for the Gala opened at seven. Presentations were given throughout and during intermission traditional Mexican dances were performed by Latino kids. Their age ranged from four to twelve years old. The highlights from all the speeches consisted of how the Greater Cincinnati area has benefitted from immigrants. The city is making great changes with the goal of having a city that everyone will remember. One of the improvements that the city is making is installing street cars. The Hispanic Chamber also was generous to give out 26 scholarships, five of which went to NKU Students. Please congratulate Monica Molestina, Jose Sanchez, Tammy Ocasio, Sandra Onate, and Luis Loza. Luis was given the honor of speaking on behalf of the recipients. Following that was the man of the hour. Attendees were fortunate enough to have a keynote speaker that was the former president of Mexico (1994 – 2000), Dr. Ernesto Zedillo. The Hispanic Chamber can and does move mountains and they will continue to do so and it is up to you to be a part of it. Reach out and ask how you can get involved. By: Luis Loza

On October 14, 2015, the **3 v 3 tournament for Hispanic Heritage Month** was held. I played on the team Northern FC with Raul Alonzo, Juan Carlos Alonzo, Hugo Galan, Rian Ait Salih, and Jose Sanchez. There was a lot of good competition on the fields and there was also a juggling contest that was hosted by Alpha Psi Lambda. I gave the juggling contest a try but I was no match for the other skilled players that were present. Our first game started at 6, we were all pumped to start the match and as soon as we knew it we had made it to the finals. Our team was able to stick together and push to win the tournament. It was a great night to play such an amazing sport but also to celebrate our heritage. By: Edwin Reyes



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 10, 2015

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Student Union 313

Each year the office collects toys and clothing for the less fortunate kids in the Greater Cincinnati area and this year we will be dividing the toys between the Brighton Center and Tepoztlan, Mexico. These items can include gently used stuffed animals, books, coats, other items. If you would like to donate, please drop your items off in Student Union 313.

TBA

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE MASS AND PRESENTATION

Time TBA

Latino Programs and Services will be having their annual Virgen de Guadalupe mass, presentation and social. This event will start with a mass in her honor, a presentation about the history and symbolism in this miracle which will be followed by a social. Please RSVP.



LAMP Study Session

SCHOLARSHIPS

English Language Learners Foundation Scholarship, Deadline Feb 1, 2016, for more information www.elffoundationcinci.org

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

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

League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship, for more information, contact <http://www.lnesc.org/site/1/Home> Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Deadline Jan 13, 2016 <https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/>



Latino Music Fest

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

or to volunteer/participate, contact Diane Maldonado at maldonadod1@nku.edu.

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

Throughout the month of September and October, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- Interviewing Techniques
- Resume Event
- Mentor Training
- Smart Start Tour
- Study Session on
- Resume Building
- Mock Interview
- Head Peer Mentor Meetings
- Career Connections
- Red's Game Outing
- Interviewing Techniques
- LAMP Study Session
- Major/Minor Event

Twenty-four students attended the **Reds Mixer** at the Great American Ball Park on Friday, September 25th. The students met at 5:00 pm for some Subway sandwiches before heading out to the stadium for the 7:10 p.m. game. There were students who were able to meet new people from LAMP and got to know one another. Also, there were mentors and mentees that used this event as one of the four events of LAMP they have to attend. For some students this was their first time visiting and attending a Cincinnati Reds baseball game. All of the students met someone new and had a great time at this one-of-a-kind experience.



LAMP Outing at Red's Baseball game

LAMP ORIENTATION



LAMP has restarted the Lollipop moment this month where members of the program can nominate other LAMP members in the program to receive a

a lollipop moment. The **lollipop moment** is a reward to someone that has exemplified great behavior. For example, our first nomination went to **all the mentors who turned in their September check list on time!** We are proud of the great example that our students are creating for other students and we hope they see this as well!

The **LAMP Study Session** was a two day event Tuesday and Wednesday October 20-21st. There were 33 students that attended between the two days. Tuesday study session students took the time to work on projects and presentations. Also, students took a break to dance and talk with each other. Wednesday's session students worked in pairs or by themselves on upcoming assignments, papers, and test. As an office we are pleased to see students take advantage of this study session and staying on top of their studies.

Over 20 students took advantage of our **LAMP study session** from 12:00-2:00pm on Thursday, September 10th. Students worked in pairs or by themselves on upcoming assignments, papers, quizzes, etc. We had so many students take advantage of this opportunity that we had students come in and sign up for the mentor program while at the study session. We are glad to see that our students are grasping the importance of studying and staying on top of all of their upcoming assignments.

LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

Mentor and Mentee of the Month

My Name is Nathalia Garcia Brooks. I am a junior and my major is social work with a focus in communications. LAMP has helped me network and make new friends and help me to come out of my shell a bit. I've met a lot of really awesome people through LAMP. My mentee is Zoey and we have lunch together every week and talk about school and life. I am from Colombia but have lived here in Kentucky most of my life. I am really involved at my church so I do a lot of activities and events with them. I work part time. In my free time I like to hang out with my family and friends and play guitar.



My name is Zoe Koza. I'm currently a freshman at NKU. My hometown is Louisville, Kentucky. I'm currently studying radiologic science to one day become a Radiologist (MD). When I'm not in class or studying I like to workout at our new rec center with my best friend and roommate Mollie. I would definitely have to say that NKU was the best decision I could've made to further my education. Being involved in the LAMP program has made me grow as a person and jump right into a great support group. Once my mentor was revealed it couldn't have been a better match, because we literally match! We now have lunch together on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Latino office on the third floor of SU.

LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 6, 2015

FREE FOOD FRIDAY

11AM - 1PM // Baptist Ministry Center

Free Food Fridays provide students with the opportunity to meet with a successful figure from the community to discuss career opportunities and possible networking opportunities. Free lunch provided. RSVP to Diane Maldonado at maldonadod1@nku.edu.

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

LAMP STUDY SESSION

12-2PM // Student Union 105

Time to study with Mentors/Mentees in an inviting atmosphere! We want to continuously stress the importance of academics to the LAMP students, so come join us study before finals!

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

LAMP HOLIDAY MIXER/MOVIE NIGHT

4-6PM // Baptist Ministry Center

6-8PM // Student Union 108

Movie, white elephant gift exchange, and dinner to celebrate the end of the semester/holidays.

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MENTOR FEEDBACK MEETING

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DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2015

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12-2PM // Student Union 108 on 1st

12-2PM // Student Union 104 on 2nd

Study sessions are provided for students multiple times throughout the semester. This reminds students the importance of studying on a regular basis and gives them an opportunity to work together in groups if they are having trouble in a class. Study sessions are grouped by majors. RSVP to Jaonna Gibson at gibsonj14@nku.edu.

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