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La Casa Newsletter

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Message from the Director

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* NEW ITEMS

*"Everyone has a Latino
inside them"*

Hello

We hope everyone is managing well both academically and health wise.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season we wanted to thank you for your support and participation in La Casa Latina programs. Please visit us to update us on your activities and let us know how we can be supportive. We are also very interested in any of your ideas on new ways in which we can better meet your needs and work together to effectively educate and promote our rich diverse heritages and cultures as Latinos/as at Penn. Recently there have been very successful Latino theme events, thank you and congratulations to all the students who have been involved in those activities. As you know soon there will be elections for the Latino Coalition Board. I look forward to your participation in that important process and to working with all student leaders on campus next semester.

Best wishes always,
Sincerely

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"Latinos must be proud"

Events and Programs



* Bilingual Spanish/English Speakers Needed!

The UPenn school of Veterinary Medicine is looking for bilingual Spanish/English speakers to help veterinary students with mock appointments in Spanish (and possibly some basic conversation skills as well). This is a new program at our school aimed at improving the Spanish skills in our veterinary community. It would be a small time commitment (1 hour a week) and would be a great opportunity to network with graduate students in the veterinary field. We are hoping to have it going for the spring semester (January-May). Your time will be compensated! If you are interested or want more information, please send an e-mail to vetspanishupenn@gmail.com.

Hune Inc.

Philadelphia Hune Inc. is offering free bilingual special education training sessions. Receive a Bilingual Manual on Special Education Procedures! Minimum participants must attend 5 training sessions. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish. Starting: November Tuesday, 8, 2011 Ending: Dec Tuesday: 13, 2011
Once a week Tuesday Nov: 8, 15, 22 and 29 Tuesday Dec: 6, and 13 2011
Graduation: December 13, 2011
From 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Cries of the Soul

Teatro Nueva Alma the premier Chicano/a, Latino/a Touring Theatre Company, is back with their newest touring show "Cries of the Soul".

Offering one of the most innovative means of examining diversity and tolerance with these powerful, often true to life performances, Teatro Nueva Alma has won praise from critics and audiences alike, as well as many awards over its past 15 seasons. Ideal for college, community, and corporate events, the show is comprised of a series of vignettes that incorporate drama, music, dance, and personal accounts that move as well as entertain the audience.

If you would like more info on how to bring the show to your campus or community, please check out the website at: www.hereandnowtheatrecompany.com

STUDY BREAK!

Anyone interested in getting involved in immigrant rights activism on campus and in the greater Philadelphia area is welcome to come to this study break. We will be discussing the new student group forming on campus. Undocumented students and allies welcome, no identification as either is necessary. WHEN: Monday December 12th at 3:30PM. WHERE: Fireside Room in the Arch Building (3601 Locust Walk, 2nd floor) Hot Chocolate, refreshments and pastries will be served Please RSVP to:

chairez.tania@gmail.com

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2012 MLK, Jr. Community Involvement Recognition Awards

The MLK, Jr. Community Involvement Recognition Awards are presented to five individuals (Penn faculty, staff, students and members of the broader Philadelphia community) who demonstrate significant contributions in community service and/or working for social justice efforts. The awards committee is seeking nominations for individuals whose work most merits this recognition. Nomination forms are available online at www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk/award/htm. The deadline for submitting nomination forms is Monday, December 5. If you have any questions, please contact the African-American Resource Center at 215-898-0104 or aarc@pobox.upenn.edu.

The New England Venture Summit

If you're looking to connect with the most promising startups around today, then you'll find their CEOs presenting and attending at this year's New England Venture Summit on December 14th, 2011 at the Hilton in Boston Dedham, MA. Fifty CEOs representing the technology, clean-tech and life sciences sectors will outline their plans in one meaningful day. Register now and take advantage of 50% off while it lasts! <http://www.youngstartup.com/newengland2011/overview.php>

First Person Arts 10th Anniversary Festival

"Liberty City" is an autobiographical one-woman show, the first in a trilogy of plays by **April Yvette Thompson**. In addition to a broad and varied career in film and television, April is an accomplished stage actress who was one of the original actors in the play *The Exonerated* (which was written by the co-author and director of Liberty City, Jessica Blank).

Tickets are \$25 (Discount Code: "Fatimah"; you get \$5 off)

Purchase here: <http://ticketing.theatrealliance.org/tickets/eventDetails.aspx?id=18924&org=fp>

Crossing Borders Uniting Hearts English Camp

Become a volunteer the English instructor for the 2012 IYF English Camp Mission Trip to Monterrey, Mexico. For more information visit www.goodnewscorps.org

Como Era Gostoso o Meu Francês (How Tasty Was My Little Frenchman)

1971 Nelson Pereira dos Santos Film The film, part of the Cinema Novo movement in Brazil, retells the 16th century narrative of captivity among the war-like cannibal Tupinamba tribe of coastal Brazil of Hans Staden. The film's story centers on the killing and eating of enemy captives by the Tupinamba. In addition to the film screening, there will be a short discussion afterwards led by Greg Urban, Professor Anthropology at Penn and Dr. Lawrence Blum, Practicing Psychoanalyst in Philadelphia. Food and drinks will be available.

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011. Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Place: Fisher-Bennett Hall room 401

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Modern Mexican Society

This course is an introduction to the social, political, and economic organization of modern Mexico. We start with an analysis of three centuries of colonialism and a discussion of the effect that colonial patterns of domination had on Mexican society after independence in the early 19th century. Thereafter, two centuries of state and nation formation are examined. Throughout this five-century period, the course explores issues such as class structure, race, gender, national identity, the role of the Church, foreign influences, authoritarianism, revolution, economic cycles, and the development of civil society. Spring 2012 SOCI/LALS 431-601. MW 6:30-8:00 PM Professor: Juan Manuel Lombera, Ph.D. (jm_lombera@msn.com)

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Penn LALSA Annual Conference, Beyond the 2010 Census: Harnessing the Power of the Latino Community will be held on JANUARY 28, 2012 and will feature Keynote Address by Thomas A. Saenz President & General Counsel Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund. For more information please visit pennlalsa.org.

Master of Liberal Arts Film Series.

HOSTED BY Dr. Michael Solomon, Professor of Romance Languages CO-SPONSORED BY THE Master of Liberal Arts program AND Nicola Gentili, Associate Director Cinema Studies Program, Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison House Sky Lounge. On the top floor of 3910 Irving Street.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M., in BODEK LOUNGE, HOUSTON HALL.

INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO BE ASSURED OF SPEAKING AT COUNCIL MUST INFORM THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY (ucouncil@pobox.upenn.edu) BY WEDNESDAY, November 23, 2011. PLEASE INDICATE THE TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

Worker Empowerment & Trade Justice in the Dominican Republic from January 2nd – 10th

Join the Fair World Project (FWP) to explore the emerging world of workers' rights, union-made living-wage apparel and trade justice in the Dominican Republic. FWP's Dominican Republic tour will provide an on the ground opportunity to learn from Alta Gracia factory workers, Free Trade Zone garment workers organizing for their rights, social justice activists, and small cooperative producers. This tour will facilitate home stays for participants with Alta Gracia families. Cost: \$500Package Includes: · Guest Family Housings; two meals a day· On-ground transportation including airport pick-up and drop-off· Translation and program activities· Speaker and worker honorariums· Preparatory reading materials· NOT INCLUDED: airfare, airport departure taxes, lunches, tips, and personal expenses.How to Register: Register and apply online and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$250 by December deadline, TBA.

Internship and Scholarships

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Marathon Oil Corporation have partnered to provide financial resources to an outstanding African-American/Black, Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American/Latino undergraduate students with scholarships of up to \$15,000 and paid internship opportunities !

This program is for students who will be entering the 2011-2012 academic year as a Sophomore or will be graduating in May or June of 2014, and are majoring in one of the following majors: chemical engineering, accounting, computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, geology, information technology, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering. And supply chain management.

Likewise, Seniors with plans to enroll in Master's Program for Petroleum Engineering or Geology/Geosciences scholarships are eligible to apply and encouraged to apply!

For more information visit: www.hsf.net

HSF/Honda Scholarship Program

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and Honda have partnered to provide financial resources to an outstanding Latino undergraduate students with scholarships of up to \$5,000! This program is for Latino/Hispanic students who will be entering the 2012-2013 academic year as a Junior or Senior at a four-year institution.

Students should be majoring in Business Administration (includes Procurement and Supply Chain Management), Chemical Engineering , Electrical Engineering , Engineering , Industrial Engineering/Technology or Mechanical Engineering.

For more information visit: www.hsf.net

HACU National Internship Program

Early application deadlines are set for internships that require a security clearance, an extensive interview process, or drug testing in order to participate. These include corporate positions and positions within the US intelligence community. If you are not selected for one of these internships, you will still be considered for the additional summer internships available.

<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp>

AAHHE Fellowships

The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Inc., is now accepting applications for two Fellowship Programs: (1) The AAHHE Graduate Student Fellows Program (GSFP) and (2) The AAHHE Junior Faculty Fellows Program. Graduate and Faculty Fellows will attend the 2012 AAHHE National Conference: "*Acknowledging our Similarities, Uniting Our Differences,*" which will be held March 8-10, 2012, at the Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, CA. Participation in both fellowship programs will begin on Tuesday March 6th, continue throughout the conference, and end on the evening of Saturday March 10th. For more information visit <http://www.aahhe.org/>.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Application for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund is open for undergraduate and graduate students. The deadline for application is December 15, 2011. For more information visit: <http://www.hsf.net/innercontent.aspx?id=460>.

2012 HIA Fellowship

Humanity in Action (HIA) is now accepting applications for our 2012 Fellowship Programs in Europe from talented college students and recent college graduates. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at admissions@humanityinaction.org or visit the website www.humanityinaction.org.

ATID

ATID: Mentoring for the Future! Volunteer to be a mentor for a student at University City High School, and help him or her think about colleges, prepare for the PSAT's and SAT's, understand the college experience, and map out his or her future. In addition to bonding with your mentee, you will have the opportunity to reflect and connect with other Penn mentors. This new program addresses an important community need and will be a rewarding experience for everyone involved! If you're interested in hearing more about ATID, contact Shayna Golkow at shaynago@sas.upenn.edu.

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Blue Engine

Introducing Blue Engine, an urban education fellowship year in New York City designed for talented recent college graduates to connect with small numbers of students in a different way—not as teachers, but as full-time teaching assistants. During one year terms of service, Blue Engine Teaching Assistants (BETAs) lead small group instruction (4-5 students per period) alongside experienced classroom teachers, working in teams from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to help entire grade levels make dramatic, measurable gains in Math and English / Language Arts.

Right now, throughout the country, we are looking for a small number of top-notch candidates to help build Blue Engine from the ground up. The admissions process will be competitive, with our next class of approximately 50 BETAs set to begin service in New York City in August of 2012.

For more information:

http://www.blueengine.org/letter/?utm_source=Recruitment&utm_medium=110922&utm_campaign=2

Civic House Internship

Interested in learning more about working in the nonprofit sector? Would you like to gain skills and knowledge about a social justice issue through hands on experience? Civic House wants to help! We currently have openings for spring semester internships with seven of our partner nonprofit organizations. Click on the names of the organizations below to learn more about each opportunity.

Civic House is currently seeking to fill spring internship positions at each of the following nonprofit organizations:

[ACHIEVEability](#) (PennLink # 755114)

[Art-Reach](#) (PennLink # 755111)

[LIFT Philadelphia](#) (PennLink # 755116)

[The Food Trust](#) (PennLink #755118)

[Maternity Care Coalition](#) (PennLink #755117)

[Bread & Roses Community Fund](#) (PennLink #755112)

[Caring People Alliance](#) (PennLink #755115)

Eligibility: All Penn undergraduates in the classes of 2012, 2013, 2014 in good standing are eligible to apply.

Compensation: (taxable) \$1,500 stipend for approximately 12 weeks at 10 hours per week

Timeline: Applications are due via Penn Link, no later than 11:59pm EST on Monday, November 21. Civic House will notify students of their application status no later than Monday, December 19.

Penn Program for Public Service Summer Internship

<http://upenn.edu/ccp/ppps>

Application Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2012

The Penn Program for Public Service Internship Program is a 12-week multi-faceted summer program that immerses approximately 15 undergraduates in real-world problem solving in the West Philadelphia-Penn community. At the core of the internship is an action-oriented, Academically Based Community Service seminar, "Faculty-Student Collaborative Seminar on Community Based Problem-Solving, Research, Teaching, and Learning: West Philadelphia and Penn as an Experiment in Progress," led by the director of the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at Penn, Dr. Ira Harkavy. Each undergraduate in the seminar works collaboratively to help solve a strategic "ill-structured" problem of his or her choosing in West Philadelphia.

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TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Leonore Annenberg Teaching Fellowship Highlights: \$30,000 Scholarship, MEd degree, professional development, research opportunities

Deadlines: December 10, February 18, April 22. Information sessions: Thursday, October 20 and Monday, November 14 (both 7pm at Netter Center) Visit <http://www.upenn.edu/ccp/latf> for more information

The Leonore Annenberg Teaching Fellowship will support junior and senior undergraduate students, as well as recent alumni, of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Wharton School, the School of Nursing, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science in acquiring the expertise necessary to become successful teachers in urban public high schools. Over the course of three years, 23 students will be named Leonore Annenberg Teaching Fellows. This prestigious fellowship includes a \$30,000 scholarship and unique educational and mentoring benefits. Fellows will be placed in one of three high schools in West Philadelphia. This geographic focus will enable Fellows to work as a team with one another, school administrators and community partners towards systemic, positive change within schools and neighborhoods.

Penn Engineers without Borders

Summer 2012 Application

We are now selecting two teams to travel to Ngyenmbo, Cameroon in May 2012 and Pajomel, Guatemala in August 2012. The trip will involve a program fee that will qualify for financial aid. This program fee will cover travel, room, and board. Additionally, students will receive 2 c.u. for participating in the program. Applications are due December 3rd at 11:59pm.

Cameroon:

Please contact Mike Magaraci at msmagaraci@gmail.com or Nishant Neel at nishant.neel92@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Guatemala:

If you have any questions, please contact Shivali Khetan at skhetan11@gmail.com or Nick Pesta at njpesta@gmail.com.

Humanity In Action

HIA invites applications from college students and recent graduates who are intellectually gifted, mature, independent and passionate about human rights. Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors and graduates from the classes of 2010 and 2011 are eligible to apply. Learn more about the HIA Fellowship. Applications are due on **January 9, 2012**. Intensive and demanding, the HIA Fellowship features daily lectures and discussions with renowned academics, journalists, politicians, and activists, as well as site visits to government agencies, non-profit organizations, museums and memorials.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at admissions@humanityinaction.org.

EPA Requests Proposals for Urban Waters Small Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expects to award between \$1.8 to \$3.8 million in funding for projects across the country to help restore urban waters by improving water quality and supporting community revitalization. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters. Information about Urban Waters Small Grants including the Request for Proposal (RFP) and registration links for the webinars is available at <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding>. EPA expects to award the grants in summer 2012. For more information on EPA's Urban Waters program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters>.

Dates to Remember:

- Deadline for submitting proposals: January 23, 2012.
- Two webinars about this funding opportunity: December 14, 2011 and January 5, 2012.
- Deadline for submitting questions: January 16, 2012