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La Casa Newsletter

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Message from the Director

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Saludos

Welcome back to returning students and Welcome to Penn new students!

We hope that your semester is going very well and that you are taking care of yourself. I have received feedback from various students regarding our request for suggestions for a T-Shirt and it seems like most people liked the word: "Pennsadores" If you have more suggestions please email me, johnnyi@upenn.edu.

I wanted to invite you to attend LDI's (Latino Dialogue Institute's) 1st event of the year: Raquel Rivera PhD, renowned author, scholar and singer-songwriter presenting an engaging talk and discussion titled: "Clichés and Anti-Stereotypes in Latino Popular Culture. Dr. Rivera is a young dynamic scholar and speaker whom I guarantee you will like. The event is on Wednesday October 5, 2011 from 6-8pm in College Hall, Room 200. Meanwhile please visit us at La Casa Latina (The ARCH, 3601 Locust Walk) and keep us informed of your activities and how we can be of support to you individually and to the student groups you work with.

*NEW ITEMS

See you all soon,

*"Everyone has a Latino
inside them"*

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"Latinos must be proud"

Events and Programs



A Day With Penn Minority Medical Students

Planned by the Latino Medical Student Association and the Student National Medical Association, the program is especially designed for undergraduate students who have declared an interest in medicine for their future career.

*Saturday, October 1st, 2011 - Registration for the October 1st program will open at 9:00am on Thursday, September 1st, 2011.

*Saturday, March 31, 2012 - Registration for the March 31st program will open at 9:00am on Thursday, March 1st.

Students can register on-line, free of charge, at the following website:

<http://www.cu2000.med.upenn.edu/hps/penndayregistration.asp>.

Celebrating the Centenary of Jose Maria Arguedas

The Department of Romance Languages and Literatures of Villanova University are presenting a conference on Jose Maria Arguedas from October 28-29, 2011. For registration visit: <http://www.wix.com/snzekmi/arguedas#!registration>.

Community Schools Student Partnerships (CSSP)

CSSP is actively seeking Penn students who have verbal (oral and written) and conversational knowledge of French to provide West Philadelphia students with vital support. Penn students will act as interpreters, role models, and, more importantly, mentors as students who struggle very much with English strive to adapt to life in the United States.

If you have a working knowledge of French and have availability any weekdays in the mornings from 9 am to 12:30 pm, please Contact Lee Marcus at lee.evan.marcus@gmail.com.

* Seventy First Annual Membership Meeting

This Tuesday, October 11, 2011 come to the Seventy First Annual Membership Meeting at the Union League of Philadelphia. The Keynote speaker for the luncheon program is one of the most respected journalists in Mexico today: Ana Maria Salazar. From her positions as host of a daily call-in radio show and a weekly TV show, Ms. Salazar has her finger on the pulse of Mexican life. A graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of California, she worked for the U.S. Department of State in Colombia when the Colombian Drug Cartels were threatening to turn that country into a failed state. Is the same situation at play in Mexico today? How will such a turn of events affect the U.S.? What should the U.S. do? What can the U.S. do? Join us for a most informative program that includes lunch and a two hour conference with the Consul General of Mexico in Philadelphia and three world renowned experts on Mexico. Cocktail Reception 11:45 am ◊ Luncheon Program 12:15 pm
Price: Members \$75 per person ◊ Non-Members \$85 per person. Register on line at www.panamphilly.org/amm or RSVP by October 1, 2011 to htermohlen@robertsfiltergroup.com Tel: 610-583-3131.

* 3rd Annual credit Suisse Diversity Case Competition

This event is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the financial services industry. Participants in the competition gain practical knowledge and experience, and have the opportunity to explore career opportunities at Credit Suisse.

Presentation Date : Friday, October 28 th in NYC.

Team Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 6 th at the link below:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22D58OBL8B/>

* Duke School of Medicine info session

Maureen Cullins, who works in admissions at Duke SOM, and is Director of their Multicultural Resources Center, is coming to talk with Penn students on Wednesday about her medical school, and what they look for in applicants. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Duke, and to hear directly from someone involved in medical school admissions. Wednesday, October 5, 5-6pm, Huntsman Hall: G92

* La Casa Latina and The Latino Dialogue Institute 2nd annual educational field trip

This year LDI will once again visit Washington, DC. The trip is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011. This will be an all-day trip leaving Penn at 8AM and returning around 8PM. Transportation (via comfortable rented private bus), lunch and dinner will be provided. This year we will visit the Pew Hispanic Center in the AM (<http://pewhispanic.org/>) and visit the Organization of American States (OAS) in the PM (<http://www.oas.org/en/>). This is a unique opportunity to not only learn about recent research conducted on the state of Latinos nationally, but also learn about politics and policies impacting nations in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean nations. We will also learn about internship and job opportunities in Washington DC.

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* 8th Annual Hispanic Choice Award

Philly's premier Latino event, the 8th Annual Hispanic Choice Awards is taking place on the evening of **Tuesday, October 11, 2011** at the world-renown Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. This event is the largest and most anticipated Latino event in the tri-state area; This year's lineup includes Celebrity Host, Tony Dandrades live from Miami, FL, a Red Carpet Entrance with LIVE red carpet coverage and interviews by Univision, a special tribute Sizzling Performances from rising stars and a Surprise Guest Performance, an exclusive after party at an undisclosed location, as well as the hottest guest list of over 1000 of Philly to Jersey's leading Latino entrepreneurs, government officials, musicians and professionals!

This anticipated show is currently seeking volunteers to serve as "seat-fillers" during the show, who will all have FREE access to this VIP show and after party! To apply for this opportunity, please email cluxeevents@gmail.com ASAP with your name and availability.

* "Immigration in the 21st Century: The Costs of a Broken System"

Princeton University, October 14 – 15: Princeton University Graduate School's Office of Academic Affairs and Diversity in conjunction with the Latino Graduate Student Association present their annual symposium Voz Latina. The event will bring together academic experts, leaders of civil organizations, government officials, and students to discuss specific challenges related to immigration and the Latino community. The event is free and open to the public. We encourage you to register by October 11th. Student lodging applications are due October 1st.

You are invited to browse the full program at <http://PUVozLatina.org/program>, or write to Rodolfo Rios Zertuche, rios@princeton.edu, for any information you cannot find there.

* "Health Literacy: A Blueprint to Health Equity in the Latino Immigrant Community"

Frances Munet-Vilaro, PhD, RN will present this Diversity Seminar on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 – 12:00 PM in Clarie Fagin Hall in Room 213.

* Open Video Call

Experience videos by area artists and filmmakers juried by local curators. Artist Jayson Musson hosts this year's Open Video Call. Judges include: Kate Kraczon, Assistant Curator, ICA; John Vick, Exhibition Assistant, Modern & Contemporary Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Andrew Suggs, Director, Vox Populi; and Kristine Neville, Co-Founder, Little Berlin. Selected works will be on view during ICA's winter exhibition season. Submission deadline is September 30.

For more information send an email to rpastan@upenn.edu.

* Open Video Call

Hi Students,

Van Pelt Library has a new facebook page! www.facebook.com/vanpeltlibrary. To launch our facebook site, we're hosting a game ... The Secret Life of Van Pelt Library! We have great giveaways for everyone who plays. You need your smart phone or digital camera to play. The game starts on Friday, September 30, 2-5pm and goes until October 14. Pick up your game sheets on or after Sept 30 in the reference department of Van Pelt Library, and be a celebrity contributor to the Van Pelt Library facebook page!!

* Activism

Activism will take place October 15th rain or shine. You will be supplied with all necessary game and transportation materials, but at least one member of each team will need a smart phone. Please meet at the ICA by 11:30 AM, be prepared to walk, dress appropriately for weather and wear sneakers. The game concludes with a pizza party/wrap up session at Kelly Writers House with faculty from the Urban Studies Department (3805 Locust Walk Philadelphia, PA 19104). Register by September 30th! Sign up here www.icaphila.org

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* Casa Esperanza

Verizon has commissioned it's me to their first digital mosaic and with each photo added, they will donate \$1, up to \$50,000, to Casa de Esperanza, a national nonprofit working to end domestic violence in the Latino community. It is easy, free and fun to support this important project. Simply go to hashtagart.com/verizonhispanicheritage before October 31 and click "Add Me" to claim a spot in this history-making event.

The mosaic starts as a blank canvas and the images are gradually revealed as people contribute their photos. I encourage you to share this easy opportunity to help Casa de Esperanza through your newsletters and community outreach. For more information, please go to <http://news.vzw.com/news/2011/09/pr2011-09-16.html>.

* 6th Annual Passing the Torch

The 6th Annual Passing the Torch takes place at The Enterprise Center on October 6th, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The evening event will be hosted by Dyana Williams and MoShay LaRen of 100.3 WRNB.

Passing the Torch is an annual celebration of the next generation of minority entrepreneurs. By honoring business men and women who are continuing the legacy their parents have built, The Enterprise Center salutes the entrepreneurial spirit and its ability to change lives.

* Penn invite graduate info session

Employers are looking for candidates with business communication skills, the ability to analytically solve problems, and a professional global mindset. [1] Leverage your undergraduate degree with the pre-experience M.S. in Commerce at the University of Virginia. With placement statistics for the Class of 2010 at 94%, our students stand out to the 100+ companies who recruit on campus each year. Tuesday, October 4 at 6 pm at Houston Hall, Griski Room. For more information, ecandelier@virginia.edu.

* Talent program info session

This comes from IESE: "IESE Business School's full-time MBA is located in Barcelona, Spain. This 19-month program combines a general management perspective, an international focus and a deep understanding of the global business arena. Taught entirely in English during the first year with the option of taking electives in Spanish during the second year will give you the opportunity to acquire vital language and cross-cultural skills which will positively impact your career. Corporate internships at leading organizations and exchange programs with other top business schools around the world are also included in the program. Tuesday, October 4 at 5 pm at Houston Hall, Golkin Room.

* Lunch with Dr. Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes

Please join us for conversation and lunch with Dr. Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes Monday, October 3 at 12:30 pm at the Center for Africana Studies (3401 Walnut Street, Seminar Room 330A). Dr. La Fountain-Stokes will be presenting his recent work titled: "Geographies of Love: Spatial Displacements in the Poetry and Fiction of Rane Arroyo."

* Trip to Israel

JNF's Caravan for Democracy Student Leadership Mission to Israel, is taking place in January, 2012. This fully-subsidized trip is open to influential campus leaders, of all faiths and backgrounds, who have never been to Israel before. I know we often have questions from students, including non-Jewish students, looking for opportunities to travel to Israel. JNF is proud to make this a reality for 20 selected campus leaders. Complete information is below, and applications are available at: www.jnf.org/get-involved/travel/caravan-mission. Application deadline: Monday, October 3, 2011.

Internship and Scholarships

2012 PPIA Junior Summer Institute at Princeton University

The Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs is pleased to announce that the 2012 PPIA Junior Summer Institute will be held at Princeton University from June 7 through July 27, 2012. The application deadline is November 1, 2011.

The brochure is available at <http://www.princeton.edu/jsi/>. The online application form is available through the Public Policy & International Affairs Fellowship Program (PIIA) at www.ppiaprogram.org/app/.

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>.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

The Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity. Starting September 1, 2011. The deadlines for the application is November, 15, 2011. For more information visit: <http://pull.xmr3.com/p/1718-C1DB/48667875/text001-nationalacademies.org-ford.html>

The Bridgespan Group

Founded in 2000 and incubated at Bain & Company, the Bridgespan Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps nonprofit and philanthropic leaders make strategic decisions and build organizations that inspire and accelerate social change. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 7, 2011, and all applications are to be submitted via our online application system accessible at <http://www.bridgespan.org/careers-at-bridgespan.aspx>.

Muchas Gracias!

