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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.

Just two quick reminders:

1. Our Blood Drive for the Red Cross is this Tuesday November 1st from 10am to 3pm at Hall of Flags. See La Casa Latina website for details for how to register
2. Also this coming Tuesday and Wednesday will be the installation of Our Collective Altar in honor of our Elders and El Dia de Los Muertos. Details are in our website:

<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lacasa/>

Come enjoy pan dulce and refreshments as you add to the Altar at La Casa Latina

Take care,

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"Latinos must be proud"

Events and Programs



* 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

* Morgan Stanley Diversity Event

Come discover a diverse team that shares one mission—to create and support the world's finest financial thinking, products and services.
 Wednesday, November 16, 2011
 7:00 – 8:30pm
 University of Pennsylvania: Inn at Penn | 3600 Sansom Street | Philadelphia, PA
 To register: <https://www.seeuthere.com/rsvp/invitation/invitation.asp?id=m2625a55-1X12WHNC2SLW0&sutEventRoleID=m2625a55-3VZ0TW751DVJO>

* Blood Drive

ACELA, La Casa Latina and LUL are having their annual blood drive on Tuesday 1, 2011. It will be in Houston Hall—Hall of Flags from 10 am-3 pm. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org.

* 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

* The Biology of Race

Join the Philomathean Society in a discussion of the past and future of "race" in biology and its cultural and political ramifications with Dr. Janet Monge (Anthropology), Dr. Sarah Tishkoff (Biology) and Dr. Michael Weisberg (Philosophy).
 Thursday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.
 Philo Halls, 4th Floor College Hall

* Puentes Hacia el Futuro

Puentes Hacia el Futuro (<https://sites.google.com/site/puentestutor/>) pairs elementary school children one-on-one with tutors/mentors who are undergraduate and graduate students and community professionals. Our volunteers provide elementary school children with homework and literacy support, as well as guide them in exploring the Mexican culture and Spanish language, identity, and self-esteem. Relevant health education is also provided for the children and families.
 Tutoring sessions are held from 3:10-5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. Sessions are held at Southwark School at 1835 S. 9 th St in Philadelphia. We also offer Art Classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the studio of Nora Litz, a Mexican artist, at 1241 Carpenter St.

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* Sabor Latino: Carnaval

ACELA in collaboration with Penn Brazil Club Presents: Sabor Latino is an annual banquet celebrating Latino culture. It highlights the diversity of the Latino culture through food and music. ACELA has used this event to commemorate Latino history, bring together a diverse Latino audience, and to fundraise for organizations that address Latino issues. For example, last year we raised money for the hurricane victims of Veracruz, Mexico and this year all the proceeds will go towards JUNTOS. JUNTOS is a non-profit organization comprised of Mexican and other Latino immigrants in Philadelphia. There will also be live entertainment provided by AMLA which stands for Artistas y Músicos Latino Americanos, so get ready to salsa the night away!

Here's some more information: <http://www.amla.org/index.html>

Tickets:

\$8 on the Walk

\$10 at the door

There will be a buffet of a variety of Latin-American food, a live salsa band, and a samba competition!

EL Dia de los Inocentes and El Dia de los Muertos

In honor of El Día de Los Inocentes and el Día de los Muertos, 1st and 2nd of November, 2011 MEChA and La Casa Latina would like to invite you to help install an Altar in La Casa Latina's entrance. The altar theme will be: "Honoring an Elder." Students can bring in photos and items that represent the elders you would like to honor for the Altar. The Altar will be installed on the wooden ledge below the Mosaic Mural in the entrance of La Casa Latina, located in the 1st floor of the ARCH building at 3601 Locust Walk.

Beyond Translation Initiative

November 2, 2011 8 am - 4 pm

Drexel University | James Creese Student Center | Behrakis Grand Hall (3210 Chestnut St)

The mission of the Beyond Translation Initiative at EPA Region III is to expand the conversation on environmentalism among Asian, Hispanic, and African immigrant communities. This year's theme is "Healthy Communities through a Healthy Environment." There will be various sessions discussing environmental issues that impact our health, including access to healthy foods and factors concerning sensitive populations. More specific information on the forum will follow. There will be an exhibit hall on the day of the event for organizations or community groups to display information to the forum attendees. If you are interested in having a table, please contact Rome Arquines (arquines.rombel@epa.gov).

Spanish Interpreter

The opportunity to serve as a Spanish interpreter for parent-teacher conferences at East Norriton Middle School on November 22 and 23, 2011. East Norriton is a middle school with a large Spanish-speaking population in Norristown, PA (about 20 minutes outside of Philadelphia by car). Norristown has seen a recent surge of immigration from Spanish-speaking countries, specifically Mexico. Dr. Stanton Wortham and graduate students at Penn have been studying this new Spanish-speaking population. Assisting the school district to best serve its Spanish-speaking students and parents has been a priority of the research project.

RSVP to Kate Clonan-Roy via email - Email Kate Clonan-Roy at kclo@gse.upenn.edu with your full name to confirm that you can interpret.

Click on the link below to complete the Doodle (an online RSVP/scheduling tool). Please complete this Doodle by November 4, 2011. <http://www.doodle.com/f29pfc45ek3ftuwb>

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.

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The Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium

The Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium (GPLASC) is now soliciting panel and paper proposals from graduate students within consortium schools for the December 9th Student Conference. Proposals from all disciplines are encouraged, including but not limited to: Anthropology, Archaeology, Art History, Cultural Studies, Environmental Studies, Ethnomusicology, Gender Studies, History, Linguistics, Literature, Political Science, and Sociology. Panels should consist of three presenters and a faculty commentator. Please provide names, academic affiliation, email addresses, and a one paragraph abstract of the paper or panel you propose. The deadline for the proposals is November 15th, 2011. Please send panel or paper applications to rwebb@temple.edu. The conference will be held in the 1810 Conference Suite on the Temple University Campus, Friday afternoon 12/09/2011. Please direct any questions to Ronald Webb at rwebb@temple.edu or Dwain Joseph at dwain.joseph@temple.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>

Peggy McIntosh

The diversity Programming Committee of Villanova University presents... Peggy McIntosh November 9th. Dr. Peggy McIntosh is an anti-racist activist and feminist scholar who is well known for her concept of the invisible knapsack of privilege. Reserve your place through Villanova Tix.

Soy Andina!

Please join us in welcoming back Penn Alum and Director, Mitchell Teplitsky, as we screen his critically-acclaimed documentary, Soy Andina! Soy Andina follows the story of two women raised in different worlds - an immigrant folk dancer from the Andes, and a modern dancer from Queens, NY - who return to Peru to reconnect with roots and an astonishing world of traditional dance and celebration. Saturday, November 5th, 2011 ARCH Crest Room 3601 Locust Walk 1PM - 3PM. Light refreshments and snack will be served.

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

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 (PPIA) 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 deadline for the application is November 15, 2011. For more information visit: <http://pull.xmr3.com/p/1718-C1DB/48667875/text001-nationalacademies.org-ford.html>

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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

Procacci Brothers

Established wholesale distribution outfit seeks multi-tasking individual who can speak Spanish fluently. Responsibilities include:

- * Interaction with client liaisons!
- * Maintaining pricing of commodities!
- * Conversing with buyers on available inventory!

You will be rewarded with a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. Email resumes and salary requirements to mwaznak@procaccibrothers.com

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.

Colonial Penn

Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company, a top insurer located in Old City Philadelphia, is looking for experienced Telephone Sales Representatives to join its Sales Team.

To Apply Please Go To: <http://bit.ly/colpenn>

Human Rights Accompaniers Needed in Guatemala

Next training: January 2012 in Bay Area, CA Application Deadline: October 31st, 2011. For more information and an application, please visit our website: www.nisgua.org Six-month minimum commitment required.

Benefits include: Accommodation and food covered by a small monthly stipend, health insurance, a re-entry stipend, and a contribution toward international airfare.

Muchas Gracias!