Hello Everyone

Saludos, once again from the staff of La Casa Latina. I know that things are beginning to get busy for all, but remember to pace yourselves and stay healthy. I have had the pleasure of meeting with a few of the newly elected student group Board Members and I greatly appreciate you reaching out to me/us and getting to know each other better. I invite other groups to please contact me so that we can meet and catch up.

Like always, I/we are interested in supporting your mission as much as we can. Soon Festival Latino will be approaching and we look forward to working in partnership with all of you on your planned events. Let me/us know if we can help in identifying particular speakers and/or presenters.

It is very important that you start early with fundraising, completing contracts with presenters and or making any travel and hotel arrangements necessary so please contact us with enough time to move this process forward in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, take care and best wishes always,

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Events and Programs

“Latinos must be proud”

* Career Spotlight: Salamishah Tillet, Ph.D., C’96, G’04
Hear about Dr. Tillet’s path to teaching in the very departments in which she majored as a student at Penn. Learn how she found her interdisciplinary academic focus, which issues are drawing her much sought-after commentary so far in 2012, and what response she has received since interviewing Gloria Steinem as part of the December 2011 TEDx Women conference. In 2003, Salamishah and her sister, Scheherazade Tillet, co-founded A Long Walk Home, Inc., a nonprofit that uses art therapy and the visual and performing arts to end violence against girls and women.
Date: February 21, 2012
Location: Fisher-Bennett Hall Rm 401
Time: 6:00 pm

* Samba Sessão: Afro-Brazilian Art and Film
Can’t wait to learn more about Afro-Brazilian Art and Film? Then join us for a weekly Brazilian Film Series in the Sky Lounge of Harrison College House — all films begin at 7pm unless otherwise noted. Free Brazilian Snacks.
February 9th: Gabriela w/ Phoebe Jean-Pierre
February 16th: Bye Bye Brazil w/ Sam Sharf
February 23rd: Orfeu Negro w/ Adrianna de Svastich
March 1st: Quilombo w/ Ruani Ribe
March 15th: Kiss of the Spider Woman w/ Erica Shockley (7:30)
March 22nd: Central Station w/ Mansi Kothari
March 29th: Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands w/ Jake Rosenbaum

* Veterinary Medicine Application Seminar
Tuesday, February 21st 4-5pm, McNeil Building: Room 97
For those planning on applying for admission in 2013, pre-health advisors will go over the application process for Vet schools and address any questions you might have.

* New Jersey Medical School Info Session
Tuesday, February 21st, 5.30-6.30pm, Huntsman Hall: Room F65
This is a terrific opportunity to meet Dr. George Heinrich, Dean for Admissions at the New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Heinrich will talk about NJMS, the application process, and how to prepare for it. He is also happy to stay to talk with interested students individually, as well as take questions collectively. This is great news for New Jersey residents, and anyone who wants to hear directly from someone highly experienced in medical school admissions.

* Personal Statement Workshop
Thursday, February 23rd, 4.30-5.30pm, Houston Hall, Ben Franklin Room
This workshop will be focused on personal statements for law school, health professions (medical, dental, veterinary schools), and business school. We will discuss some general guidelines and look at examples of things you should, and should not, do in an essay.

* LGBTQ Center Initiative at Drexel University
Support the creation of an LGBT center at Drexel University by signing this petition http://www.change.org/petitions/drexel-university-support-creation-of-lgbtq-center#
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* Georgetown University Medical Center Special Master’s Program Info Session
Friday, February 24th, 2-3pm, Houston Hall: Class of ’47 Room
Amy Richards, Academic Coordinator for the Georgetown SMP, an “academic record enhancer” post-bacc program, will be coming to speak with any interested Penn students about the program. As she writes, “The SMP is a one year masters program geared specifically for students who have completed their premed prereqs but need to do something additional to strengthen their academic record to apply to medical school. The SMP students take 6 medical school level courses with the first year medical school students at Georgetown Univ School of Medicine and a handful of graduate level courses. It is a very rigorous and demanding year but can really show medical schools what they are capable of doing at the medical school level.”

* “Doctor Dinner”: Q&A with Dr. Susan Rheingold, Pediatric Oncologist at CHOP
Thursday, February 23rd, 6-7pm, Huntsman Hall: Room G50
This event, a great opportunity to interact with a very interesting practicing physician, is co-sponsored with the Penn Pre-Medical Association. Dr. Rheingold, a terrific speaker whom students have much enjoyed interacting with in the past, will discuss her own work, offer advice for those who want a career in medicine, and will take any questions that you might have. Light refreshments will be provided (thanks to PPMA).

Global Health Career Day
The office of Global Health Programs at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine is hosting their 6th Annual Global Health Career Day on Saturday, February 25 and you are invited to attend. Online registration for this free event is required: http://www.med.upenn.edu/globalhealth/GHCD2012.shtml
For information on other global health events, visit the Global Health Programs Calendar accessible via the main menu on: http://www.med.upenn.edu/globalhealth/.

Puentes de Salud
Puentes de Salud (Bridges of Health) is a 501(c) nonprofit organization that promotes the health and wellness of South Philadelphia’s rapidly growing Latino immigrant population through high-quality health care, innovative educational programs, and community building.
Everyone interested in volunteering must come to a Volunteer Training Session. The next one is on Tuesday, February 21 from 6-8:30 pm at the 19th and South St. office. There will be pizza and beverage at the training session. There will also be an optional training session for giving Charlas on Monday, February 27 from 6-7PM in JMHH 265.
For more information visit: http://www.puentesdesalud.org/
If you have any questions about volunteering at Puentes, you can email volunteer@puentesdesalud.org

Health Professions Advisory Board (HPAB) Workshops for Medical/Dental Applicants
Any undergraduate considering applying to medical or dental school for matriculation in 2013 must attend one of the mandatory applicant workshops this spring. The workshop will provide information about the application process and the steps you must take in order to receive a Committee (HPAB) Letter from Penn, as is expected by medical and dental schools. If you are unable to attend an appropriate workshop, contact Peter Stokes at stokespm@upenn.edu as soon as possible.
The full list of workshops to choose among is as follows:

Medical School:
Tuesday, February 28, 12.00-1.30pm, Houston Hall: Class of ’49 Auditorium.
Wednesday, March 21, 5.00-6.30pm, Cohen Hall: Terrace Room

Dental School:
Thursday, February 9, 4.30-6.00pm, Houston Hall: Golkin Room

Teaching Performance Art for Cross-Cultural Education!
EDUC 539 / THAR 539 - TPACE (Fall 2012) Mondays 4PM - 7PM. Graduate level seminar course (open to all Penn Students). Address issues of cultural awareness through the arts. Learn how to turn theatrical forms and narrative into educational tools. Foster intercultural understanding. Create spaces for open discussion of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, and more NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Application is due April 20th, and is available at: www.vpul.upenn.edu/gic/tpaceapp.php
**Interested in start-ups or green energy?**

Come out to PennEWB's E-Week speaker event: A Sustainable Start-Up by Jason Halpern. Jason is the co-founder and CEO of PowerFlower Solar, a seed stage solar technology company. Jason received Bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Management and a Master's degree in Integrated Product Design from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010.

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February
Time: 8 PM
Location: Huntsman Hall, Room F95

**Undergraduate Research Funding Available through CURF:**

Penn undergraduates in the classes of 2013, 2014, and 2015 are eligible to apply for research funding through Penn’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (CURF). CURF research funding supports undergraduates from any Penn school conducting independent research in any field under the guidance of a Penn faculty member. Students considering applying for a research grant should speak with potential faculty research mentors well in advance of the March 14 deadline, since application materials (including faculty recommendation letters) are due electronically to CURF by 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 14. A partial list of research opportunities is listed below. Students should check the CURF calendar (http://www.upenn.edu/curf/) for other upcoming research deadlines. Unless otherwise noted, all grants are open to students in any Penn school.

**Guy Penrod & The hoppers**

Come and enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel at the Irving auditorium. March 10th, 2012. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

**25th Annual Women of Color at PENN day**

At the University Sheraton Friday, March 16, 2012. Come and Celebrate and listen to the great conference.

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THE EZRA POUND AWARD FOR LITERARY TRANSLATION
The Creative Writing Program is sponsoring the following contest this spring for Penn undergraduates and graduates:
THE EZRA POUND AWARD FOR LITERARY TRANSLATION (first prize $400)
Submit two copies of up to 3 pp. of verse or 5 pp. of prose translated to English from any language; include two copies of the original text.
Entries may be left in the designated box at the Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing (CPCW). Entries should bear: student's name, school, year, address, & email address.
This year’s deadline: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 at noon.

Building Relationships between Penn Alumni and Students
DATE: February 22, 2012
TIME: 8:00 - 9:30pm EST
In this virtual speed-networking session, students and alumni will be randomly matched and given 6 minutes to chat and learn about their experiences. At the end of those 6 minutes, each participant will be paired immediately with a new match. At the end of the event, each student and alumnus will have made 10 new connections.
Questions? Contact Shannon Kelly (shakelly@upenn.edu).

Women of Color at Penn (WOCAP) - Annual Conference & Awards Luncheon
The Annual Conference and Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the University Sheraton, 36th and Chestnut Streets. An integral part of the annual event is the awards luncheon. The recognition of the outstanding service women of color students, graduate and/or professional, and undergraduate, perform in the Penn and surrounding community is worthy of acknowledgement. If you know of an undergraduate or graduate and/or professional student whose accomplishments are noteworthy and deserving of honor and praise, please recommend her for recognition during the luncheon.
For additional details on the Annual Conference and Awards Luncheon, please visit the WOCAP website: http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/wocap/.

A Day with Perelman Minority Medical Students
The spring program “A Day with Perelman Minority Medical Students” is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, from 11am to 3pm. Registration is required and limited to the first 125 registrants free of charge at the following website: http://www.cu2000.med.upenn.edu/hps/penndayregistration.asp. The on line registration will open on March 1 at 9:00am. The target audience for this program is students who are considering applying to medical school in the next few years. The program is sponsored by the Perelman School of Medicine and planned by the Latino Medical Student Association and the Student National Medical Association to provide premeds with the opportunity to learn about our School, its educational programs and student life.

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We Are Mantua Choice Neighborhoods Planning Team Seeks Youth Leadership Intern

The Mt Vernon Manor Board of Directors and the We Are Mantua Choice Neighborhoods Planning leadership team is seeking a Youth Leadership Intern to help organize the participation of young adults in the Choice Neighborhoods Planning process. The Youth Leadership Intern will be a member of the Choice Neighborhoods Steering Committee and will lead a Mantua Youth Task Force, made up of Mantua young adults that will produce a report summarizing proposals for the future of Mantua that will be included in the Mantua Transformation Plan being developed through the Choice Neighborhoods Planning process. To view the full job description visit www.wearemantua.com.

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For undergrads interested in cutting edge research, the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst might be for you. The ten week lab-and-learning experience will give you a head start on a career that is truly at the forefront of knowledge--nanotechnology! Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Space is limited so apply today! - Ten week program: May 28 - August 4, 2012 - Free housing in our newest dorms- Free travel to and from campus- Competitive stipend ($3600-$5000) - Application deadline is Feb 29, 2012 (http://www.umass.edu/massnanotech/SURE.htm)

Philip G. Hubbard Prep Program

2012 Program: June 4 - June 29, 2012
The University of Iowa College of Law is pleased to offer the Philip G. Hubbard Law School Preparation Program. This program seeks to support diversity in the legal profession by inspiring students from groups historically under-represented in the law to become lawyers and by providing them with the skills and assistance that will strengthen their preparation for law school. Whether students are interested in the University of Iowa College of Law or in learning more about legal careers and the law school experience, the Philip G. Hubbard Law School Preparation Program is an opportunity worth considering. To find out more information on the Hubbard Program, you may visit http://www.law.uiowa.edu/prospective/pre-law/hubbard.php.

Penn Program for Public Service Summer Internship

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. For more information visit: http://upenn.edu/ccp/pps

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

PREP is a seven week summer academic enrichment program that targets students from educationally and financially disadvantaged/underrepresented backgrounds. The postmark deadline for submission of all required material is March 1, 2012. Applications and further program information are available at: http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/prep.cfm.

SMDEP is a six-week summer academic enrichment program that targets educationally and financially disadvantaged freshman and sophomore college students by providing intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. Deadline for applying is March 1, 2012. Application and further information can be found at the following websites: www.smdep.org

RAP is post baccalaureate program. The eleven-month program is conducted in two sessions, summer and academic year. Deadline is May 15, 2012. For more information visit: https://meded-postbac.ucsd.edu www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/rap.cfm
Internship and Scholarships

**HACEMOS Scholarship Program**
The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 HACEMOS scholarship programs until March 1, 2012 at [www.hispanicfund.org/CCI](http://www.hispanicfund.org/CCI). Scholarships will be based on both need and merit, and awards will range from $500 - $2,000. In addition, scholars will be enrolled into HCF’s College and Career Institute where they will receive financial, social and career support. LOFT Network.

**Robert L. Mayock Student Research Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine**
This fellowship provides opportunities for medical students and exceptional undergraduate students after their junior year to work full-time for 8-10 weeks during the summer or fall in one of the research laboratories of the Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Division of the University of Pennsylvania. Accepted applicants will receive a stipend of $3500 and will be reimbursed up to $1500 to cover travel-related expenses to attend a scientific meeting to present their research. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 2012. More information can be obtained at [www.uphs.upenn.edu/lungctr](http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/lungctr).

**Seasonal Positions at Philadelphia Zoo**
Check the open positions at the Philadelphia Zoo on the link below: [http://www.philadelphiazoo.org/about/Job-Opportunities/Seasonal.htm](http://www.philadelphiazoo.org/about/Job-Opportunities/Seasonal.htm)