Saludos Everyone!

Welcome back to returning students and Welcome to Penn new students! We hope that everyone had a very healthy travel back to campus and that the first few days of classes are going great for you.

On behalf of La Casa Latina staff we offer our support in any way we can to assure your success at Penn. Please do not hesitate at all in reaching out to us with questions, concerns, ideas and just simply to get to know each other better. We look forward to seeing you at events and participating in our programs. Please note our open house this coming Thursday and all the other events celebrating Latino Heritage Month at Penn 2012. We are very proud of the caliber of Penn Latina/o students and wish you great success always, but we also wish to be an integral part of your success so we look forward to working with you and helping in any way we can.

See you all soon,

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Latino Heritage Month Events

Opening Reception, Exhibition: El Viaje de los Niños/ The Children’s Journey

*El Viaje de los Niños (The Journey of the Children)* exhibition project tells the stories of Mexican immigrant children who have crossed the border to come to Philadelphia.

Date: Monday, September 10
Location: Cohen Hall, Fox Art Gallery
Time: 5:30–7:30pm
Latino appetizers, desserts and refreshments will be served.

La Casa Latina and the Latino Coalition Open House

Date: Thursday, September 13
Location: Houston Hall (3417 Spruce Street), Class of 49.
Time: 4-6pm
We will have Latino food and entertainment and resource tables representing Latino/a groups at Penn.

1st Annual Dolores Huerta Lecture

Date: Monday, September 17
Speaker: Mr. David Suro, Local Restaurant Owner (Tequilas Restaurant) and Historian
Presenting: “Tequila, Industry under Siege”
Location: Irving Auditorium (34th and Spruce), Café 58
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
He will discuss political, economic, labor, cultural and traditional issues critically impacting the Tequila industry in Mexico.

Closing Reception, Exhibition: El Viaje de los Niños/ The Children’s Journey

Wednesday, September 19
Location: Cohen Hall, Fox Art Gallery
Time: 5:30–7:30pm
Reception/Discussion with the Artists: Latino food and refreshments
Local artist, Nora Hiriart Litz led the *El Viaje de los Niños (The Journey of the Children)* exhibition project that tells the stories of Mexican immigrant children who have crossed the border to come to Philadelphia.

Annual LAGAPSA and La Casa Latina

This is a welcome reception for Latin@ Graduate & Professional Students.
Date: Friday, September 21
Location: Graduate Center, 3615 Locust Walk
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Reception: Latino Food, desserts, refreshments, wine and beer will be served.
Penn ID required!!!
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**Latino Immigrants: the Real Numbers, Myths and New Trends**
This is a roundtable discussion with Professor Parrado, Director of Latin American and Latino Studies.
Date: Wednesday, October 10
Location: Irving, Amado Room
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Reception: Latino food and refreshments will be served.

**Doing Field Month Forum and Reception**
1st Annual Fall Forum of Graduate Student Experiences
Date: Friday, October 12
Location: Cohen Hall, Terrace Room
Time: 6:30-8:00pm
Reception: Latino food and refreshments will be served.

**Latino Heritage Month Closing Reception**
Celebrate Latin@ Diversity
Date: Monday, October 15
Location: Houston Hall, (3417 Spruce Street), Ben. Franklin Room (2nd floor)
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Latino food, desserts and refreshments will be served.

**For More Info Contact:** Johnny Irizarry, 215-746-6044 or johnnyi@upenn.edu

Events and Programs

**The Arch Block Party**
Join the Arts, Research, and Culture House centers, La Casa Latina, Makuu Black Cultural Center, and PAACH (Pan-Asian American Community House) for food, games and fun! Meet the staff, interns, and students that keep our culture thriving at Penn!
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Location: College Green
Time: 3-5 pm

**Puentes Hacia el Futuro**
Puentes de Salud’s tutoring and wellness program, *Puentes Hacia el Futuro* is seeking new volunteers for the Fall 2012 school semester! Our program is looking for student and community volunteers to serve as tutors and mentors. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about health and education while working with Philadelphia's growing Hispanic/Latino immigrant community.
Puentes Hacia el Futuro pairs elementary school children with tutors/mentors who are undergraduate students, 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.
For more information visit: [http://www.dosomething.org/project/puentes-hacia-el-futuro-tutoring-program](http://www.dosomething.org/project/puentes-hacia-el-futuro-tutoring-program)

Muchas Gracias!