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From the Deans

Hello Chispas Reader,

The midway mark of Spring semester is soon approaching! This means that Spring Break is around the corner, midterms are underway and summer plans are beginning to get made. It also means that we have many educational, social and cultural events for you to enjoy. We hope we get to see you participate! I have highlighted a few below but make sure to check out our calendar in the following pages.

On Wednesday, March 21st, we will host a luncheon for Helena María Viramontes, she is the author of "Under the Feet of Jesus" and "Their Dogs Came With Them," a novel largely based on her childhood in East Los Angeles. The presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Hampton Room, Malott Commons at Scripps College.

Our second Latino Leadership Workshop will be on Friday, March

23rd at 3pm in the Tranquada Student Services Center, Multipurpose Room. Come and enjoy some 5-C team building activities and learn more about all Latino/a student organizations and events.

On Tuesday, March 27th at 4pm, CGU Professor William Perez, will give a presentation of his recent book, "Americans by Heart: Undocumented Latino Students and the Promise of Higher Education." This event will be followed by a reception and book signing, and will be hosted in the Tranquada Student Services Center, Multipurpose Room.



The Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration begins on March 20th.

Our César Chávez Keynote Speaker will be José Hernández, former NASA Astronaut and California Congressional Candidate for the 10th District. He is a California native, who worked alongside his family and other farm workers throughout the fields of California. In 2009, as a mission specialist on the NASA STS-128 mission, he became the first person to use the Spanish language in space while tweeting "*Espero la cosecha de mi sueno sirva como inspiracion a todos! Acabo de configurar las computadoras. Buenas noches!*" His presentation will be on Wednesday, March 28th and begins at 7 pm in Galileo Hall at Harvey Mudd College.

I hope you join us!

Naddia Palacios
Assistant Dean of
Students

Día de la Familia

CLSA staff hosted nearly four hundred guests attending the 42nd Annual Día de la Familia during Parents' Weekend, February 19th. Dean Maria Torres opened the formal program welcoming current students and their families to the event showcasing student talent, academic achievement and volunteerism. Families were treated to a little of everything including some classical music played by Pitzer senior Albert Maldonado, ballroom dancing performed by Pomona

sophomore Jacob Barrera and his partner and Scripps senior, Megan Swim, followed by Pitzer sophomore Nicholas Romo who rocked the house on his guitar. The 2011-2012 CLSA Sponsor Team were honored with medals for their year-long volunteer commitment. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and higher were recognized (read more below). For seniors, Día de la Familia means the beginning of the end. Receiving their graduation stoles makes it

official to them, to their friends and family that commencement is right around the corner. Soon their departure is inevitable. The senior presentations were followed by the talented singer and Pomona senior, Nathaly Moreno who was accompanied on the guitar by Diana Ortiz, Pomona sophomore. Closing out the morning program held in Bridges Hall of Music was the incomparable Mariachi Serrano de Claremont. A crowd pleaser

indeed. This multicultural ensemble is a parent favorite and Día de la Familia just would not be the same without them. The second half of the program consisted of lively socializing over a delicious lunch followed by dancing to DJ music. It was a fun afternoon with a lot of energy with moms and dads joining their sons and daughters on the dance floor. What a great day!



Academic Achievement

The undergraduate Latino students are doing exceptionally well academically. How well you ask? Of the 623 Latino undergraduate students, 481 or 78.9% of these students have a cumulative GPA of 3.0/9.0 and above. Of these, 205 (33.6%) are maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5/10.5 and above. Breakdowns by college are as follow: At CMC, of 113

students, 80.5% (91) have a 3.0/9.0 GPA and 24.7% (28) have a 3.5 and higher. There are 50 Latino students at HMC but first-year students are excluded because they do not receive grades their frosh year. Of the remaining 36, 38.8% (14) have a 3.0/9.0 GPA and 13.8% (5) have the higher 3.5/10.5. At Pitzer, there are 182 Latinos and 79.6%

(145) have a 3.0/9.0 and higher, and 34.4% (62) have the even higher GPA of 3.5/10.5. Pomona College has the most Latino students with 207. Of these 207, 83.5% (173) are reaching cumulative GPAs of 3.0/9.0 and 40% (83) have a 3.5/10.5. There are 71 Latinas at Scripps College and 81.6% (58) have a 3.0/9.0 and 38% (27) have a cumulative GPA of 3.0/10.5.

CLSA recognizes the hard work and effort put forth by these students and has created a Deans' List and award Achievement of Excellence Certificates. Students attaining the top percentile are known as Gold Seal Scholars. Keep up the great work students!

Ship Named for César Chávez

March is the birth month of César E. Chávez and rightfully we celebrate and pay homage to this humble man who has become the best known Latino Civil Rights activist.

Over the years we have learned much of Chávez and how, together with Dolores Huerta, he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association which later became the United Farm Workers. Chavez mobilized tens of thousands of migrant workers, launched nationwide grape boycotts and marched across California to force growers and U.S. lawmakers to recognize the rights of agricultural laborers. He is credited with pushing through passage of a U.S. law that allowed farm workers to unionize. His nonviolent movement helped to end discriminatory practices against Latinos beyond California's fields. His legacy continues.

One of the lesser known facts that you may not know about César is that at the age of seventeen, he joined the Navy. Chávez'

two years of service and his life-long commitment to improve the lives of American farm workers led to the Navy naming a ship in his honor.

On May 18th of 2011, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus named the last of 14 Lewis and Clark class cargo ships after the late farm worker activist. Mabus pointed out that the 14 vessels recognize American pioneers and visionaries who changed the country and the world for the better. The other 13 ships were named after other notable Americans like civil rights leader Medgar Evers and aviator Amelia Earhart.

"His example will live through this ship," Mabus told the crowd gathered in front of the beginnings of the ship, which will be completed this May. "It will continue to inspire Americans to do what's right."

Mabus added that the ship will sail around the world assisting people "acting a lot like its U.S. namesake." "Everywhere it goes the story of Cesar Chavez will



A picture showing the late farm labor leader Cesar Chavez during his stint in the Navy during ship naming ceremony in San Diego.

spread and the words 'si se puede' (yes you can!) will echo around the world."

Chavez's son, Paul, who attended the ceremony with other relatives, said his family acknowledges "this great honor" that recognizes his father's tireless work in making sure the nation kept its promise as a "beacon of equality and freedom." Chavez served two years in the Navy, joining in 1946. His son said they were difficult years because of the segregation in the armed forces at the time. When he returned after being deployed to Japan, Chavez was not allowed to sit in a middle row of a theater. Now more than 65 years later, he said, "who would have

believed the Navy in which he served would turn around and honor him with this ship. So we're very honored."



A ship similar to this U.S. Navy cargo ship will be named for after César E. Chávez.

Commemoration Activities

The 2012 5-C César E. Chávez Commemoration promises to keep you very busy the last two weeks in March. In addition to the speakers covered in Dean Palacios Letter, we offer

música with performances by Mariachi Serrano, Mariachi Divas and live bands at the Rockabilly Festival. We bring you *arte* through the workshop led by Annette Armas where

you can unleash your creativity and paint and decorate your own UFW eagle wood plaque. We offer you *comunidad y corazon*, at this month's lunch. SC and CGU alumna

Debbie Palacios returns to Claremont to screen her video documentary, "Un Mensaje de los Braceros" (A Message from the Braceros). Hope to see you at these events.

Resource Center News

Fellowships

Arena Stage funds the **Allen Lee Hughes Fellowship Program** named for the Tony Award-Nominated lighting designer. The goal of this program is to cultivate the next generation of theater professionals by providing the highest standard of training through immersion in the art and business of producing theater. Summer inters make an 8-12 week commitment for which they receive a weekly stipend. Housing is not provided. The deadline is March 23rd. To obtain application, visit www.arenastage.org/education/education-programs/internships-fellowships/.

Project Involve is Film Independent's signature diversity program, dedicated to increasing diversity in the film industry by cultivating the careers of underrepresented filmmakers. During this nine-month program, which runs from October through June, Fellows are paired one-on-one with a mentor from the film industry, assigned to a team to make a short film incorporating a given theme, and attend monthly filmmaking workshops and other educational seminars. Read about application process at www.filmindependent.org/labs-and-programs/project-involve/. The deadline is April 30th.

Internships

The American Economic Association Summer Training will be held at the **University of New Mexico** and is structured to strengthen students' math skills, foster an understanding of micro- and macro economic principles, and explore the many research and career opportunities available to economics scholars. Must be a rising sophomore to apply. During the six-week experience, students will receive an individualized math skills assessment, a personal program study plan and access to tutoring sessions throughout this program. Participants form supportive teams and create a network of future professional contacts. This program was previously held at UC Santa Barbara. Learn of other application requirements at <http://healthpolicy.unm.edu/node/11237/>. The deadline is March 15th.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission will release the **2012 Summer Arts Internship Program** on **March 30th**. This is a list of 74 organizations which will provide paid internships to students residing or attending college in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established the Arts Internship Program (which provides internships for non-profit performing, presenting, literary, and municipal arts organizations) as a companion program to the Getty Multicultural Internship Program (which provides internships to museums and visual arts organizations). This is a 10-week paid summer internship (40 hours/week). Selected students will be paid \$350 per week. Applicants are not required to have demonstrated a previous commitment to the arts. Application procedures differ for each organization. Learn more at <http://lacountyarts.org/internstudents.html>. Apply as early as possible.

Premedical and Post Baccalaureate Programs

The Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at Tufts University in Massachusetts offers one- to two-year research apprenticeships for recent graduates who are interested in pursuing research careers in the biomedical sciences. This program, Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP), is designed for individuals who are curious about biological phenomena, enjoy their science and mathematics classes and have a passionate interest in making discoveries. For more information, visit <http://sackler.tufts.edu/Admissions/Apply-to-Non-Degree-Programs/>. Salary plus benefits are provided. The application deadline is May 15th.

Tufts University also offers a Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program for college graduates who have not yet taken the sciences to prepare for entrance into a health care profession of their choice. This program is not for those who need to retake science courses or who may need to enhance their undergraduate record. It is for those who have not yet taken the majority of the prerequisite science courses for their intended health career. Learn more at <http://uss.tufts.edu/undergradEducation/academics/postbac/>. The deadline is June 1st for fall program.

Scholarships

The **5-College Chicano Latino Alumni Association** will award scholarships to deserving Latino undergraduates. In order to apply, please answer the following questions and email to clsa@cuc.claremont.edu or drop-off your responses with Ernie Mendoza. The application deadline is 5 pm April 12th. Respond to the following:

1. Submit a one-page personal statement that includes your family background, how you identify, your involvement with the Latino community and your career goals.
2. What obstacle (s) have you had to overcome to succeed as a college student?
3. How do you plan to serve the Latino community during your time in Claremont and after graduation?

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Scholarship (SHPE) awards both merit-based and need-based general scholarships in the amount of \$1,000-\$3,000 to qualified high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students who demonstrate both significant motivation and aptitude for a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The deadline is April 1st. Find application at www.shpefoundation.org/. The general scholarship is one of several scholarships that SHPE awards.

The Council of International Educational Exchange awards scholarships and grants to students who plan to study overseas. Awards range from \$1,000-\$4,000, depending on duration of study and financial need. April 1st is the deadline for summer and fall academic year programs. Visit www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships/ for more information.

The mission of the **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Program** is to provide critical financial assistance that will increase graduation rates among Latino students in post-secondary education. Scholarships are given to students who demonstrate a history of public service-oriented activities in their communities and who demonstrate a desire to continue their civic engagement in the future. There is no GPA or academic major requirements. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply. Deadline: April 16th. Application is available online at www.chci.org/scholarships/.

Southwest Airlines and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) are once again sponsoring the **Lanzate! Travel Award Program**. Through this national education initiative, Southwest Airlines will award 1-4 roundtrip airline tickets to each undergraduate and graduate recipients across the country who travel away from home to pursue a higher education. For additional information visit, www.hacu.net/hacu/Lanzate.asp. The deadline is April 30th.

Summer Science Programs

The 2012 University of Notre Dame NFS Summer Undergraduate Research Program will focus on Bioarchaeology. Students will work on a joint project using bone chemistry, collecting data with a partner on a particular dimension of that foci. Students will be encouraged to continue their projects for presentation at professional meetings. The deadline is March 16th. Apply online at www.nd.edu/~nsfbones/nsfbones/2012_Application.html.

The University of Massachusetts Medical School Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity is a non-credit, ten-week program consisting of "hands-on" laboratory research with an investigator serving as a mentor, role model and advisor. Summer Fellows will receive a stipend of \$4,000, and local housing is arranged by the program and is heavily funded by the program. Additional information is available at www.umassmed.edu/summer/index.aspx. The deadline is March 16th.

Wright State University in Ohio hosts the **STREAMS** program to encourage students to choose careers in cardiovascular-related research. This competitive program will run from mid-June to mid-August and allows students to spend 80 percent of this time in doing laboratory research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Participants receive a stipend of \$4,000 plus travel expenses and free housing. Apply online at www.med.wright.edu/streams. The deadline is March 30th.

The Health Careers Opportunity Program at Marquette University hosts the **College Science Enrichment Program (CSEP)**, a six-week summer experience for students interested in pursuing a career as a biomedical scientist, Physician Assistant (PA), Dentist, or Physical Therapist. Eligibility consist of two semesters completed in biology and chemistry. The program provides, supplies, books, tuition, and room and board. A weekly allowance is also awarded to help offset reduced summer employment. Apply at www.marquette.edu/programs/health_careers_op_prog.shtml. Deadline is April 1st.

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| SPRING BREAK | | | | | | |
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| | | Mariachi Serrano, Scripps Tea, 3:30-4:30 pm, Seal Court, Scripps | Helena María Viramontes, Author 12:00 pm Hampton Room, Scripps | Art Workshop, UFW Eagle Wood Plaque, Annette Armas, 1-3 pm, CLSA | CC Luncheon & Video Screening, Debbie Palacios, 11:30 am-1 pm, Multipurpose Rm, Tranquada | Latino Leadership Workshop, 3 pm, Multipurpose Room, Tranquada |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | Mariachi Divas Multicultural Ensemble, 6:45 pm, Athenaeum, CMC | Presentation & Book Signing, CGU Professor William Perez, 4 pm, MPR, Tranquada | Keynote Address, José Hernández, Former NASA Astronaut, 7 pm, Galileo Hall, HMC | | César Chávez Day Observed | Rockabilly Festival, 11 am-6 pm, The Mounds, Pitzer |