Dear Students,

It is important to recognize the role that Dolores Huerta played as the co-founder and Secretary Treasurer of the United Farm Workers of America AFL-CIO (UFW). She was the contract negotiator for the UFW, and chief lobbyist for worker’s rights. Furthermore, she was César Chávez closest advisor and most trusted strategist. She has been a major force in the American civil rights movement, the labor movement and a strong advocate for marginalized communities. In recognition for her leadership and commitment to the Latino community, we honor Dolores Huerta as she celebrates her 82nd birthday. You are cordially invited to the Dolores Huerta Leadership Recognition Gala: Honoring Student Leaders on Friday, April 6th at the Edmunds Ballroom, Pomona College at 6 p.m. The program will include great food, music, leadership awards and a tribute to Dolores Huerta by the La Paz Hip Hop group of Rick and Memo. Please reserve your place at this great event by emailing your meal card number to clsa@cuc.claremont.edu. Dolores Huerta has been an advocate for social justice for over 50 years. She established the Dolores Huerta Foundation to continue her work organizing and empowering communities. She is an internationally recognized champion of immigrant rights, a farm worker advocate, a gay rights activist, and a feminist.

We look forward to seeing you at the Dolores Huerta Leadership Recognition Gala.

Si Se Puede!

Maria Torres, Dean

From the Deans

Chicano Latino Graduation

The Chicano Latino Graduation Planning Committee is working diligently to ensure the Class of 2012 receives a memorable event. Under the guidance of Assistant Dean Naddia Palacios, the consists of the following students: Evelyn Duarte and Lindsay Gutierrez from Scripps College; Viridiana Chabolla and Eric Martinez from Pomona College; Diana Ortiz from Pitzer College; Grecia Rodriguez from Harvey Mudd College; Juetszina Kazmer and Sheila Panex from Claremont McKenna College. This Committee has been meeting all semester tending to every last detail. It will be a fabulous event highlighting the graduates and their achievements. Participation is at an all-time high and seating is limited to those with an invitation. What a wonderful way to close the 2011-2012 academic year.
Congratulations

The Class of 2012 will soon be leaving Claremont but not without leaving an indelible footprint. At CLSA, we are hearing the wonderful awards and plans these soon-to-be graduates have for their future. Thus far, we have heard about three Fulbright Fellowships awarded to Latinas. They are Chloe Hans-Barrientos from Pitzer. She’ll be doing research in Brazil. The title of her research project is, "The Urban Indigenous Youth of Roraima as a Transient Population". She will be researching the movement of indigenous peoples in Roraima, Brazil from rural communities to the city of Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima. Chloe will study how this migration has impacted communal ties and contributed to a generational and cultural divide. Two Scripps College Latinas are also recipients of a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship. They are Stephanie Jimenez who received a Teaching Assistantship to teach English at the University of Medellin in Colombia and Melissa Mesinas will also teach English in Peru. Melissa recently received another award; she was named the 2012 HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) Future History Maker. HOPE also named Scripps senior Marisa Mendoza as one of this year’s “Latinas to Watch”. The women received their recognition at the 21st Annual Latina History Day Conference. CMC senior, Melissa Campos, has been offered a position with the National Human Genome Research Institute in Washington, DC. Albert Maldonado, Pitzer senior, had a big decision to make. Because he received several positive responses to his applications, he must choose from Teach for America; Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service; Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School. After much deliberation, Albert has decided that he will enter the Master’s of Theological Studies, Religion, Ethics and Politics Concentration at Harvard this fall.

Seniors aren’t the only ones to be doing great things. Juniors Lindsay Gutierrez and Christina Noriega have

Events of Interest

Having access to the Metro allows you to board the train and be in Los Angeles within a half an hour. There are some interesting exhibits in case you have time to see before you leave for home. The Los Angeles Central Library has a free exhibit entitled “A Nation Emerges The Mexican Revolution Revealed” until June 3rd. The Mexican Revolution was chronicled by Mexican, American and European photographers. These visual revelations show the fall of the Porfiriato and the following years of civil war. The library is located at 630 W. 5th Street and is open Monday through Saturday.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) currently has on display “In Wonderland: The Surrealist Adventures of The Women Artists in Mexico and the United States." The exhibit includes works from 1931 to 1968 that demonstrate Surrealism’s influence on the feminist movement including iconic figures such as Leonora Carrington, Frida Kahlo, Remedios Varo and more. The exhibit closes on May 6th. LACMA is located in central Los Angeles at 5900 Wilshire Boulevard.

If you like staying on campus, Pomona College is hosting a couple of immigration events. The screening of the documentary, “The Senate Speaks” on April 18th at 7:30 pm in Rose Hills Theatre. The filmmakers will be on hand to introduce the film and answer questions. The film is about 2006 immigration reform and highlights marches in LA and what happened subsequently in Congress. On April 19th at 4:15 pm, there will be an immigration policy panel (Hahn 101) followed by a dinner in Smith Campus Center 201 for the audience with the panelists. The dinner is open to all those who RSVP. Panelists are: Michael Camerini and Shari Robertson, filmmakers (“The Senate Speaks”), Esther Olavarria, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Security and now Counselor for DHS, and Stuart Anderson, Executive Director of the National Foundation for American Policy.
Chávez Celebration Photos

As the Cesar Chavez Celebration winds down, CLSA would like to thank Harvey Mudd College for being the host campus for this year’s keynote address delivered by former NASA astronaut, Jose Hernandez. He was engaging, relatable and is “perseverance” personified.

Dr. Will Perez discussed his new book, “Americans By Heart: Undocumented Latino Students and the Promise of a Higher Education.”

Alumna Debbie Palacios’ screened her video documentary, “Un Mensaje de los Braceros.” Accompanied by some of the men in her video who shared their very moving experiences as braceros in the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

The art workshop is always a fun, relaxing time and the creativity displayed is always amazing. These are but a few of the wood UFW plaques that students made during this semester’s session.

Despite the cold, drizzly day, the annual Rockabilly Festival drew hundreds of students and community members. The music was phenomenal and dancing was definitely a way to keep warm. Checking out the unbelievable detail on those cars is fun too. And, of course, the food was delicious. Thank you Latino Student Union for organizing another great event.
Resource Center News

Fellowships

The Women’s Research and Education Institute Congressional Fellowship is open only to students who are currently enrolled in a master’s or doctoral program or who have completed such a program within the past 18 months are eligible. Application and eligibility details are available at http://www.wrei.org/2012_Fellow_application.pdf. The deadline is June 10th.

Internships

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission has released the 2012 Summer Arts Internship Program. This is a list of 74 organizations which provides paid internships to students residing or attending college in Los Angeles County. Seniors may apply. These are 10-week paid summer internships (40 hours/week). Selected students are 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 soon as possible, the application process began on March 30th and these are coveted positions.

Multicultural Undergraduate Summer Internship at the Pomona College Museum of Art is available for a ten-week period between June and August 2012. Depending upon the skills and interests of the candidate, the internship will include projects specifically focused on archiving of records, collections of maintenance and registration, creating event schedules and detailed descriptions for website and promotional materials, designing event posters, arranging field trips and campus visits, booking venues for on-campus events, and researching connections between potential planned activities and Fall Semester course offerings. Interns receive a stipend of $3,500. Interested students should submit 1) a resume and 2) a letter of application that explains why the internship is of interest, describes relevant study and/or experience, and lists the names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references who may be contacted. These should be sent to: Steve Comba, Assistant Director/Registrar, Pomona College Museum of Art, 333 College Way, Claremont, CA 91711-6344. Please call (909) 621-8106 or send an email message to scomba@pomona.edu if you have any questions. Deadline is April 27th.

Leadership Program

The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) is now accepting applications to their Latinas Learning to Lead Program, a five day leadership training program held in Washington, DC this summer, June 17 through 22nd. Twenty-two students are selected annually to participate in sessions such as effective communication and presentation skills, advocacy training, public policy issues affecting Latino community; leadership development topics, such as a Clifton Strengths Finder session at Gallup University. Learn more about general requirements and online application at http://nhli.org/latinas_lead/lll_program.html. The deadline is April 11th.

Pre-MBA Workshop

Join NSH MBA (The National Society of Hispanic MBAs) for their 4th Annual Pre-MBA Workshop on Saturday, April 28th from 8 am to 12 pm at the Pepperdine University: West Los Angeles Campus, 6100 Center Drive. If you are thinking about getting an MBA, learn how to get started and how to finance it. The workshop is free but you do need to register at http://nsmbapremba2012-eorg.eventbrite.com/.
Premedical and Post Baccalaureate Programs

The David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA offers the RAP (Re-Application) Program which is a comprehensive, structured program designed to assist students who have been unsuccessful in gaining admission to any U.S. medical school. The 11-month program is conducted in two sessions: a two month summer session and a nine month academic session. The priority deadline is May 8th and the final deadline is May 15th. Learn more at http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/rap.cfm.

The Columbia University Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program aims to meet the needs of college graduates who wish to pursue a medical education but have taken few or none of the core science courses required for admission to medical, dental or veterinary medical school. June 15th is the deadline for Fall 2012. Learn more at www gs.columbia edu/postbac/. 

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 HENAAC Scholarship Program is available to students pursuing careers in technology. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and must have a STEM related major. Awards range from $500 to $8,500. The deadline is April 30th. Application is available at http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/henaac/scholars/.

The Actuarial Foundation promotes diversity by recognizing and encouraging student achievements through their annual Diversity Scholarship program for full-time undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree (Math) that may lead to a career in the actuarial profession. Awards range from $2,000 to $3,000. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, emphasis on math courses. Deadline is May 4th.

Summer Science Programs

Elizabeth City State University offers Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Ocean Marine Science Program which promotes the development of underrepresented undergraduate students through participation in ocean and marine science research. The Program runs 8-weeks each summer on the campus of ECSU. Applicants must be a Mathematics, Computer Science, Geo-Science, Biology or Physics major to apply and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The program dates are May 29th through July 20th. The application deadline is April 23rd. Application is available at http://nia.ecsu.edu/.
April 2012

Sun  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat

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6:00 pm Dolores Huerta Leadership Recognition Gala, Smith Campus Center, Edmunds Union, PO

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5 pm Deadline for 5-C Alumni Scholarship Application

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6 pm “Almas Unidas” Unveiling Reception, CLSA

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11:30 am Last Community Lunch of the academic year, CLSA

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