From the Deans

Hello Chispas Readers,

I first want to begin by wishing you great success as you move forward this semester. Whether you are handing in your thesis and looking for future endeavors or making the finishing touches on the last paper you need to turn in before finals begin. Good luck! I hope you are gearing for a fantastic summer full of friends, family and sun.

Secondly, I want to address the issue at hand. As many of you have heard, I have officially resigned my position of Assistant Dean of Students for CLSA, effective July 20th. Although this has been a very difficult and sad decision to make, I am extremely at peace and excited for my future endeavor. As a working professional, I have found it very difficult to find the balance that is required to be a successful mom and professional, sometimes only succeeding at one, and if you know me, you know that it was not enough for me. After, re-prioritizing, downsizing and a lot of prayer, I came to the wonderful conclusion that I needed and also really wanted to stay home and become, like one colleague said, a working-at-home-mom. I am really excited to be able to be the primary care-taker of my children, Santiago, 5, and Isabella, 1. I daydream of what I’m going to have the time to do with them and the things I now will have the opportunity to learn to do, like cook! :) I truly hope that you share my excitement and come and say “see you soon!” because I will truly make the effort to be in contact with all of you who want to stay in contact. I will always cherish the heart-warming stories, ocurrencias and laugh-out-loud moments that I shared with you. Thank you for being such amazing students and for your support.

Remember to find your purpose and to begin with the end in mind. “Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn’t really matter.” D.L Moody

See you soon!

Naddia Palacios
Assistant Dean of Students

Thank you

Naddia, and best wishes to you!
Congratulations

Claremont, listen up because our Latino students continue to shine and CLSA is proud to share their success. The 2012-2013 McNair Scholars Program has selected the new cohort and among this select group are thirteen of our finest students. Representing Claremont McKenna College, Esmeralda Trejo; from Pitzer College, we have Geral Guzman, Lila Mendoza, Diana Ortiz, Uriel Rafael and Alfredo Valencia; and from Pomona College is Viridiana Chabolla, Stefanie Fuentes, Delilah Garcia, Eric Martinez, Johan Martinez, Cristian Monroy and Thalia Rodriguez. CLSA also congratulates previous McNair Scholars who will be graduating: Melissa Campos, CMC; Priscilla De Lara, Pitzer; Jessica Valenzuela, Pomona; and Adriana Esquivel, Scripps College.

Three other Pitzer students making news are Laura Gutierrez, who has received a Fulbright Fellowship and sophomore Nick Romo, who was recently named a 2012 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a national coalition of college and university presidents. The Newman Award recognizes inspiring college student leaders, such as Romo, for working hard to find solutions to challenges facing their communities. Junior Andres Pena has been selected to be an Admissions Fellow for the 2012-13 academic year.

At Pomona College, senior Julie Juarez has been awarded a $10,000 Davis Projects for Peace grant to fund her project, Global Action Through Media and the Arts (GAMA). GAMA is Julie’s way of giving back to her alma mater, Baldwin Park High School (BPHS). This summer, twenty students from BPHS will have the opportunity to film documentaries about issues of social justice that are relevant to them and their opportunity to film documentaries about issues of social justice that are relevant to them and their communities. During the four-week long program, students will work collaboratively, write scripts and be taught technical skills in digital media, including filming, audio recording and film editing.

CMC Seniors, Yaneli Ruiz and Amanda Castillo, have all been awarded Teach for America Fellowships. Yaneli’s placement is Dallas, Texas and Amanda’s is in the State of Alabama.

Scripps Senior, Denise Bustamante, has also received a Teach for America Fellowship in New York. Fellow Pomona students, Emmanuel Mendez, Joaquin Estrada, Hugo Valencia, Frank Sanchez, Sarah Appelbaum, Gabriela Guerra, Kathy Garcia, Karen Herrera, Erick Deras and Louie Lemus-Mogrovejo will join the Pomona College Academy for Youth Success (PAYS) summer staff.

Pomona sophomore, Jacob Barrera has been selected to participate in the 10-week Future Public Health Program, University of Michigan.

Last but certainly not least, CLSA congratulates and welcomes the new 2012-2013 Sponsor Team. We look forward to working with this special group of students who will be mentors to first-year Chicano Latino students as well as ambassadors of CLSA. They are Juetchina Kazmer, Nadeem Farooqi, Sam Malagon, Sheila Panex, Elena Lopez, and Angelica Ferreira from Claremont McKenna; Alberto Ruiz and Grecia Rodriguez from Harvey Mudd; Nidia Tapia, Sarai Jimenez, Eddie Gonzales, Isabel Garcia, Stephanie Ramirez, Mayra Gradilla, Karla Molina, Jenny Muniz, Jaice Mendoza, Hugo Valencia, and Javier Garcia from Pomona; Alexander Flores, Yoni Rubin, Karen Kandamby, Ramon Jauregui, Andrea Gochi, and Diana Ortiz from Pitzer; Alfonso Rodriguez, Lyanne Dominguez, Emily Areta, and Beatriz Maldonado from Scripps College.

Congratulations everyone!

CLSA Receives Gift

CLSA was pleasantly surprised when artist Gonzalo J. Plascencia dropped in unexpectedly and graciously donated a framed copy of his latest work, The Chicano Movement. From Texas, Gonzalo is in California promoting his artwork. Accompanied by his uncle Pomona Professor Javier Galvez, Mr. Plascencia took the time to sign a couple of posters and tell us a little of his work. You may be familiar with his previous pieces, 460 Years of Chicano History, Latinos in Hollywood, Latinos in Sports, and Latinos in Music.

Thank you Gonzalo y buena suerte.
Naddia Moments
Resource Center News

Fellowships

Math Pioneers is a proposed 10.5 month urban education tutoring fellowship. Math Pioneers is affiliated with Match School and are hiring 50 enthusiastic and determined corps of adults to launch the first full-time professional tutoring program in the Merrimack Valley (30 miles from Boston). This elite corps will play a significant role in the district’s turnaround strategy for all the 9th and 10th graders in two underperforming high schools. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until June 25th. Recent graduates are willing to commit to a year-long service year and who know algebra and geometry well are encouraged to apply. Direct your questions to recruitment.mathpioneers@matchschool.org.

The Women’s Research and Education Institute Congressional Fellowship (WREI) 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. WREI strongly recommends that applicants complete at least nine hours of graduate coursework before applying and have a demonstrated interest in research or political activity related to women’s social and political status. The application deadline is June 15th. Additional information is available at www.wrei.org/FellowInf2013.htm.

Cintas Fellowships acknowledge creative accomplishments and encourage excellence in literature, the visual arts, music composition and architecture. Eligibility is limited to artists of Cuban citizenship or direct descent (having a Cuban parent or grandparent). Fellowships are awarded annually in the amount of $10,000 each and are paid in quarterly stipends, beginning in September, for 12 consecutive months. The fellowships are not awarded for academic study or research, or to performing artists. The application period begins on May 20th. Learn more at www.cintasfoundation.org/.

The New York City Service Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to obtain practical city government experience in the areas of volunteerism and community service at the City level. This one-year fellowship begins August 22, 2012. Fellows are paid a taxable stipend of $45,678 and receive a choice of paid health insurance plans, housing is not included. All students who are interested in public service are encouraged to apply and must have one year of service related work experience. Applications and supporting materials are due at the City of New York-Office of Fellowship Programs by 5 pm, May 21st. Applications and additional information can be found at www.nyc.gov/fellowships.

Film Grant

Women in Film Foundation Film Finishing Fund provides annually cash and in-kind production services to deserving filmmakers needing assistance to complete their film projects. Cash grants of up to $15,000 are provided, with the number of grants varying from year to year. These cash grants can be used for everything from reshoots to visual effects. The in-kind grants may include post services such as online editing, sound mixing, color correction, and closed captioning, among others. Learn more about application requirements at www.wif.org. The deadline is May 18th.

Internships

The UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) is seeking a student to fill the one opening for a Getty Multicultural Undergraduate Internship. The selected intern will work under the supervision of CSRC Librarian/Archivist and Archives Manager. The intern will work on arts-related archival preservation and access through the CSRC Library. The deadline is May 6th. Submit your resume and cover letter via e-mail to CSRC Librarian Lizette Guerra, lguerra@chicano.ucla.edu.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) is seeking motivated, flexible, and detail-oriented part-time interns to serve in her district office. This is an unpaid internship that will provide students the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of a congressional district office. Interns will provide administrative support, work on special issue-based projects, and are offered the opportunity to attend meetings and briefings throughout the district. Send cover letter, resume and three professional references to Diana Porras at Diana.porras@mail.house.gov. Deadline is May 15th.
Job Opportunity

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute is hiring a High School Programs Specialist for their Ready to Lead program. The High School Programs Specialist works closely with the Vice President of Programs and the Director of Educational Services and his/her team, facilitating and monitoring all aspects of CHCI’s Ready to Lead program for high school students. Please send resume and cover letter to: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Attention: Linda Thoms, lthoms@chci.org, 911 2nd Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Fax (202) 546-2143.

Premedical and Post Baccalaureate Programs

Scripps College Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program is open to women and men who have their bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in a field other than science. Applications are accepted on a rolling-basis, beginning September 1. This means that the early submission of application materials will improve the chances of admission. An application is reviewed once all materials are received, and the admission committee then determines whether an applicant will be invited for an interview. Learn more at www.scrippscollege.edu/academics/postbac/admission.ph.

Scholarships

The Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco is open to students who have received an acceptance letter from one of the eight bay area law schools: Stanford Law School, University of San Francisco, University of California at Berkeley, Santa Clara University School of Law, University of California at Davis, University of the Pacific, University of California or Golden Gate University School of Law. The deadline is May 11th. For application details, visit www.sfbar.org/diversity/scholarships.aspx.

The Society of Women Engineers provides financial assistance to women admitted to baccalaureate or graduate programs, in preparation for careers in engineering, engineering technology and computer science. The deadline is May 15th. The online application is available at https://scholarships.swe.org/applications/login.asp.

The National Medical Fellowships, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the number of underrepresented minority medical students. The core program of the National Medical Fellowship is their Need-Based Scholarships offered to first- and second-year medical students which are granted on the basis of financial need. The application period begins in May 2012 and you can obtain more details at www.nmfonline.org/.

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) offers several scholarships made possible through generous corporate and federal organizations, among them is the The ¡Lánzate! Travel Award Program sponsored by Southwest Airlines will provide roundtrip airline tickets to undergraduate and graduate students across the country who travel away from home to pursue a higher education. Deadline is May 11th.

Volunteer Opportunity

Monica Fernandez, a CGU student, is looking for volunteers to help with an art exhibit, “Re:present L.A.” on May 3rd at The Vincent Price Museum located at East Los Angeles College. Monica needs assistance on May 3rd and on June 9th between the hours of 4-9 pm (broken up into shifts as needed). Duties include: Photography, ushering guests, assisting with art workshops, audience engagement (encouraging participation on-site and on-line) and assist musicians/performers with set-up. This art exhibition is curated by CGU Cultural Studies, Arts Management & Public Policy students http://www.facebook.com/re.presentingLA. If you would like to assist Monica, contact her at monicafernandez00@gmail.com or representLA.events@gmail.com.
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Commencements
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Memorial Day/Staff Holiday