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From the Dean

Dear Students,

As the semester draws to an end, I want to congratulate all of you for having a very productive semester. Congratulations to our 1st year and transfer students for making it through your first semester at the Claremont Colleges. This marks the genesis of your wonderful journey. For the seniors your voyage will soon come to an end. For our sophomore and juniors, take this time to reflect and plan your course of action as you contemplate your options for the summer and beyond.

The Fall semester was vibrant and I want to recap a few highlights of the semester. CLSA congratulates LGSA for doing a great job in organizing the first *Dia De Los Muertos* Celebration at CGU. This event was a huge success and it would have been not possible with the hard work of its members. Moreover, the Latino Heritage Celebration brought a plethora of events and speakers to the Claremont Colleges. From an NSF fellowship workshop in September, having a leading national expert in higher education discuss Microaggressions in October, to touring the Unites States/ Mexico Border Wall in November, we hope that

these events enriched your educational experiences at Claremont. As we enter the final weeks of the semester, there are a few items that I want to draw to your attention.

On **December 5 at 5:00 pm in the Tranquada Second Floor Conference Room**, CLSA will be having a workshop that will provide valuable information on how to be a competitive applicant for summer research programs in the STEM, Social Sciences, and the Humanities. I strongly advice sophomores and juniors interested in graduate school to attend this important workshop. Admissions to top ranked graduate programs are becoming more competitive. Having research experiences can make a difference in the admissions process. In addition to conducting summer research, it's extremely important to attend and present at research conferences as a means to garner experience in deciphering your work. As such, I strongly encourage all students from the Claremont colleges to submit an abstract for the Claremont Graduate University 15th Annual Research Conference. If you are interested in submitting an abstract, please contact Aracely Torres from the

Claremont Graduate University at conference@cgu.edu

The Spring Semester is upon us and it promises to be an exciting semester. In May, we will be having our Chicano Latino Graduation. The planning of this event takes time. As such, I highly encourage the juniors to volunteer. Your participation of the planning and execution of this event will be paid forward when the sophomore class will plan your graduation the following year.

Lastly during the holiday season, take time to reflect on how family, friends and your education has shaped you as a human being and how your world view has evolved. Many of you will be traveling long distances to be with your loved ones, have a safe holiday season and we are looking forward in seeing all of you in 2014.

Mejores Deseos,

Tony Jimenez

Assistant Dean of Students



Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration



The fiesta for the Virgen de Guadalupe will be held on Thursday, December 12th, at McAlister Center for Religious Activities. The mass will be celebrated at 12 noon, and will include music by Mariachi Plata, as well as Aztec dancers. The mass will be followed by a traditional lunch of tamales, champurrado and more music by Mariachi Plata. Join us at McAlister Center, on the corner of 10th and

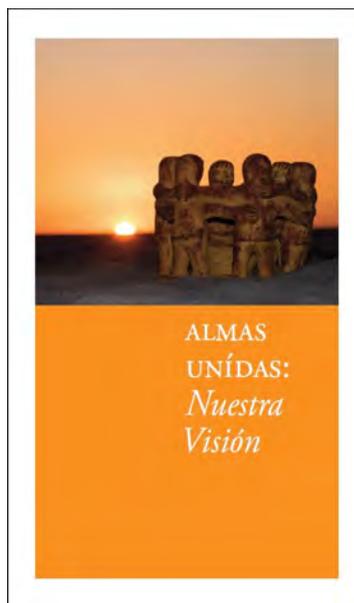
Columbia for this wonderful event steeped in culture and tradition. We celebrate the Virgen de Guadalupe for her message of spirituality and empowerment to the peoples of the Americas. The Virgen de Guadalupe has always been a symbol of strength, empowerment and resilience for indigenous peoples. She appeared to Juan Diego at the Tepeyac on the remains of the Aztec goddess Tonantzin's temple. This gave her identity a duality that resonated with the Aztec community, and gave them hope. In

addition, the fact that her image was that of an indigenous peasant woman in traditional huipil dress, who spoke only Nahuatl served to empower and uplift the spirit of the people. The Virgen de Guadalupe has become the symbol of social justice, spirituality and liberation for all of the Americas. Come celebrate with us the feast day of La Virgen de Guadalupe that symbolizes freedom, liberty and peace.

Chapbook Deadline

February 1st is the deadline for students to submit their poems for publication in the 7th edition of CLSA's chapbook entitled "*Almas Unidas: Nuestra Visión*." For those who aren't familiar with the chapbook, *Almas Unidas* is the size of a book chapter (thus the term) and is an opportunity for students to share their written work through poems, essays, short stories and/or monologues. We will also accept drawings, paintings

and photographs. The compilation of student works will be published in the Spring. The 2014 edition of "*Almas Unidas: Nuestra Visión*" will be unveiled at a reception dedicated to contributing students. Keeping the Chicano and Latino experience in mind, we encourage reflections on being a student, family, issues concerning our community, etc. Take the semester break to



reflect and prepare your creative pieces. We welcome and look forward to receiving multiple submissions by authors and artists alike. Additional submission details will be sent via a separate email, for now make a note of the deadline. Questions and/or submissions can be directed to www.clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.

Lost and Found

Are you missing anything? A couple of items remain unclaimed at the office. We still have a sleeping bag left

on the bus when we returned from the New Student Retreat. A nice pair of sunglasses were left

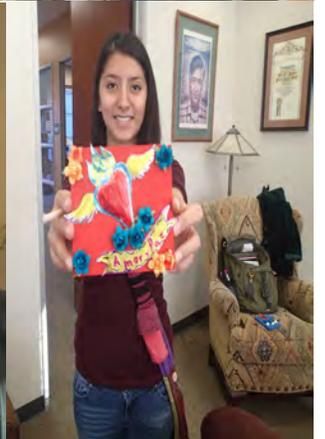
behind at one of the Latino Heritage Celebration lectures. Stop by CLSA and claim your items.



Día de los Muertos — Before and After



Art Workshop — Learning *Repujado* — Tin Embossing



Resource Center News

Fellowships

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship—As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance, the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award approximately 200 new three-year graduate fellowships in April 2014, subject to the availability of funds. The DoD will offer these fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated the ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships are awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in, or closely related to, an area of DoD interest within one of the fifteen following disciplines: Aeronautical Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil, Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer and Computational Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical, Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, Physics. **The deadline is December 20th.** Visit http://ndseg.asee.org/application_instructions for more application.

The American Association of University Women - Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce. Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for doctorate-level work. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2009. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care. **The deadline is December 15th.** The application is available at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/career-development-grants-application/>.

The American Sociological Association - Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline—The goal of this project is to nurture the development of scientific knowledge by funding small, groundbreaking research initiatives and other important scientific research activities such as conferences. FAD awards provide scholars with "seed money" for innovative research that has the potential for challenging the discipline, stimulating new lines of research, and creating new networks of scientific collaboration. The award is intended to provide opportunities for substantive and methodological breakthroughs, broaden the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and provide leverage for acquisition of additional research funds. **The deadline is December 15th.** Applications instructions are available at http://www.asanet.org/funding/funding_and_grants.cfm.

Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, is still accepting applications for its one-year program for **Teaching Fellows**. This program is designed for recent graduates from college and graduate school who are interested in pursuing the opportunity to teach in a guided program both in the classroom and dormitory and in athletics. Applicants need to be enthusiastic about living in a residential school that thrives on the challenges of diversity. They also have a Teaching Fellowship in Community Service for candidates interested in service learning in an educational environment leadership. Visit www.andover.edu/About/CareersatAndover/. Click on Teaching and Administrative Faculty Positions. The deadline is January 13th.

The Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program allows you to spend a year fighting hunger and poverty with a tight-knit community of emerging leaders. Fellows shape and implement local anti-hunger programs all over the U.S., and then research and support national policy initiatives in Washington, DC. Learn more about the application process at www.emersonapplication.org/. The deadline is January 13th.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute offers selected Fellows the opportunity to work in congressional offices and federal agencies. Fellows select the Congressional office or committee that best matches their interest and focus area. Fellows receive a \$2,200 monthly stipend to help cover housing and local expenses; domestic round-trip transportation to Washington, DC; health insurance, optional short-term housing; leadership training, networking and more. For more information visit, www.chci.org/fellowships/page/chci-public-policy-fellowship. The deadline is February 17th.

Internships

The Metropolitan Museum of Art offers forty-one paid internships for undergraduate and master's-degree students each year. Interns commence in June and are placed in host departments where they work closely with supervisors on special and ongoing projects. All paid interns also participate in MuSe (Museum Seminars) and receive training to teach in the Museum's galleries. Individuals selected for paid internships have the opportunity to meet and network with one another through MuSe and other intern events. The Museum offers four internship tracks within the internship program: The Summer Mentoring Program for College Juniors, Summer Internship for College Students, Summer Internship for Graduate Students, Long-term Internships for College and Graduate Students. Please note the Summer Mentoring Program for College Juniors requires a separate application. **The application deadline January 9th, 2014.** Apply online at <http://www.metmuseum.org/research/internships-and-fellowships/>.

Scholarships

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers **MANY** scholarships. Eligibility and deadlines vary beginning with December 15th for the HSF General Fund Scholarship. Visit <http://www.hsf.net/> to see which scholarships are available to you.

***The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)** was founded to increase the number of Latinos and other underrepresented students in medical schools throughout the country. LMSA sponsors scholarships annually--four \$500 and one \$1000 scholarship. In 2013, the deadline was January 1st and though LMSA has not updated their website with the 2014 deadline we suggest you prepare as if it the first of January. Learn more about the application process at <http://lmsa.net/>.

***The Thomas Wolfe Student Essay Scholarship** -- all essays must be related to Thomas Wolfe or his works. Prize is \$500. The deadline is January 10th. Find all the details at <http://www.thomaswolfe.org/>.

Annually, the Society of Professional Journalists: Mark of Excellence Awards honoring the best in student journalism. The awards offer categories for print, radio, television and online collegiate journalism. Entries are first judged on the regional level. First place regional winners advance to the national competition and are recognized at SPJ spring conferences. First place moves to national competition. The deadline is January 24, 2014. Obtain additional information at <http://www.spj.org/a-moe.asp>.

Summer Science Programs

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)- Janelia Farm Undergraduate Scholars Program is an exciting opportunity for the very best future scientists, engineers and mathematicians to spend 10 weeks doing cutting-edge research. The summer program will take place from June to August 2014 and participants will receive on-campus housing and a stipend of \$4,500. Apply online at www.hhmi.org/janelia/ugrad. Janelia Farm is a state of the art biomedical research complex near Washington DC. Their research is focused on understanding neural circuits and the development of novel bioimaging technologies. Deadline is January 15th.

To apply to the **Integrated Biological Sciences Summer Research Program** hosted by the **University of Wisconsin, Madison**, you must have at least a GPA of 3.0 and a strong interest in a career in biological research. This is a 10-week program where students will work on their independent research projects with faculty mentors. The program provides a stipend of \$4,300, full travel support, housing, health insurance (if needed) and a partial food allowance. The application is available at <http://cbe.wisc.edu/srp-bio>. Visit the IBS-SRP application section for more information.

Caltech in Pasadena offers three summer research programs, the **MURF Undergraduate Research Fellowship**, **SURF Summer Undergraduate Research Program** and the **Amgen Scholars Program**. They all provide a stipend and housing allowance. Each program has its own application, eligibility criteria and deadline. To learn more about each program, visit <http://sfp.caltech.edu/programs>. The earliest deadline (MURF) is January 8th.

December 2013

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<p>1 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Scholars Mtg., CLSA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 1-2 pm Vilma Fuentes Monsour Psychologist Drop-In Hour, CLSA</p>	<p>4 7 pm IDEAS Mtg, CLSA</p>	<p>5 5 pm Summer Research Opportunities Session, Tranquada Conference Room</p>	<p>6 8 pm Las Señoritas Mtg., CLSA</p>	<p>7 1-2:30 Mariachi Practice</p>
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<p>15 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Scholars Mtg., CLSA</p>	<p>16 3-5 pm Study Break, CLSA</p>	<p>17 3-5 pm Study Break, CLSA</p>	<p><i>Good luck on your final exams!</i></p>			
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<p><i>Happy Holidays everyone!</i></p>						
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