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## From the Dean

Dear Students,

I hope that the middle of the semester is treating you all well. As this is the season of midterms, make sure that you are taking care of your wellness since this is the time when the flu virus is rampant. The month of February has been a wonderful time for our Chicano Latino community at the Claremont Colleges.

*El Dia de La Familia* on February 22<sup>nd</sup> was a resounding success. During this event we honored our graduating seniors and welcomed Latino parents from across the nation. In addition, the performance of Mariachi Serrano was phenomenal! If you were able to attend the event, I hope you enjoyed it and we look forward inviting our *familias* once again in 2015.

Also in February, five of our Claremont Chicano Latino students presented their research at the National Science Foundation California Alliance for Minority Participation (NSF CAMP) which was held at the University of California, Irvine from February 9-11. Joana Perdomo from Harvey Mudd, Karissa Munoz from CMC, Kimberly Ona Ayala, Stephanie Ramirez and Luis

Alberto German from Pomona presented their science research posters. This is a huge honor for our Claremont students since this marks the first time that our colleges have been invited to participate. Our students did an excellent job and stood out from their peers!

As we move forward with the remainder of the semester, there are two more items that I would like to bring to your attention. First, if you are interested in being a CLSA sponsor, please contact our office to get an application. As a sponsor you will make a major difference in the transition of a CLSA freshman to the Claremont Colleges. Moreover, the experiences will help you develop as a leader and assist you in your future career endeavors. The deadline to apply is March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to be a sponsor, but know of someone who would be excellent, please let us know in order to contact the nominated student.

Secondly, Chicano Latino graduation will be taking place on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Harvey Mudd College. The Chicano Latino Graduation Committee is working diligently in making preparations for this event.

The committee is comprised of Ariana Tribby of Pomona College, Nike Roman from Scripps, Karissa Munoz of Claremont McKenna, Rocio Medina of Pitzer and Joana Perdomo of Harvey Mudd. Seniors, make sure that you read your emails of your campus representative since they will be providing valuable information about graduation. In order to register for Chicano Latino Graduation, please visit <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AmNboI9KPZNdEQ5RV R2Zl8zUnRwa25yZOINVjBibGc&usp=sharing> and fill out the information requested by March 15. Since space is very limited make sure that you register early in order to insure participation for this year's Chicano Latino Graduation festivities. If you have any questions, feel free to contact CLSA.

Lastly as the semester gets more hectic, take a deep breath and know that your familia at CLSA is here to support you in your college aspirations. Feel free to drop in and visit us.

Saludos!

Tony Jimenez

Assistant Dean of Students

## Great News

Already good news is filtering in to CLSA as seniors receive acceptance letters from graduate schools, while others receive notifications from summer research programs. CLSA congratulates Freddy Valencia, Pitzer senior, for having been accepted to Ph.D. Programs in Chemistry at the following institutions: Yale, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and the University of Washington.

He's still waiting for a couple more responses before he makes a final decision. Pitzer students Rocio Mendez, Gaby Navarro and Charlie Yates will all be doing summer research at the University of Illinois. Kimberly Ona-Ayala, Pomona sophomore has been offered research opportunities at the prestigious Mayo Clinic, Harvard University and the University of Virginia. Thalia Rodriguez, Pomona senior,

was accepted to the Master's Program in Math Education at Stanford University. Alexa Serrato, HMC senior, will present her senior thesis in mathematics at Concordia University. Isabel Garcia, Pomona senior, has been accepted to doctoral programs in sociology at UT Austin, UC Berkeley and UC Irvine. Jose Cortez, Pitzer senior, was admitted to a prehealth program at Morehouse and has made it to

the second round at Columbia University, getting one step closer to reaching his goal of attending medical school. And last but not least, it should be mentioned how well Latino students are doing at The Claremont Colleges. Eighty per cent of our 713 Latino undergraduates are achieving a grade point average of B or better. We are proud of our students. Felicidades!



The Claremont contingency attending the NSF CAMP Conference in Irvine - from left, Kimberly Ona-Ayala, Pomona; Karissa Muñoz, CMC; Stephanie Ramirez, Pomona; Joana Perdomo, HMC; and Luis Alberto German, Pomona.

## MERGE—A New Student Organization

There is a new 5C club on campus — **MERGE (Multi Ethnic and Racial Group Experience)** for multi-ethnic/multi-cultural students. There Mission Statement is:

To provide a safe space for people of mixed heritage in which we may discuss issues of multi-ethnic identity and raise awareness within the 5C community. For more

information, check out MERGE's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/groups/mergeclub/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mergeclub/).

### Professional Tip

When asking for a recommendation letter, allow your recommender ample time (2-3 weeks) to write a strong letter on your behalf.

Provide your recommender all the necessary information, including a resume, at the time of asking.

## The Largest Graduate School Fair in Southern California

The purpose of the Diversity Forum is to provide students of color, and all students demonstrating strong academic potential for graduate-level work, with information about graduate school including: the types of

degrees and programs offered, the graduate school application process, financial aid opportunities, and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Workshops, university information tables, and opportunities to network

with faculty, recruiters, and students from many of top universities are available at the Diversity Forum. If you are interested please register at <http://diversityforum.ucop.edu/>.

# March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>2</b> 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Mtg.	<b>3</b> 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm. 7 pm Ideas Mtg.,	<b>7</b> 7-8 pm Las Señoritas, CLSA	<b>8</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>9</b> 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Mtg.	<b>10</b> 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm. 10-11:30 pm Minorities in Medicine, CLSA	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm Luncheon & Book Signing, Leisy Abrego, Pomona Alumna & UCLA Professor, CLSA	<b>12</b> 3:30-4:30 pm Scripps Tea w/ Aztec Dancers, Seal Courtyard	<b>13</b> Last Day To Drop A Class 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm. 7 pm Ideas Mtg., CLSA	<b>14</b> 7-8 pm Las Señoritas, CLSA	<b>15</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA Chicano Grad Registration Deadline
<b>16</b> 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>ENJOY YOUR SPRING RECESS!</i>			<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>23</b> 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Mtg.	<b>24</b> 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm. 5:30-7 pm Sponsor Interviews, CLSA	<b>25</b> 5:30-7 pm Sponsor Interviews, CLSA	<b>26</b> 1-3 pm Art Workshop, CLSA 7 pm Film: The Harvest/ La Cosecha, CMC 7 pm Ideas Mtg., CLSA	<b>27</b> 11:30 am Social Justice & Activism in Latino Community, CMC 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm.	<b>28</b> <i>César Chávez Day Observed</i> 7-8 pm Las Señoritas, CLSA	<b>29</b> 11 am—6 pm Rockabilly Festival, Pitzer Mounds
<b>30</b> 7-8 pm 5C Gates Millennium Mtg.	<b>31</b> 6:30—10 pm LGSA, Conference Rm.					

# Resource Center News

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## Internships

**International Radio and Television Society Foundation: The Broadcast Sales Associate Program** offers an exclusive opportunity to participate in a sales training program traditionally reserved for actual station group employees. Held in tandem with the prestigious IRTS Summer Fellowship Program, the Broadcast Sales Associate Program is a diversity initiative designed to give graduating seniors a jumpstart on the television and radio management track. The Program includes the one-week Summer Fellowship orientation to the media and entertainment business, followed by an eight-week internship experience in the sales division of a network stations group, which includes the customized sales training so highly regarded in the business. It is the perfect opportunity for outstanding new graduates of color to gain immediate access to a sector of our business that typically requires more experience to enter. The program takes place in New York, New York and lasts from June 1 to August 2. Participants receive a travel, housing and living allowance. The application deadline is March 14th. Learn more at <http://irtsfoundation.org/college-programs.html>.

**The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation: Student Internship Program** is designed as in-depth exposure to professional television production, techniques and practices. Administrative and/or production duties will be assigned to all interns, however, collective bargaining agreements within the industry preclude some internships from “hands-on” experience in certain areas. Interns must have a car and cover their own housing and transportation expenses. Internships last 8 weeks from late June to early July. A stipend of \$4,000 is included. The deadline to apply is March 15th. Visit <http://www.emmysfoundation.org/how-apply-0> for application details.

**Concordia Language Villages: Youth Leadership Intern**—The Peer Leadership Internship requires interns to work under direction of leadership staff member or other designated person, participate in designated areas of the program to further develop teaching skills, assist with youth leadership internship program and assist with counseling duties, language instruction, development of evening programs and cultural presentation, and activities, taking ad. A stipend of \$2050 for a two-week period, room and board is awarded. March 15th is the application deadline. Visit <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/newsite/Work/application.php> for application process.

**The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute: Tuck Business Bridge Program** is a 15-week internship program working in Congressional and corporate offices in Washington, DC. Students also earn academic credit hours from the George Washington University. Students will work on project-based programs that provide hands-on experience and also strengthen their understanding of Public Policy. The program takes place in the spring and in the fall semester of each year. The program is hosted at Dartmouth University and there are two sessions: the first from June 9 – July 3 and the second from July 14 – August 8. The awarded stipend includes room and board, airfare, books and research material. The deadline is March 15. Obtain application at <http://www.chli.org/?page=Internships>.

**The National Organization for Women (NOW)** offers an **Internship Program** which plays an important element of their comprehensive leadership training program. Through a series of workshops designed to empower young feminists you will gain the tools and knowledge to become leaders on your campuses and in your communities. Becoming a NOW intern is a commitment to apply the skills learned during the internship and to become, or continue to be, an activist leader. Each semester NOW interns participate Training in our successful, time-honored grassroots organizing including workshops on campus organizing, coalition building and networking. Weekly intern discussion groups and field trips on a wide range of feminist issues which are led by National NOW staff and officers. Internships are unpaid. Once you're accepted to the program, you can work with the Intern/Volunteer Coordinator to identify the best dates for you to start and end your internship. Internship locations, dates, and compensation vary by program. March 15 is the deadline and you may obtain additional information at <http://www.now.org/organization/intern.html>.

**University of Illinois at Springfield: Graduate Public Service Internship Program (GPSI)**—If you are interested in simultaneously beginning a professional career while earning a master's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield, then you should look closely at the Graduate Public Service Internship Program. GPSI is ranked as one of Illinois' premier governmental internship programs. For over 38 years this program has provided top-flight graduate students with a high quality graduate education, real world experience, and lifelong connections. After completing program requirements, many interns continue working in state government, while others gain employment at other levels of government or pursue opportunities in the business sector. The stipend for the one-year Internship, which runs from August 2014 to May 2015 is \$1,175 per month. The deadline is March 15th. Additional details are available at <http://cspl.uis.edu/GraduateInternPrograms/GraduatePublicServiceInternshipProgram/>.

**Institute for Experimental Learning: Washington D.C. Internships (Summer 2014)** - As a WII intern, you'll spend four full days per week at your internship site. We screen every site to ensure that you have substantive responsibilities. Depending on their area of interest, past interns have attended and reported on congressional hearings, written by-lined articles, drafted legal documents, conducted policy research, planned museum education programs, attended conferences, crafted marketing plans, interviewed witnesses, implemented social media campaigns, and more. A wide variety of internships are available in government offices, non-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. Internship dates vary by program. A stipend is not specified. The deadline is March 17th and the application is available at <https://wiidc.squarespace.com/internships>.

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## Scholarships

**\*Reforma** has established a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to be awarded annually for the academic year, commencing in the Fall. The award is announced at the American Library Association Annual Conference and is granted for graduate study in the field of Library and Information Science. Open to students who qualify for graduate study in Library and Information Science who are Spanish-speakers or interested in serving Latinos or the Spanish-speaking. The scholarships are not restricted by age, sex, creed, national origin, or minority group/association membership. Before scholarship funds are disbursed, recipient must be accepted to an accredited library school and provide proof of enrollment. **The deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>**. For more details, please visit <http://reforma.org/scholarship2012>.

**The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund** aids people active in movements for social and economic justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to students who are able to do academic work at the college level and who are still able to stay active in the progressive movement. Open to graduate and undergraduate students. Award can be up to \$10,000/year. **The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The application can be downloaded at <http://www.davisputter.org/>.

**The AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship Program** provides financial assistance to outstanding accounting students who demonstrate potential to become leaders in the CPA profession. Awards are up to \$5,000 and are non-renewable. **The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>**. First round applications are only online. Second round will be given information as to where to mail. Obtain details at <http://www.aicpa.org/career/diversityinitiatives/pages/smas.aspx>.

**The Ebell Club of Los Angeles** offers scholarships annually to students attending Los Angeles County colleges and universities. The awards range in the amount of \$1,500-2,500. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and demonstrate community commitment. **The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>** and application details can be found at <http://www.ebella.com/club/index.html>.

**Brown & Caldwell** established the **Minority Scholarship Program** to help students of color succeed in the environmental engineering industry. The Minority Scholarship Program consists of a \$5,000 tuition award, an optional paid summer internship at a Brown and Caldwell office, and a dedicated mentor to guide the intern through the company's information and communications resources. Must be enrolled in his/her junior year or graduate student enrolled with a declared major in Civil, Chemical or Environmental Engineering or one of the environmental sciences; possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; Member of Minority Group as defined by EEOC. **The application deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>** and can be found at <http://www.browncaldwell.com/scholarships.asp>.

**The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute** awards scholarships to Latino students in the United States who have a history of performing 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 requirement. Students with excellent leadership potential are encouraged to apply. Awards for undergraduate students are in the amount of \$2,500 and \$5,000 for graduate students. **The deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Apply online at <http://www.chci.org/scholarships/>.

\*For the past 22 years, **HENAAC** has been honoring the nation's best and brightest engineers, scientists and technology experts who happen to be Hispanic by awarding scholarships ranging from \$500-\$10,000. Open to STEM majors with a gpa of 3.0 or higher. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. **The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Apply online at <https://greatmindsinstem.worldsecuresystems.com/college/henaac-scholarship-program>.

**\*The A.W. Bodine-Sunkist Memorial Scholarship** was established to provide funds for undergraduate students from agricultural backgrounds who are in need of financial assistance to further their education. The award amount may vary, but the average is \$2,000.00 per academic year. Eligibility requirements and application can be found online at [http://www.sunkist.com/about/bodine\\_scholarship.aspx](http://www.sunkist.com/about/bodine_scholarship.aspx). **Application deadline is April 30th**.