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## From the Dean

Dear Students,

On behalf of Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA), I welcome you to Claremont, and the continuation of your educational journey. We are excited to have you on campus ready to engage in this new academic year. I want to extend a warm welcome to the first-year students who are starting their college career at the colleges. We are delighted to have you in our community and look forward to a long and productive relationship. It is stimulating to have the CLSA Sponsor Team on campus for orientation and new student events. Their dedication is equivalent to their commitment to the

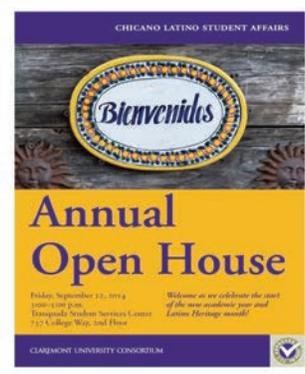
success of new students. We look forward to having returning students back on campus and hope to connect with you to discuss your goals and objectives at Claremont and beyond.

This year promises to be an exciting one that will provide the opportunity to interact with world renowned scholars, researchers and artists that are making an impact in our comunidad. I highly encourage all of you to take advantage of these opportunities offered by CLSA. Lastly, I invite you to join us for the Annual Open House scheduled for Friday, September 12 from 3-5 p.m. The event will be festive, friendly and engaging. This

will be a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the CLSA extended community.

We are your home away from home. Please feel free to drop by any time to meet the dedicated staff of CLSA.

Bienvenidos,  
Maria Torres  
Dean of Students



## García Appointed Featured Artist

Self-Help Graphics & Art, a non-profit art organization has selected Luis-Genaro García to be this year's Día de los Muertos commemorative print artist. Luis will be responsible for the commemorative serigraph for the 41st annual Día de Los Muertos exhibit as well as curator of the organization's highly recognized show and celebration.

Luis-Genaro García is a Ph.D. candidate in Education at Claremont Graduate University. Aside from being an accomplished artist, he is also a high school art teacher at his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson

High School in South Central Los Angeles.

As an Artist, Luis-Genaro draws from the socio-political subject matter of Jose Guadalupe Posada and David Alfaro Siqueiros, to paint in a "Social Surrealist" style. As an educator, he teaches art through a social justice curriculum, incorporating ethnic, personal, and historical experiences of students, in order to challenge the current barriers that exist for



students of color.

This year's theme is *Una Cita Con La Vida (A Date With Life)*. García points out that on Día de los Muertos, we remember our loved ones, celebrating this day through the perspective of the living world, and don't often think about experiences of those from the other side. How do the deceased prepare to walk amongst the living on Día de los Muertos? *Una Cita Con La Vida* is a representation of how the dead prepare for Día de los Muertos from the underworld.

## Claremont Students Participate in Summer Graduate Research at University of Illinois

As a New Resource Student at Pitzer College and proud member of CLSA, I was given the opportunity to apply and awarded a research fellowship through the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana –Champaign (UIUC), along with nine other members of the Claremont Colleges: Angeles Contreras, Ahtziri Fonseca, Tyler Womack, Vicente Robles from Pomona College, Charlie Yates, and Gaby Nevarez from Pitzer College, Christian Guerrero from Harvey Mudd College, Beatriz Maldonado from Scripps College, and Isabel Maria Skilton from Claremont McKenna College.

With this fellowship we, as underrepresented college students, were granted the opportunity to participate in a nine-week summer research experience which included a two week GRE



Representing the Claremont Colleges are from left: Vicente Robles, Tyler Womack, Gaby Nevarez and Bea Maldonado with CLSA Asst. Dean Tony Jimenez.

prep course, professional development seminars, and a symposium experience. We were also able to develop lasting relationships with mentors within our fields, and with students from around the country and the world. Illinois is a world-class research experience with the second largest university library in the United States, state of the art research labs, not to mention cultural centers, museums, and recreational facilities.

Further, with the close proximity to Chicago, most of us took the opportunity to explore and enjoy the city. I, along with Gaby Nevarez, were able to attend the historic and first annual Latino Conference, where CGU's very own, Pablo Alvarez presented his project,

"AZT-LAN: Queer Chicano Writing on Los Angeles and Aids." It is my hope that, one day, I can present at this conference. Fortunately, with the SROP experience, that may come true. I now have taken the GRE exam; I have graduate research experience, a relationship and recommendation from my mentor, a great writing sample, and all the tools needed to not only apply for graduate school but for research fellowships as well. I strongly recommend for those who are 2014-15

juniors and seeking to achieve a PhD to consider applying to SROP at Illinois,



Isabel Skilton and Bea Maldonado present their research projects.

you will be set up for success! Finally, thank you, CLSA and Assistant Dean, Tony Jimenez, for introducing the Claremont Colleges to this program. Submitted by Rocio Medina, Pitzer College, '15



Rocio Medina presenting her research at the summer research symposium.

## CLSA Website Addition

A new Image Gallery was added over the summer to the CLSA website. Returning students, if you attended one of the many programs or events that CLSA hosted, then you very well may find

yourself featured in the image gallery or perhaps in the photo journal for the 2012-2013 academic year. To document and preserve CLSA history for future generations, CLSA staff

plans to add photo journals for every academic year. The 2013-2014 is currently being compiled. If you have clear photos that you would like to share from last year, please submit at

[clsacuc@claremont.edu](mailto:clsacuc@claremont.edu). The CLSA website address is: [www.cuc.claremont.edu/clsacuc](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/clsacuc)

## New Student Luncheons

A series of luncheons have been scheduled in an effort to get to know the first year students and to make sure they are aware of the resources available to them at CLSA. The schedule goes as

follows:

**Pomona**, September 15, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Blue Room, Frank Dining Hall; **Scripps**, September 17, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Hampton Room, Malott

Commons; **CMC**, September 23, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum; **Pitzer College**, September 26, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Founder's Room, upstairs McConnell Hall;

and **HMC**, October 1, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Aviation Room, Hoch Shanahan Dining Hall.

New students, we look forward to see you on your own

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Labor Day/Staff Holiday</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Fall Semester Begins</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8 pm SACNAS Mtg., Tranquada Conference Room	<b>5</b> 4 pm Depart for CLSA Retreat	<b>6</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>7</b> 2 pm Return from CLSA Retreat	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 pm SACNAS Mtg., CLSA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3-5 pm CLSA Open House	<b>13</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Last Day to Add Classes</i> 11:30 am-1:30 pm Pomona New Student Luncheon, Blue Room, Frank Dining Hall, PO	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:30 am-1:30 pm Scripps New Student Luncheon, Hampton Room, SC RSVPs Required	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12-1:30 pm "How to Successfully apply for the NSF Grad Research Fellowship," Albrecht Aud., CGU <i>RSVP by Sept. 13</i> <i>clsa@cuc.claremont.edu</i>	<b>20</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4:30-6 pm Décima Demonstration/Wkshp, Doms Lounge, Smith Campus Ctr., PO 6:30-8:30 pm Bomba Drumming & Dance Wkshp, same locale	<b>23</b> 11:30 am - 1:30 pm CMC New Student Luncheon, Ath 7 pm Concert: Décimas, Bomba, & Fandango: Caribbean Music, Balch Hall, Scripps	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12-1:30 pm Medical Practice & Critique: The Alternative, Rico Chenyek, PO '11 & MD/PhD Candidate, Univ. of Illinois RSVPs required <i>clsa@cuc.claremont.edu</i>	<b>26</b> 11:30 am-1:30 pm Pitzer New Student Luncheon, Founders Room, PZ	<b>27</b> 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 11:30-1:30 pm HMC New Student Luncheon, Aviation Room, Hoch Shanahan Dining Hall, HMC			

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## Resource Center Opportunities

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### Fellowships

**The Herbert Scoville Peace Fellowship** invites college graduates to apply for full-time, six-to-nine month fellowships in Washington, DC. Outstanding individuals will be selected to work with nonprofit, public-interest organizations addressing peace and security issues. Applications are especially encouraged from candidates with a strong interest in these issues who have prior experience with public-interest activism or advocacy. Applications details can be found at <http://www.scoville.org>. **October 1st is the deadline.**

**The Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley** will host the 34<sup>th</sup> Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute in the summer of 2015 and applications are now being accepted. The PPIA Program is open to **college juniors** from diverse backgrounds who are interested in being prepared for graduate studies and ultimately careers in public policy, international affairs and law. The program is an intensive seven-week summer program of classes and co-curricular activities promoting the professional and personal development of emerging leaders in public service. For more information regarding the PPIA Program at UC Berkeley, please visit: <http://gspp.berkeley.edu/academics/ppia-junior-summer-institute>.

**The application deadline is November 1st.** For application materials and to apply, visit: <http://ppiaprogram.org/app/>. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Isaac Castro, PPIA Program Manager, email: [icastro@berkeley.edu](mailto:icastro@berkeley.edu) / (510) 643-6961. Accepted students will participate in one of the Junior Summer Institute (JSI) campuses: Carnegie Mellon University, Princeton University, University of Michigan or UC Berkeley.

**The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship** will award \$90,000 grants to thirty students, all of whom are immigrants or children of immigrants, to pursue graduate studies at U.S. universities. Visit <http://www.pdsoros.org> for details. **November 1st is the deadline.**

**The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)** recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions. Fellows share in the prestige and opportunities that become available when they are selected. Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of \$32,000 along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees (paid to the institution). NSF Fellows are anticipated to become knowledge experts who can contribute significantly to research, teaching, and innovations in science and engineering. There are multiple deadlines in early fall depending on discipline. Please visit [https://nsfgrfp-2015.asee.org/applicants/important\\_dates](https://nsfgrfp-2015.asee.org/applicants/important_dates) to check which deadline applies to you. For more information, visit <https://nsfgrfp-2015.asee.org/>.

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### Job Opportunity

**The Public Interest Network**, which includes Environment America, PIRG and other groups, is hiring graduating seniors to join our team of 50 campaign organizers. It's a two-year program designed to give you a chance to make a difference on some of the most important issues of our time, such as global warming. It's a ticking time bomb for life on this planet. Campaign organizers work together to organize and mobilize citizens to take on global warming, antibiotic overuse, fracking, GMO foods, money in politics, clean water and other issues. As a campaign organizer, your number one focus is getting people involved. When people get involved, that's when you see the energy and power it takes to win real change. To learn more and apply, visit <http://publicinterestnetwork.org/page/pin/campaign-organizer> or contact Zach Weinstein, CALPIRG Campaign Organizer at [zweinstein@calpirg.org](mailto:zweinstein@calpirg.org). **The early application deadline is October 5th.**

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### Scholarships

**The CIEE Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship** provides one million dollars each year through grants and scholarships to expand access for students for full-year, semester, and summer study abroad programs. **The deadline varies depending on where you want to study and when but the first deadline for the spring semester is October 1st.** Learn more at <http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships/>.

**The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** offers awards for undergraduate study abroad. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. Application information is available at <http://iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>. **The application deadline is October 7th.**