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From the Deans

Dear Students,

It is projected that the number of Latino voters will double in size by 2030. This has serious implications for the 2016 presidential election and the power of El Voto Latino in deciding who occupies the White House. There are 53 million Latinos in the nation who comprise 17% of the total U.S. population, but they constituted only 10% of the voters in the 2012 election. The projected increase in Latino voters is based on the fact that they are the nation's youngest ethnic group with a median age of 18 for U.S.-born Latinos, compared with 42 years for white non-Latinos. Therefore, much of the increase in voter growth is driven by the 800,000 native-born Latino youth who come of voting age annually, making them eligible to cast a ballot. The Pew Hispanic Center projects that Latinos will account for 40% of the new electorate by 2030, and that 40 million will be eligible to

vote. It is important to note, that voter turnout rates varied widely among Latino subgroups. In the presidential election of 2012, the highest voter turnout rates were among those Latinos with a college degree (70.8%) and among Cuban-origin Latinos (67.2%). According to exit poll data, the lowest Latino voter rates were among those ages 18 to 29 (36.9) and those without a high school diploma (35.5%). As you listen to the presidential candidates and learn more about the debate issues that are getting media attention, it is important to identify the concerns that are meaningful to you. Latino voters identified the economy (60%), as one the most important issue in the previous election. This was followed by health care (18%), the budget deficit (11%) and foreign policy (6%). The Latino electorate has consistently identified immigration as an important issue and 77% support comprehensive immigration reform. They also support an

opportunity for undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status.

As college educated students, you are in the highest voter bracket and thus, constitute a critical part of the Latino electorate. Your vote will be highly anticipated in the next presidential election, and can play a decisive role in deciding who leads the nation. Therefore, you should make sure that you are registered to vote. In California, Gov. Jerry Brown has just signed into law a bill that makes voter registration automatic for eligible voters when they apply for a driver's license or an identification card. Voting registration laws differ by state, and I encourage you to make sure that you are registered. Your vote is your voice!

Maria A. Torres
Dean of Students

Summer Research Workshop

On November 4th, CLSA will host a workshop that will provide undergraduates with valuable information on how to be a viable applicant for

highly competitive summer research opportunities in STEM, Social Sciences and the Humanities. The workshop will cover tips on how to write

a summer research statement, and how to seek out strong letters of recommendations. Don't miss out! Sign-up at www.cuc.claremont.edu/clsa/

Noche de Poetas/Poetry of the Americas

Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA) closes Latino Heritage with one last big event. Together with Pitzer College Residential Life, CLSA will co-host a poetry slam on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 pm in the Founders Room of McConnell Hall (above the dining hall) on the Pitzer campus. Headlining the show is author, poet and performance artist Ernesto M. Garay from



Poet Ernesto M. Garay

the Bay area. As a professional poet Ernesto has the experience to inspire and energize the audience. Don't miss this special evening and feel free to bring your own poetry in case the energy moves you to join the slam.

García Exhibits Art Downtown Los Angeles

Luis Genaro García, Artist CGU doctoral student in Education, has a new art exhibit in the downtown Los Angeles offices of *La Opinion Newspaper*. The collection entitled "Los Luchadores, Una Miradora a la Clase Trabajadora" examines the working class through Los Luchadores (wrestlers).



Luis Genaro García, left, with Damian Mazzota, General Manager of *La Opinion Newspaper*

On October 28, 2015, *La Opinion* printed a very nice piece on García who currently teaches at Thomas Jefferson High School, his alma mater. The article describes how García teaches to inspire his students to change their

destinies and resist against institutional barriers that still exist against the working class. If you would like to read the entire article, it is available at: <http://www.laopinion.com/2015/10/28/usa-el-arte-para-inspirar-a-jovenes-a-cambiar-su-destino/>. Congratulations Luis Genaro, on the show and the publicity!

Job Opportunity

Pomona College Office of Admissions is now accepting applications to fill 12-15 Senior Interview positions for the 2016-2017 academic year. These paid positions are open to

juniors from diverse majors, departments and backgrounds. Hired Interviewers will help shape the Class of 2021. If you would like to learn more about the position, there will be a

couple of information sessions to be held on November 10th and 11th from 4:00-5:00 pm in Walker Lounge. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Nan, Assistant Dean of

Admissions. The application is available at https://pomona.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8k2kiLlExqW7GGF. Application deadline is November 17th.

Fellowships

Applications for the **2016 Ford Foundation Fellowships Programs for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching** are now being accepted by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Full eligibility information and online applications can be found at <http://nationalacademies.org/ford>. Stipends, allowances and deadlines are as follow:

- Predoctoral—\$24,000 per year for three

years—**November 20th**

- Dissertation—\$25,000 for one year—**November 13th**
- Postdoctoral—\$45,000 for one year—**November 13th**

Approximately sixty pre-doctoral, thirty dissertation and twenty postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded.

October in Photos



The Community Carne Asada—October 5th



Presenter Rocio Mendoza-Graduate Student Brown Bag Series



The Art Workshop



Día de los Muertos Study Break

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 4-5 pm Adjusting to College Life Series, Tranquada	4 4-5 pm Summer Research Opportunities Workshop, CLSA 8-9 pm ELA Mtg. CLSA	5 8-9 pm SACNAS Mtg., Tranquada Conference Rm.	6 10 am Jotas, Tranquada Conf. Room 7-8 pm Las Señoritas, CLSA	7 Diversity Forum in Graduate Education, Santa Barbara 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
8	9	10 4-5 pm Adjusting to College Life Series, Tranquada Conf. Room	11 8-9 pm ELA Mtg. CLSA	12 6:30 pm Noche de Poetas, Pitzer College Founders Rm 8-9 pm SACNAS Mtg., Tranquada	13 10 am Jotas, Tranquada Conf. Room 7-8 pm Las Señoritas, CLSA	14 1-2:30 pm Mariachi Practice, CLSA
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22	23	24 4-5 pm Adjusting to College Life Series, Tranquada Conf. Room	25 8-9 pm ELA Mtg. CLSA	26 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	28
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