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 240 first-year Latino students who are starting their college career. This class is one of the most diverse groups both ethnically and geographically. Their family origins hail from Hawaii to Argentina. Approximately 40% of the Latino first-year students indicate that they have an interest in STEM majors. We are pleased to have you in our community and look forward to a productive relationship through your academic journey. It is enriching to have the CLSA Sponsor Team on campus for Sponsor Training, orientation and new student events. The Sponsors are a support group dedicated 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. Sophomore students, if you are interested in a career as a college professor, this is the year that you apply for the Melon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. Many third-year students will be studying abroad and others will be conducting research projects. Seniors will be preparing for graduate and professional school as well as fellowship opportunities such as the Fulbright. Others will be looking forward to being gainfully employed.

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. Join us at CLSA on Thursday, September 15, for a luncheon workshop on How to be a Successful Applicant for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. The session will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be presented by Dr. Celina Mojica from the University of California, Irvine. I also invite you to the Annual Open House scheduled for Friday, September 16th from 3:00-5:00 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

2016 CLSA Sponsor Team
New Student Retreat

Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA) will host their annual New Student Retreat on September 9th-11th. Located in a scenic mountain setting, the retreat is an invaluable opportunity for first-year and transfer students to interact and create friendships that will benefit them throughout their college experience and beyond. The 2016 CLSA Sponsor Team engages new students in activities that promote trust and a sense of community. Participants begin the academic year invigorated, and with a sense of purpose within the community. This three-day community building experience is a one-time opportunity made available to entering students. Don’t miss this great opportunity! If you have not registered yet, please contact CLSA to check on availability, clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.

Order your Graduation Stole

Graduating students, if you want to look sharp on commencement day as did members of the Class of 2016 make an appointment to place your graduation stole order. Please email Ernie Mendoza at clsa@cuc.claremont.edu or call her at 909-621-8044. Ernie can show you all the styles available and walk you through the personalizing and customizing process. CLSA only submits one order per year and this year’s deadline is October 21st. Stoles will be completed in time for presenting at Día de la Familia which takes place in February. Don’t miss out on this opportunity!

White Coat Ceremony

Two of our recent alums participated in a rite of passage known to medical students as the White Coat Ceremony. This ceremony symbolizes the beginning of their journey toward a healthcare career. Medical students often receive their white coat before they begin meeting with patients. This summer two of our recent graduates received their white coats and we couldn’t be prouder of Kim Ona Ayala, Pomona, and Jose Cortez, Pitzer now studying at Yale and UCSF School of Medicine respectively. We wish them well on the long, arduous journey ahead of them.

Congratulations Jose and Kim!
Opportunities

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 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship will assist a new group of thirty students, all of whom are immigrants or children of immigrants, to pursue graduate studies at U.S. universities. Each Fellowship supports up to two years of graduate study in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program in the United States. Each award is for up to $25,000 in stipend support (not to exceed $40,000), as well as 50 percent of required tuition and fees, up to $20,000 per year, for two years. The first year of Fellowship funding cannot be deferred. Visit [http://www.pdsoros.org](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, mathematics, psychology and social sciences 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). Deadlines are determined by discipline starting from October 24th to November 3rd. Please note that Dr. Celina Mojica from UC Irvine will provide a workshop on how to become a more competitive NSF applicant on September 15th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please use the Workshop Sign ups on the right-hand column of the CLSA home page, [www.cuc.claremont.edu/clsa](http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/clsa).

Internship

The Congressional Internship Program sponsored by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute provides college students with a paid Congressional work placement on Capitol Hill for a period of twelve weeks (Spring/Fall) or eight weeks (Summer). This experience allows students to learn first hand about our nation's legislative process. Promising Latino undergraduates from across the country are selected for this leadership training program. Students gain work experience, participate in a community service project, and receive educational and professional programming provided by CHCI. This comprehensive three-prong approach provides extraordinary learning and networking opportunities for students. Deadlines are Spring: November 4, 2016; Summer: January 20, 2017; Fall: April 21, 2017.

Job Opportunity

Pomona College has 2 openings for students to be Wellness Peer Educators at Pomona. Wellness Peers are current students who are dedicated to increasing wellness in the Pomona community, leading the development and implementation of programs and activities that aim to increase well-being among students. Pay is $10 per hour up to 5 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact Assistant Dean Ching, Asst. Dean at [Alison.Ching@pomona.edu](mailto:Alison.Ching@pomona.edu). The deadline is Monday, September 5th.

CLSA is seeking two Interns for the academic year to assist staff with the daily operation of the office as well as with programs and events. If interested and your are work-study eligible, please submit resume and cover letter expressing why you want to work at CLSA to [clsa@cuc.claremont.edu](mailto:clsa@cuc.claremont.edu).

Scholarships

La Unidad Latina Foundation was established in 1999 to serve as an independent, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to financial supporting educational achievement and civic empowerment in the Latino community. Their scholarship application opens on September 1st and can be found online at [www.lulf.org/apply](http://www.lulf.org/apply).

The Council of Mexican Federations is now accepting applications for their Mexican-American Dream Scholarship. Students who are immigrants, sons and daughters of immigrants, and DACA and AB-540 students are eligible to apply. For all the details, please visit [www.coefem.org/#scholarships-becas/c11m6](http://www.coefem.org/#scholarships-becas/c11m6). The application deadline is September 30th.
Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA) provides support programs and services that enhance the academic success and personal development of Chicano/Latino students at The Claremont Colleges. CLSA offers academic support, personal guidance, graduate/professional school advice, cultural enrichment and leadership opportunities. CLSA strives to promote programming that encompasses social change and political awareness. CLSA establishes a strong foundation that enriches cultural identity and develops a sense of familia and comunidad in order to ensure success in the educational pipeline.

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