From the Deans

Dear Students,
The presidential election has stirred a range of emotions for many Latinos who felt, shock, grief, denial, anger, and frustration over the results. On the day after the election, Kevin de Leon, Pitzer graduate and pro-temp president of the California Senate, and Anthony Rendon the Speaker of the Assembly, issued a statement of defiance that stated, “We will lead the resistance to any effort that would shred our social fabric and our Constitution.” Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti and L.A.P.D. Charlie Beck, both issued statements that they would protect all vulnerable people, and that they would NOT work with Homeland Security on deportation efforts. At the Claremont Colleges, Pomona President David Oxtoby, declared the campus a sanctuary college and instituted sweeping protections for students. Furthermore, he initiated an open letter pushing for DACA status to be continued and expanded, “as a moral imperative and a national necessity.” The letter was signed by over 300 college presidents including those from Pitzer and Scripps. Moreover, President Oliver from Pitzer, also declared the campus a sanctuary college regarding immigration, and promised to work with “Claremont College Presidents to insure that all vulnerable students are supported and successful.” The Colleges have all issued letters of support for their students. Leaders of California’s three public systems of higher education (UC, Cal State and Community Colleges), also sent a joint letter to the political leaders urging that undocumented students be allowed to continue their education without fear of being arrested or deported. Claremont College students’ have expressed their defiance and resistance by organizing, speaking and participating in marches, vigils and demonstrations. As private institutions, the Claremont Colleges will not be subjected to raids by ICE agents, arrests by campus police, or a confiscation of documents by outside authorities. Students will continue to receive financial support to continue their education. I posit to you, that the ultimate act of defiance is to do well academically, graduate and become socially responsible people that can change the world.

As this very challenging semester comes to a close, take the time to take care of your mental and physical health. Come to the CLSA study breaks for a breather between finals. Enjoy the time with your familia and have a wonderful holiday break.

Maria A. Torres
Dean of Students

Guadalupe Mass

The Virgen de Guadalupe Mass will be consecrated on Monday, December 12, at McAlister Center at 12 noon. Due to the constraints of reading days and final examinations, this year’s mass will not include mariachi nor Danza Azteca. However, champurrado and pan dulce will be served immediately following mass.

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Being ñ Movie Screening

Join Harvey Mudd College Society of Professional Latinxs in STEM (SPLS), the HMC President’s Office, Pitzer College Latinx Student Union (LSU), Claremont McKenna College ¡Mi Gente!, and Chicano Latino Student Affairs (CLSA) for the documentary screening of being ñ on Friday, December 2nd at 7 pm in the Shanahan Center for Teaching and Learning, Room #1430, followed by a discussion.

The movie “being ñ” is based on Project ñ, an unorthodox, multi-platform documentary project about first-generation American-born Latinos that uses cultural and familial stories to build community among this large and growing population.

Refreshments will be served.

A Call for Entries

Almas Unidas: Nuestra Vision, CLSA’s poetry book is turning 10 years old in 2017. CLSA encourages you to be part of this milestone edition by submitting your written work in the form of poems, essays, short stories or monologues. Drawings, paintings, and photographs will also be accepted. The deadline is February 1st. This compilation of student work will be published during the Spring semester and unveiled at a reception dedicated to the contributors.

Keeping the Chicano and Latino experience in mind, CLSA encourages reflections on being a student, family, issues concerning our community, etc., especially during these challenging times. Use the semester break to reflect and prepare your creative piece(s) and submit by Wednesday, February 1st. Multiple entries are permitted and encouraged.

Additional details will be sent via a separate email, for now please make a note of the deadline. Questions and/or submissions can be directed to clsa@cuc.claremont.edu.

New Central American Association

CASA stands for Central American Student Association and it is the new organization on campus. Established at Pitzer College but open to Central American Students across the 5-Cs. At the helm are Pitzer students Adriana Ceron ’18 and Javier Lopez Casertano ’19. A pupusa dinner will be provided to attendees. If you would like to be part of this new organization, please contact Javier or Adriana at nlopezca@students.pitzer.edu or aceron@students.pitzer.edu.

Xicana in Spain

CLSA Intern-Jaicel Ortega, SC ’18

Clicking ‘purchase’ on my plane ticket to Spain filled the bottom of my stomach with the same homesickness that would have me emotionally calling my dad to pick me up after only a few hours at my prima’s sleepover.

I have spent my whole life in Ontario, leaving my family for a sequential 6 months to fly across the world is definitely a first. As a first-generation, low-income Chicana, studying abroad can be both an exciting new adventure and a source of anxiety and uncertainty. I have a lot of unanswered questions. How will Spanish culture treat a Latina with a Mexican accent? What happens if my budget is inaccurate, and I run out of money? How do you even plan a weekend trip into an entirely different country? Are hostels creepy?

Together with my parents and family, we navigate new roads. Since being accepted into my study abroad program my parents have been bombarding me with questions for weeks. Y mija conoces a la familia donde te vas a quedar? Como te vamos a llamar por teléfono? Quien va ser el que las está cuidando? Vas a tomar clases alla? Sometimes I do not even know the answers to their questions but I know it’s important to address their concerns.

These questions will soon be answered. Spain will be a nueva experiencia that I will live through with the same support system that has sustained held me up through my studies at Scripps College.
Opportunities

Fellowships

The American Physiological Society (APS) offers five summer research programs. Selected recipients of these five fellowship programs spend an average of 10 weeks in the laboratory of an established scientist and APS member. Students are selected based on academic merit, the quality of the proposed experience and the availability of appropriate faculty mentors. Fellows will receive a stipend plus additional funds for travel to present his or her research at a scientific meeting. You may apply to as many of the five programs that you are eligible. Applications are due February 1st. Learn more at [http://www.the-aps.org/summerresearch](http://www.the-aps.org/summerresearch).

The Newhouse Graduate Newspaper Fellowship for Minorities sponsored by The Newhouse School Syracuse University is an 18-month journalism fellowship that provides Magazine, Newspaper and Online Journalism experience. Fellows receive full-tuition benefits, a monthly stipend and on-the-job training during internships with Syracuse Media Group. Apply by January 15th. Learn more at [http://newhouse.syr.edu/minority-fellowship](http://newhouse.syr.edu/minority-fellowship).

Internships

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute sponsors the Congressional Internship Program which was designed to expose young Latinos to the legislative process and to strengthen their professional and leadership skills, ultimately promoting the presence of Latinos on Capitol Hill and in Federal Agencies. The Congressional Internship Program 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 unmatched experience allows students to learn firsthand about our nation's legislative process. 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. The deadline is January 20, 2017 and the application can be found at [http://www.chci.org/internships/](http://www.chci.org/internships/).

The Hispanic National Internship Program hosted by Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) has recruited college students for paid summer- and semester-long internships at federal agencies and private corporations in Washington, D.C. and throughout the country since 1992. These ten and fifteen-week internship programs give college students direct experience in a diverse array of careers in the federal and corporate sectors. Interns have enhanced their professional skills through placements in departments of public affairs, accounting, human resources and information technology, as well as laboratories, hospitals, airports, and national forests and parks, among others. Intern assignments have included completing and analyzing research, writing speeches, conducting audits, performing land surveys, creating web pages, conducting community health surveys and developing outreach strategies for under-served populations. The deadline is February 15th. Additional information is available at [http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp](http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp).

The Institute for Experiential Learning Institute Washington, D.C. Internship Program is an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to preparing college students and recent graduates for their future through substantive internships in Washington, D.C. During a semester or summer in Washington, DC you will learn about yourself and your field while enjoying the excitement of our nation’s capital. As an Intern, you will have the opportunity to take advantage of substantive internship responsibilities; academic enrichment seminars; site visits; exciting student activities and furnished housing. You will become an engaged and informed citizen and a leader equipped to make a difference in the world. The application deadline is January 19, 2017 and you can apply online at [http://wiidc.org/how-to-apply/](http://wiidc.org/how-to-apply/).

Summer Science Research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is accepting applications for Graduate Summer Opportunity to Advance Research (GSOAR) designed for first or second year graduate students enrolled in a biomedical PhD program. The application is due on January 4th. Additional information is available at [https://www.training.nih.gov/gsoar_home_page](https://www.training.nih.gov/gsoar_home_page).

UCLA Riordan College to Career Program

The UCLA Anderson School of Management Riordan College to Career Program targets first-generation college students who are interested in preparing for internships and careers after graduation. This is an intensive one-week study held in June filled with workshops, lectures, and activities to build career and networking skills as well as to explore career and academic paths. Tuition is free and open to freshman, sophomores and juniors of all majors. The deadline is January 13th. To obtain additional details, please visit [http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/programs-and-outreach/riordan-programs/riordan-college-to-career](http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/programs-and-outreach/riordan-programs/riordan-college-to-career).
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*Consortium-wide Office Closures*

*Finals Examinations Week—study hard and good luck to you!*