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## From the Dean

Dear Students,

I want to announce that I am planning to retire from my position as Dean of Chicano Latino Student Affairs at the end of this academic year. It has been my privilege to work with you throughout the pursuit of your undergraduate college experience.

My professional career at CLSA has been fulfilling and rewarding because of the many wonderful Chicano Latino students that have attended and graduated from the Claremont Colleges.

There have been many changes in administration, faculty and students in the time that I have been in Claremont.

The number of Latino students has grown significantly from approximately 100 to over 850. The students bring a wealth of cultural capital and add to the vibrancy of the college community.

There have been so many meaningful moments with students, staff and faculty that I will treasure. The Chicano Latino Alumni are a fantastic source of professional experience and dedication. Over the years, I have worked closely with the finest staff members at CLSA. Professional, dedicated and inspiring leaders are a few of the words that come to mind when I think of Ernie Mendoza and Tony Jimenez. Their commitment to student success is a hallmark of CLSA.

The selection of Tony Jimenez as the new Dean of Students of CLSA stands as testimony to the commitment to the future success of Latino students in Claremont. Tony's visionary leadership and deep respect for students will guide CLSA through the next exciting phase of development and growth. I am fully

confident that CLSA will continue to thrive and flourish in the coming years.

I hope I am able to see you all before the end of the academic year. Please stay in touch [deanmariatorres@gmail.com](mailto:deanmariatorres@gmail.com)



Que la sabiduría de los antiguos les guie por la vida.

Maria Torres  
Dean of Students



## Congratulations Students!

Congratulations to all our graduating students, we are immensely proud of each and every one of you for attaining your baccalaureate and graduate degrees. There is no doubt that you will be changing the world!

CLSA would like to share some of the wonderful things you'll be doing: Kristen Muñoz, CMC, has been accepted into a Ph.D. program in Chemical Biology at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign; Mark Lozano, Pomona, will be starting a Ph.D. program in Energy Systems at UC Davis; Lillian Horin, Pitzer, will pursue a Ph.D. at Harvard University in Biology. Lillian has also been awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. Rebecca Rubin,

Pitzer, has been awarded a Fulbright to Mexico to teach English. Rebecca will also volunteer with an organization that works with Mayan communities to promote economic independence for women while preserving cultural heritage. Nick Necochea-Flores was named a 2017 Napier Fellow. Hernan Gallo-Cornejo has received a Udall Scholarship for his dedication to environmental justice. Two seniors at Pomona College also received Fulbright Teaching Fellowships, Richard Canton will teach English in Germany and also work with resettled refugees. Jennifer Lopez will teach English in Colombia while volunteering at a human rights organization that assists women and children.

The Harvey Mudd College community named Willie Zuñiga a recipient of an "Outstanding Mudder Award" which will be presented to his family on commencement day. Willie received the award for having the ability to make everyone feel like they were the most important thing in that moment.

Not to be outdone by graduating students, Victoria Hernandez, Pitzer '18, received a Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad at Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Roberto Cabrales, Pitzer '20, has been selected as a Newman Civic Fellow for his leadership in environmental and social justice work. Naima Orozco Valdivia, Pitzer '18; Javier Lopez Casertano, Pitzer '18; and Kevin

Kandamby, Pitzer '19, all received Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowships.

Uriel Rafael, Pitzer alum of the class of 2014, has received a Fulbright English Teaching Fellowship to Mexico. Rafael will also volunteer with a nonprofit organization called Dream in Mexico that helps deported individuals be reunited with their families. Another Pitzer alumnus and former CLSA Sponsor, Yoni Rubin '15 received a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Yoni is currently studying at Stanford University where he is in a Ph.D. program in the Immunology Program. Congratulations to all our students, you make us proud!

## Attention Seniors!

Seniors, before you leave campus CLSA kindly requests two things from you—a permanent home address and personal email address so that we can stay in touch especially when

alumni weekend rolls around. CLSA hosts an alumni reception annually held in conjunction with the 5Cs. We hope to see you in the future at this event. Secondly, we would

like a copy of your completed thesis on file. This can serve as a reference tool by your fellow classmates. We currently have several on file on a variety of topics and would

love to include yours in our Resource Center. Send us an electronic copy at [clsa@cuc.claremont.edu](mailto:clsa@cuc.claremont.edu) and we will take care of having it copied and bound. Future seniors will appreciate your gesture.

## New Class Offered in the Fall

Claremont McKenna College is offering a new course in the Fall semester. PONT 100: Introduction to Brazilian Literary and Cultural Studies will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:15

to 2:30 p.m. and will be taught by Norman Valencia. This course is designed to give students a general view of Brazilian literature and culture, from colonial times to the present.

Valencia will focus on different regions of Brazil and their contributions to the country's cultural richness analyzing classic literary texts, films, architecture, plastic arts, photog-

raphy, music, sports (specifically soccer), and recent political turmoil. If you have any questions, email the instructor at [nvalencia@cmc.edu](mailto:nvalencia@cmc.edu).

## 2017-2018 CLSA Sponsor Team Named

CLSA looks forward to working with the wonderful group of enthusiastic students that will serve as CLSA Sponsors to the Class of 2021. These individuals were selected based on their academic standing, demonstrated leadership and a commitment to assisting the incoming first-year students.

This is a diverse group of student volunteers from various regions of the United States willing to return early for a week-long training to be ready to greet the arriving first-year students. We welcome Angelica Campos, Danielle Dominguez, Alan Hernandez, Vanessa Romo, Felipe Sant'Anna, Timothy

Valdez and Juan Villaseñor from CMC; Viviana Bermudez, Felipe Borja, Thelma Calvo-Polanco, Siena Guerrero, Marisol Guzman, and Duncan Rocha from HMC; Melissa Banales, Alec Crosswell, Natalia Duran, Kevin Kandamby, Socorro Nieves, William Ortiz, Victoria Ramirez and Sisa Tixicuro

from Pitzer; Jonathan Azpeitia, Richard Ballena, Yazmin Meza Lazaro, Bernardo Moyza, Cristal Quinones, Alfredo Reyes-Guzman, Melissa Petito, and Noemi Ruiz from Pomona College; Samantha Furlong, Suzette Guzman, Julia Martinez, Leslie Moreno, Jaicel Ortega, Anna Paz, Vanessa Reyes-Salazar from Scripps College.

## Conscious Connections

*Conscious Connections*, the first exhibit in the newly created Claremont Student Activism Archive was launched on May 5th. This archive was developed by a

group of students and staff from the Claremont College Library in conjunction with Claremont College Digital Humanities (DH@CC). This exhibit showcases student

activism at TCC and elsewhere. The project seeks to highlight the work of student activists both past and present and hopes to bring attention to the history of

activism in Claremont. For additional information, contact Alexandra Margolin, Project Manager at [alex\\_margolin@cuc.claremont.edu](mailto:alex_margolin@cuc.claremont.edu).

## Thank You 2016-17 CLSA Interns

A special thank you to the 2016-2017 CLSA Interns—Betzy Perez, CMC; Bernardo Moyza, PO; Jaicel Ortega, SC (Fall Semester), and Katie Carrillo, CMC (Spring Semester). These three awesome students were vital to CLSA this year. CLSA Staff relied heavily on their communication when representing CLSA at Admitted Student Resource Fairs and addressing visiting prospective students and parents; their leadership and organizational skills when facilitating a workshop on “Applying to Summer Research Opportunities” and in planning and hosting “Noche de Karaoke” which was such a success it will return during the fall. We tapped into their creativity in the many, many event flyers that were designed. Utilizing

the social media knowledge, CLSA was able to highlight and share the accomplishments of many of our students. These four individuals updated all the Internship Opportunities that we keep on file. They contributed articles to CLSA’s online newsletter--CHISPAS. They certainly got their exercise when posting flyers and event posters across the campuses and not to mention all the help they provided with event set-ups and clean-ups. They cheerfully greeted visitors and answered phones. They worked on a special power point presentation to retiring Dean Maria Torres. Thank you to Betzy, Bernardo, Jaicel and Katie, we appreciate your hard work. Have a great summer!



**Betzy Perez, CMC '19**



**Bernardo Moyza, PO '20**



**Jaicel Ortega, SC '18**



**Katie Carrillo, CMC '19**