Bienvenidos! Welcome! The 2008-2009 academic year begins with excitement with many events, programs, and activities students, staff and faculty are involved in on campus. Be in the know and read about upcoming events. If you have any questions or comments contact Pamela Hernandez at pamela@umd.edu or at (301) 314-5822.

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Want to include something in the next issues, send all information to Pamela Hernandez, pamela@umd.edu. For questions contact me at 301.314.58222. Thank you!

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1. Hispanic Heritage Month is happening now. The website Google Calendar will have the most updated information. For complete details go to http://thestamp.umd.edu/diversity/latino/heritagemonth/2008/
2. New key staff resource – Coordinator for Latina/o Student Involvement & Advocacy. You can visit her at the MICA Office from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday. Read all about here at http://www.thestamp.umd.edu/diversity/staff/pamela/
3. National Elections! Register! Vote! To know how go to http://www.terpimpact.umd.edu/voting/
4. Be in the know about Latino events on campus by going to the Latino Calendar at http://www.union.umd.edu/diversity/latino/calendar/

On-Campus Events
5. Mexico @ MD, Latin American Studies Center hosts the events below for the public. All are welcomed.

Mo., Sep. 22   11:00 am - 12:30 pm Lecture: “U.S.-Mexico Relations: Distant Neighbors or Strategic Partners?” by Andrew Seele of the Woodrow Wilson Center. Place: Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Margaret Brent Room.

Tu., Sep. 23   10:00 am - 11:00 am Lecture: “Katherine Ann Porter and Mexico” by Beth Alvarez, archive-curator of the Katherine Porter exhibit and papers. Place: Hornbake Library, Room “J”.

Tu., Sep. 23   6:00 pm Film: “El Violin” Mexico’s most awarded film; 13 awards and 6 nominations. Place: Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Hoff Theater.

Wed., Sep 24,  11:00 am - 12:00 pm Lecture: “The Centrality of Nepantla in Conquest-era Nahua Philosophy” by Dr. James Maffie. Place: Francis Scott Key Room 0102.

Th., Sep. 25   12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Ballet of Maru Montero. Mexican folkloric dance. Place: Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Baltimore Room.

6. Conecta 08 Art Exhibit
This is an exhibition and artist collaborative project featuring emerging U.S and Mexican Artists. The exhibition will be from August 21st to October 24th at The Stamp Student Union, Art Gallery. There will be a reception on September 25th, 5:00pm-7:00pm and will include an artist talk. Contact:
Jackie Milad at jmilad@umd.edu or (301)314-8492

7. The All Niter - "Carnival"
Website: www.thestamp.umd.edu/allniter08
Friday, September 26, 2008 7:00 PM - Saturday, September 27, 2008 3:00 AM
Location: Stamp Student Union-entire building
The All Niter is the biggest party of the year. The 27th annual All Niter - "Carnival" will be no exception. FREE games, prizes, food, and entertainment will be featured in each room of the Stamp. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact:
Andrew F. Mrusko, amrusko@umd.edu, 301.314.8618

The MICA office will present the results of survey research conducted about the Latino population at the UMCP. The first forum will be on Latino Student Needs, Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 12:00pm-1:30pm, Thurgood Marshall Room, The Stamp.

On-Campus Employment, Classes, and other Opportunities

9. Terp Impact Bloggers
We are seeking students to serve as Terp Impact Bloggers, who will blog three times a week about their civic engagement and leadership experiences and about opportunities for students to get involved. Regular bloggers can receive $500/semester; occasional bloggers are also very welcome. Questions can be directed to me or to Tad Greenleaf, CCEL GA, tadpole@umd.edu. Thanks!

College Park/DC/Baltimore Area Event & Conferences

10. Senate Democratic Latina Summit – Free Admission
http://democrats.senate.gov/steering/2008latinasummit_reg.cfm
On behalf of Senator Reid, Senator Stabenow, Senator Salazar, and Senator Menendez, students are invited to participate in this year’s Senate Democratic Latina Summit on Wednesday September 10, 2008. Senators and Representatives will be featured on a series of panels on the following featured topics: immigration, healthcare, education, small business, and women in government. The Latina Summit is an opportunity to bring community leaders and the Senate Democrats together to discuss our shared priorities and strategies to address the concerns of Latinas in our nation. Contact Information: Maria Urbina, maria_urbina@reid.senate.gov or at 775.223.8570.

Scholarship, Internships, Off Campus Employments and Fellowships Opportunities

11. Full time employment at Identity, Inc. For more information go to http://www.identity.ws/

12. Centro de Ayuda
http://www.stellarclients.com/centro/index.html
Centro de Ayuda, a non-profit 501c3 charitable Latino organization in Annapolis, MD, is looking for an individual with passion to serve the Latino community in a position of Latino community outreach caseworker.
Requirements are: HS/GED or experience in helping the community, bachelor degree preferable. Bilingual in Spanish and English. Passion to help the Latino community and to advocate for the families, and their needs. Salary is negotiable. Please contact Dr. Zoppi at 410-295-3434/3435. Fax is 410-295-3436 for resumes. Position will be filled immediately. For information about the organization email Dr. Zoppi at centerofhelp@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

13. YMCA Youth & Family Services
The Montgomery Knolls Elementary School is looking for tutoring or reading outreach for children. For more information contact Linda Ramirez Site Coordinator, YMCA Youth & Family Services, (MK) 301-431-7700 (PC) 301-681-1294, lramirez@ymcadc.org

14. ESOL Conversation Program
Monday, September 29, 2008 - Friday, December 05, 2008
http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS/html/esol_program.html
Join the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Conversation Program. Meet weekly with a small group of international students to discuss world customs, university life, and current events. You may also work one-on-one with a speaking partner. All sessions take place on campus and begin September 29 and end December 5. No prior teaching experience is necessary but you must be fluent in English. To volunteer, you must attend an information session during the week of September 15. Please see the program website for information session times and locations. Program Contact: Maritza Velasquez, umdesol@gmail.com, 301.314.5919

15. Be the Change
Saturday, October 4, 2008 in Washington, D.C.
http://saalt.org/bethechange.php
Be the Change, an annual national day of service to inspire and foster civic engagement through volunteerism and community service. Annually, hundreds of participants nationwide gather to engage in community service activities in the spirit of Gandhi's most famous quote, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Occuring on Saturday, October 4, 2008 in Washington, D.C. This is a great way for them to get involved in the community. To Register for the conference go to http://sites.google.com/site/btc2k8dc/overview
Contact Person: Ramya Punnoose, National 2008 Be the Change Coordinator, South Asian Americans Leading Together, 6930 Carroll Avenue Suite 506, Takoma Park, MD 20912. E-mail: btc2008@saalt.org. Phone: 301-270-1866. Fax: 301-270-1822

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