The Office of Latino Programs and Services sponsored or participated in the following activities and events throughout the summer months, as well as August:

- YMCA Black and Latino Senior Achiever Breakfast
- Northern Kentucky University’s Lincoln Awards Ceremony
- Get Into the Woods Camp
- Safari to the Water Underground Science Camp
- Latino and ELL Fun with Science Camp
- Latino Mentor Orientation

HIGHLIGHTS of these and other events, plus information on upcoming events are featured inside…
On June 23, 2015, Sister Margarita Brewer, SC, was recognized and received the Lincoln Award from Northern Kentucky University. She was one of two recipients who exemplify outstanding community leadership and dedication to our region. Sister Margarita is the first Latina to be honored with this distinguished award. Sister Margarita has dedicated most of her life helping immigrants, promoting education and empowering people's lives. She has had a very distinguished professional career, and is very proud of being President and Founder of the English Language Learning Foundation, Inc.

The reception was well attended by friends and family members including her two sons, Daniel and William. Felicidades for a well-deserved recognition Sister!

In conjunction with the Boone County Extension Service (BCES), NKU’s Center for Environmental Education hosted “Get into the Woods!” Camp. Rosie Santos and Rex McBride coordinated the program for seven participants from Holmes Middle School in Covington, Kentucky. All of the participants were children of Latin American decent, some with limited English language skills. A student from NKU was hired to provide interpretation assistance. All the students live within the urban core and therefore had limited knowledge and nature exposure. The camp ran from June 8th through June 12th at the BCES Environmental and Nature Center for six hours each day. The students learned about different environmental topics including soils, forests, water, wildlife, and human impact. Guest presenters included speakers from Big Bone Lick State Park and the City of Covington’s Urban Forestry Department. All students took a pre and post assessment, which showed varying changes in their understanding of basic environmental concepts, including how people are both connected to the natural world for basic needs and can have an impact on the health of the environment. The summer camp ended with a culminating event, which included a service project. The students removed litter from several Covington neighborhood streets. The students were excited and surprised by the difference they made in a short period of time. After participating in the clean-up, one of the students, John said, “The earth is like a living person and we are hurting it.” Another student, Emanuel said, “I would rather be in camp school than real school. Instead if reading books, we actually get to see it. I was really nervous the first day. I didn’t know what to expect. I thought we would be taking tests. But now I want to do camp next year.” Several of the students have stayed in contact with the instructors in an effort to participate in future nature programs. The camp was sponsored by the Center for Integrative Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Chipotle and LaRosa’s.
This year’s Latino Mentor Program Orientation was by far our best! It took place from August 7-11. This year we attracted 25 students from a variety of backgrounds. Our initial event which was the Welcome Picnic attracted close to 70 people which included parents, siblings, and upperclassmen. We extended the orientation from three days to five days due to the increase of activities before school starts. Students were trained on how to be a mentee, went bowling, explored downtown Cincinnati, learned about different resources on campus, and participated in leadership building activities at Potter’s Ranch. The feedback from the students was outstanding. It was such a success that students actually hung out afterwards and created their own dance party.

The orientation was a great mixture of social time and helpful academic information that students will take with them when classes start.

On July 1st and 2nd, 2015, Northern Kentucky University’s Ecological Stewardship Institute (ESI) and the Office of Latino Programs and Services teamed with the English Language Learners (ELL) Foundation and Green Acres Foundation to educate Latino students from local elementary and middle schools in Cincinnati, OH. Students learned about the importance of water quality, and how to determine the overall health of water by conducting habitat, water chemistry and aquatic life assessments of two ponds at Greenacres Foundation and Sharon Creek in Sharon Woods Park. The program allowed students a chance to be ‘citizen scientists’ over the course of two days while they performed scientific tests that are used every day by professionals to test water quality in watersheds throughout the world. The student camp, “Safari to the Water Underworld,” included lessons on how human activities can cause pollution/erosion, and compromise the health of our waterways. Students also identified plankton species under a microscope from ponds and streams. They learned to fish in one of the ponds and performed water tests like temperature, pH, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen to see the water conditions in the ponds are healthy for fish. At Sharon Woods Creek they performed a habitat assessment and calculated a Pollution Tolerance index by collecting and identifying aquatic life. Greenacres Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded by Louis and Louise Nippert in 1988 for the purpose of preserving land for the education and enjoyment for future generations. Anne Lyon designed their Water Quality Project, an educational community outreach program that works with schools, citizens, environmental organizations, communities and government agencies to teach the importance of water resource issues (www.green-acres.org).

The camp was another of many outreach programs hosted by Northern Kentucky University’s Ecological Stewardship Institute, an organization that strives to create environmental awareness in the community, and encourages citizens to take part in sustaining our ecological future. Dr. Miriam Steinitz Kannan and three of her students Julie Moses, Maria Dongo and Henry Bechtel assisted with the camp on behalf of ESI.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2015
CINCINNATI HISPANIC FEST 2015
12-5PM // Hamilton County Fairgrounds
We will be passing out National Hispanic Heritage Month flyers and promoting NKU and LPS. We need volunteers!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
ZUMBA AT THE REC
12PM // Campus Recreation Center
Join us for a dancing work out!!

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF RECEPTION
6-7:30PM // James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom 107 A
Join us for dancing, food, and more to celebrate the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month. RSVP requested.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
HISPANIC FILM SERIES - YO BAILE CON DON PORFIRIO
4:30-6:30PM // Landrum 110

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
NKU AND CENTRO DE AMISTAD MEXICAN CONSULATE DAY OF MATRICULAS
8AM-3PM // Student Union Ballroom
LPS, World Languages & Literatures, and Centro de Amistad will host NKU and Centro de Amistad Mexican Consulate Day of Matriculas in the Student Union. Mexican immigrants can sign up for an appointment with the Mexican Consulate. Community resource information provided.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
HISPANIC FILM SERIES - SANTO EN EL MUSEO DE CERA
4:30-6:30PM // Landrum 110

OCTOBER 1, 2015
ELAINE DÍAZ RODRIGUEZ RECEPTION
11:15AM-12PM // Griffin Hall Digitorium Reception Area

OCTOBER 1, 2015
ELAINE DÍAZ RODRIGUEZ “CUBA IN AN ERA OF CHANGE”
12PM // Griffin Hall Digitorium
Elaine Diaz Rodriguez, Cuban blogger, journalist and former professor at the University of Havana, taught courses focusing on digital journalism, communication, technology and society, and alternative journalism on the web from 2008-15. Diaz was part of the Draper Hills Summer Fellows Class of 2014 and a fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism, Harvard University 2014-15. She launched and is currently editor-in-chief of Periodismo de Barrio, an independent media outlet in Cuba.

OCTOBER 2, 2015
LATINO MUSIC FEST
7-10PM // James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom 107 A
LPS will host their second Latino Music Fest with live music and dance lessons. Come join us and learn how to Salsa.

OCTOBER 8, 2015
PRE-CELEBRATION OF “DIA DE LOS MUERTOS”
10-1PM // James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom
LPS hosts local high school students in learning about the Day of the Dead. Students will watch a presentation and video, tour campus and enjoy a lunch. Other activities include making skeleton puppets, making papel picado and marigolds (official flower for Day of the Dead). This event has attracted close to 300 students.

OCTOBER 8, 2015
HISPANIC FILM SERIES - EL ESTUDIANTE
4:30-6:30PM // Landrum 110

OCTOBER 14, 2015
3 VS 3 OUTDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT
6PM // NKU IM Fields
LPS partners with Campus Recreation to host a 3 vs 3 soccer tournament. Last year’s event attracted over 200 people. Sign up to play on a team, follow the link: campusrec.nku.edu/programs/intramural.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION...
or to volunteer/participate, contact Diane Maldonado at maldonadod1@nku.edu.
Throughout the month of August, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- LATINO MENTOR TRAINING
- LATINO MENTEES PRESENTATION/TRAINING
- MENTOR/MENTEE REVEAL EVENT

NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANT (GA) AND SIX HEAD PEER MENTORS

Our new GA, Jaonna Gibson, had this to say: “Welcome everyone to Northern Kentucky University! Please allow me to tell you a little about myself and who I am. I am from Cincinnati, OH and graduated from Hughes High School. I attended the University of Rio Grande where I received a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and associate degree in Sociology. I am currently enrolled in NKU’s counseling master’s program, where I hope to make a difference with the Latino students. Helping them grow as students and career driven adults. My contact information is on the bottom of page 6.”

The six head peer mentors are Luis Loza, Denisse Fernandez, Sara Palomino, Brenda Moran, Monica Molestina, and Ana Solorio. These six students will provide one-on-one assistance for all of the students in our rapidly growing program. We have been planning our 2015-2016 LAMP calendar this summer to make sure that the events reflect the needs of our students for the year. We have numerous events this year and we look forward to seeing our students take advantage of their first year at NKU.

LAMP ORIENTATION

LAMP kicked off another orientation where we had 25 new incoming freshman. On Sunday August 9, Jaonna gave a presentation on the LAMP mentor program. During the presentation students were able to learn the history behind the mentor program. Also, students had the opportunity to see what the benefits in joining LAMP are and how those benefits can impact their college careers. There were team building games to get the student energized and to adjust to the new environment. One game called “the cup challenge” consisted of six cups and groups of four students. The group had to stack the cups into a pyramid with a rubber band tied with four pieces of yarn. The students really enjoyed this activity from which they learned to communicate and strategize as a group. This was one of many ice breaker games enabling students to get comfortable with one another. After the presentation and activities, LAMP took a TANK bus to Newport on the Levee, where they were assigned teams for bowling. Afterwards LAMP walked across the bridge to downtown Cincinnati and enjoyed dinner at La Taqueria Mercado restaurant. Later that night students watched the movie, Spare Parts in Griffin Hall Digitorium. The LAMP program is growing rapidly with new incoming students each year. As a team our goal is to give our students opportunities and resources here at NKU, but also away from campus.

LAMP MIXER/REVEAL

On Thursday, August 26, LAMP hosted the first event of the year, the LAMP Mixer/Reveal. At this event, students were able to meet all of the participants in the mentor program. Mentors and mentees were split up to start a scavenger hunt. They were each given a clue to find their mentor or mentee. All of the head peer mentors were positioned in different places around campus, to hand students their next clue. Once everyone reached the end, the reveal of mentor/mentee pair-ups was announced. Students were able to take this opportunity to get acquainted with their new mentor/mentee and plan for upcoming events. 100% of the students responded that they had met someone new at the event and would recommend it for next year. 64% of the LAMP participants attended the reveal. Overall, it was a huge success and a great start to the school year.
LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2015
LAMP MENTOR TRAINING
4-5PM // Student Union 324 on the 2nd and Student Union 106 on the 3rd
This event is an opportunity for Mentors to be trained on how to effectively work with their Mentee. They are given their requirements for the year and a schedule overview as to what events they are expected to be at.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES
5-6PM // Student Union 105
Learn how to prepare for an interview, answer interview questions, and what to wear. Includes tips on phone and video interviews. After attending this workshop, call Career Services to arrange a mock interview with their staff.

SEPTEMBER 3 & 10, 2015
RESUMÉ EVENT
12:15-1:15PM // Student Union 106
LAMP partners with NKU Career Services to provide students with résumé writing skills. Students will create a typed, professional, working résumé. RSVP to Jaonna Gibson, gibsonj14@nku.edu

SEPTEMBER 4 & 25, 2015
FREE FOOD FRIDAY
11AM-1PM // Student Union 323
Free Food Fridays provide students with the opportunity to meet with a successful figure from the community to discuss career opportunities and possible networking opportunities. Free lunch provided. RSVP to Diane Maldonado at maldonadod1@nku.edu

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
LAMP STUDY SESSION
12-2PM // Student Union 323
Study sessions are provided for students multiple times throughout the semester. This reminds students the importance of studying on a regular basis and gives them an opportunity to work together in groups if they are having trouble in a class. Study sessions are grouped by majors. RSVP to Jaonna Gibson at gibsonj14@nku.edu

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
MOCK INTERVIEW DAY
9AM-4PM // University Center 225
Event provided by NKU Career Services. To stress the importance of career development students are provided an opportunity to practice skills needed to enter the workforce after graduation. RSVP to NKU Career Services. Online sign-up is required through Norse Recruiting by Sept. 13

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24, 29 & 30, 2015
HEAD PEER MENTOR MEETINGS
Location and Time TBA
One-on-one meetings between mentors and head mentors, providing opportunities for the mentees and to check progress. It is mandatory for each mentor to meet with a head mentor once every month.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
CAREER CONNECTIONS
3-6PM // Student Union 107 (Ballroom)
Annual career fair that explores business-related employment and co-op/internship opportunities with employers. ALL MAJORS WELCOME! See Career Services website for details. Dress professionally; bring résumés and your ALL CARD. Presented by The Haile/US Bank College of Business and Career Services.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
LAMP RED'S GAME
5-9:30PM // Great American Ballpark
MEET IN STUDENT UNION 302
This is the major social event for LAMP every year. Students are provided food and the opportunity to visit the Great American Ballpark to get to know the other students in the Latino Mentor Program.

OCTOBER 5, 2015
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES
5-6PM // Student Union 105
Learn how to prepare for an interview, answer interview questions, and what to wear. Includes tips on phone and video interviews. After attending this workshop, call Career Services to arrange a mock interview with their staff.

OCTOBER 15, 2015
MENTEE FEEDBACK MEETING
4-5PM // Student Union 106
Opportunity for mentees to provide feedback on improving the program and to have any questions answered that they may have.

OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2015
LAMP STUDY SESSIONS
TBA time // Student Union 324
Time to study with Mentors/Mentees in an inviting atmosphere!

OCTOBER 22, 2015
MAJOR/MINOR EVENT
10AM-1PM // Student Union 107 (Ballroom)
Discover a wide variety of academic opportunities offered at NKU with representatives from academic departments. Presented by First Year Programs with support from Norse Advising, Career Services, and academic advisors/departments across campus.

OCTOBER 28, 2015
PROFESSIONAL WEDNESDAY
TBA time and date
This was created to give students a chance to talk about controversial topics that are present in our society today.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...
or to volunteer/participate, contact Jaonna Gibson at gibsonj14@nku.edu.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

SPANISH WELCOME WEDNESDAY
On July 29, 2015 the Office of Admissions held a summer visitation program for high school students - Welcome Wednesday - in Spanish for Hispanic/Latino families. High school seniors and their parents were able to obtain timely information in Spanish about NKU, the admissions process and requirements, scholarship opportunities and support services. NKU student, Edwin Reyes (Business Management), did a wonderful job as tour guide.

LATINO LEADERSHIP AND COLLEGE EXPERIENCE CAMP
Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) hosted Kentucky Latino and immigrant students for an intensive college prep and leadership development experience. Part of the Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp was a college fair that gave participants an opportunity to speak to college representatives across the state. On July 31, 2015 NKU participated in the browsing fair held at EKU, along with high school students from: Woodford County, Dixie Heights, Glasgow, Barren County, Paul L. Dunbar, Estill County, Franklin County and Iroquois.

Closing of Summer Camp at Su Casa Hispanic Center
Su Casa Hispanic Center in Cincinnati successfully closed its summer camp Vacaciones Utiles with a ceremony on August 7, 2015 at the Community Action Agency. The camp is an eight-week youth enrichment program where Pre-K to second grade students take classes in Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, Computer Technology and Physical Fitness. Leyla Peña, NKU Admissions and Su Casa Advisory Board Member, attended the closing ceremony showcasing what the students in the program learned.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION AT ST. JULIE BILLIART
On Sunday, August 23, 2015, Latino Programs & Services and NKU’s Office of Admissions joined Rev. Mike Pucke, pastor at St. Julie Billiart Parish (Hamilton, OH), on a panel to motivate Hispanic youth to attend college. Rev. Pucke and Latino church leaders at St. Julie Billiart are making an effort to educate Latino/Hispanic families about post-secondary education. Guest panelists were Alfredo Barajas, a freshman at NKU, Diana Torres, a junior at Miami University, and Dirk Allen, Badin HS Admissions in Hamilton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NKU’S 4TH ANNUAL LATINO COLLEGE FAIR
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015
High school students have the opportunity to learn the benefits of pursuing a higher education by participating in interactive workshops and learning about scholarship opportunities and resources available. Participants will also go on a walking tour with NKU students and participate in a college and resource fair. The event is FREE and open to ALL high school students. Lunch will be provided. For information and school registration, contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu and 859 572-6015. Spread the word!

BLACK & GOLD DAYS
October 17 and November 14 are the scheduled dates for NKU’s traditional open house program called Black & Gold Day. Registration is now open.

SPANISH NORSE DAY
Spanish visitation program held on November 9, 2015. Spanish speaking families with students in high school are able to visit campus and learn about admissions, academic programs, scholarship opportunities, and support services, including Latino Programs & Services. Campus tour is optional. Refreshments will be served.

PARA LOS PADRES:
Los padres con hijos en el 12 grado de la escuela secundaria, este es el momento para comenzar el proceso de admisiones a la universidad. Los estudiantes que apliquen a NKU y cumplan con el perfil académico correspondiente serán considerados para becas por mérito siempre y cuando cumplan los requisitos antes del 15 de febrero de 2016. Para información sobre la Beca Educativa de Diversidad (Educational Diversity Scholarship), visit www.scholarships.nku.edu.

Para aplicar a NKU recuerde:
• Llenar la solicitud de admisión por Internet en www.apply.nku.edu
• Pagar la tarifa de $40
• Depositar la transcripción escolar (high school transcript) y los resultados del examen ACT o SAT

Para orientación acerca de la universidad y el proceso de admisión, les invitamos a inscribirse en una de nuestras sesiones informativas en español (Spanish Norse Day) o pueden hacer una cita con Leyla Peña en el 859 572-6015 o penal1@nku.edu.

PARENTS:
If your student is a senior in high school this is the time to start the college search process. Students who apply to NKU and meet the pertinent academic profile will be considered for merit based scholarships as long as the admissions requirements are met by February 15, 2016. For information about the Educational Diversity Scholarship, visit www.scholarships.nku.edu.

To apply, remember to:
• Complete the online admissions application at www.apply.nku.edu
• Pay the $40 application fee
• Submit the high school transcript and ACT or SAT test scores

For information about the college and admissions process, please register for Spanish Norse Days or schedule an appointment with Leyla Peña at 859 572-6015 or penal1@nku.edu.

(L-R) Dirk Allen from Badin High School, Alfredo Barajas, Diana Torres, Leo Calderón and Leyla Peña (not pictured) at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Cincinnati, OH on August 23, 2015 (LP)