The Office of Latino Programs and Services sponsored or participated in the following activities and events throughout August, September and October:

- Centro de Amistad Information Session
- Welcome Picnic
- Board of Regents Presentation
- World Languages and Literatures Poster Making Party
- Northern Kentucky Immigration March and Rally
- Presidential Debate Watch Party
- LULAC Gala
- Zumba Grande
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Reception
- Mexican Consulate and Other Services Day
- Latino College Fair
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speaker: Marilyn Zayas-Davis, Esq.
- A Community Forum on Deferred Action
- Latino Music Fest
- Pre-Celebration of “Dia de los Muertos”
- Celebrando el Día de la Raza-Award winning film “The Other Side of Immigration”
- Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala
- 3 vs 3 Torneo de Fútbol
- Ohio Latino Student Summit
- 11th Annual Kentucky Hispanic, Immigrant, and Refugees Networking Summit

HIGHLIGHTS of these and other events, plus upcoming events are featured inside…
Family Picnic Kicks Off the New School Year and the Latino Orientation
By Leyla Peña, LPS

The 2016-2017 academic year started with a Welcome Picnic for Latino students. Last August, nearly 80 people attended this picnic to welcome new Latino students and their families. Latino Programs and Services (LPS), along with upperclassmen Latino students hosted freshmen, new transfers and their families to kick-off, not only the new school year, but also the Latino Orientation. This 5-day orientation is designed to connect freshmen and transfer Latino students with college life and campus resources. In addition, it fosters community building and aims to strengthen relationships with each other and with upperclassmen.

Students engaged in interactive activities in the Intramural Field while Leo Calderón welcomed the families and spoke to the parents about LPS, the Latino Mentor Program (LAMP), and the Latino Orientation. Parents learned how LPS supports students so they can be successful at NKU.

During the program, students were able to hear from multiple academic and support services on campus such as: Financial Aid, Department of World Languages and Literatures, Student Account Services, Admissions, University Connect and Persist (UCAP), the Learning PLUS Center, Health, Counseling and Student Wellness, Norse Advising, Student Support Services, Health Services, Campus Recreation, Career Services, and Student Engagement. This year we also had José Cabrera as a guest. He is from Youth Educating Society (YES), a leadership program for documented and undocumented immigrants from Intercommunity, Peace and Justice Center (IJPC).

Students were also involved in a variety of activities and outings to familiarize themselves with the surrounding area, and had social time to bond and to build relationships. They went to Potter's Ranch and engaged in team building exercises, including zip lining. They also went bowling in Newport, and visited Downtown Cincinnati where they had dinner at Taquería Mercado and visited Fountain Square.
Latino Programs and Services (LPS) held a bilingual admission information session at Centro de Amistad in Northern Kentucky on Sunday, July 31, 2016. About fifteen (15) people attended the presentation held after the Cristo Rey Parish Mass.

The program was co-sponsored by Centro de Amistad, NKU Undergraduate Academic Affairs, NKU Latino Institute for Excellence and LPS. Leo Calderón, Director of LPS, and Dr. Idna Corbett, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, talked about the importance of a college education, how to prepare for college, academic programs, resources and services offered by NKU to Latino students. Volunteers Nyki Santos and Luis Loza spoke about their positive experiences and their involvement on campus. Santos is a junior with a double major in Marketing and French. Loza is a senior with a double major in Electronics and Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

LPS Featured at Board of Regents Meeting
By Leyla Peña, LPS

LPS was invited to present at the first Board of Regents Meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year. This was the first time that the office presented at this important meeting. Dr. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs, introduced the LPS staff, and students Nyki Santos and Luis Loza.

Leo Calderón talked about the establishment of LPS in 2001 as a result of the growing Latino population in the region, which has resulted in increased enrollment at NKU. When the office was established fifteen years ago, there were 57 Latino students enrolled and in 2015 there were 416. Nyki Santos and Luis Loza described how LAMP, and the Latino Orientation enriched their lives. Several community partners attended the presentation in support of LPS, such as the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, the ELL Foundation, Inc., the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Leo emphasized that the success of the office is in part by the community partnerships that LPS has developed over the years.

Mexican Consulate Day
By Leyla Peña, LPS

From L-R Leyla Peña, David Coste, Yessenia Cantero, Alexandra Navarro-Guzman, Nyki Santos, Farouk Migliore, Charles Stone, Hector Anaya, Natalia Lerzundi and Vanessa Tafolla (not pictured) volunteered during the Mexican Consulate Day held at Gateway Technical and Community College on September 10, 2016. This Consulado Móvil was organized by LPS, the Department of World Languages and Literatures, Gateway Technical and Community College, and Centro de Amistad.
On September 15th, we held our annual NHHM Kick-Off Celebration which attracted over 200 students, faculty, staff community, and family members, exceeding attendance expectations. Adobo, led by Jaime Morales provided live music. The Mistresses of Ceremony this year were Denisse Fernandez and Brenda Moran. They did a terrific job! Among the highlights were student performances from Stephanie Rosado and Nyki Santos, who showcased their talents through a song and a Zumba demonstration; respectively. It was a great way to kick off the month-long celebration!

Zumba Grande
By Nyki Santos

Zumba Grande was a hit! It was the best fiesta ever with about 50 students in attendance, fun tunes, and gifts! Everyone that came had a blast, including myself! I am very thankful and fortunate to have led this event. Thank you LPS and Campus Recreation for the opportunity!

On September 28th, the Office of Latino Programs and Services invited Marilyn Zayas-Davis to come and speak to our students about the importance of voting and trusting our intuition. Marilyn Zayas-Davis grew up in a tough neighborhood in New York City, but she beat the odds and was the first Latina woman to run for the Court of Appeals in Hamilton County. Many of our students were inspired by her story and her enthusiasm for wanting to make a difference in the Cincinnati community. Her message of “trusting your gut” or intuition has stuck with our program, especially with students who are still unsure of what path to take in life and at the university. We are very grateful to have Marilyn Zayas-Davis visit our university and to give insight on the current political situation.
INTERNAL PROGRAMS

A Community Forum on Deferred Action (DACA)
By Yessenia Cantero

From L-R: Diana Contreras, Victor Ponce, Yessenia Cantero and Luis Loza.

At the DACA Forum we had four student panelists comprised of Victor Ponce, Luis Loza, Diana Contreras and myself. NKU, LPS, Centro de Amistad, LULAC, IJPC, and YES, partnered with BB&T Bank to stand up for immigration reform and inform the community about it. First, guest presenter, The Hollis Firm, defined what DACA stands for and then the panelists were asked to share their stories.

The DACA Forum was honestly a very sentimental experience for me. As a freshman, I never thought I would have the opportunity to be able to embrace so many people through my story, especially in less than one semester. Before I came to NKU, I never told anyone about my situation because I was afraid of the way people would react. Being able to sit in a room full of people, who not only came to listen, but also sympathize with the DACA students was very eye-opening. After the event, I got the chance to talk to the audience and was so surprised by their support. It was an honor to be there to represent a population of students who are afraid to speak up and inform those who do not know we exist.

Pre-Celebration of Day of the Dead
By Jasmin Arce

This year we once again hosted a Day of the Dead pre-celebration for three local schools: Gray Middle School, Ockerman Middle School and Ryle High School. We had about 115 students and 11 chaperones attended this popular program. Students participated in interactive activities all related to Day of the Dead. They were engaged while watching educational videos and participating in trivia about this celebration. During the second half of the program, students did themed hands-on crafts such as balloon and marshmallow skulls, tissue paper flowers, and traditional papel picado. With the help of 33 students and staff volunteers, we were able to make this event a complete hit. Lastly, the prospective students had box lunches and went on a campus tour. The Day of the Dead pre-celebration is co-sponsored by Housing, Admissions, and the Department of World Languages and Literatures.
The Latino Music Festival at NKU is an event prepared in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Unlike other events, this one is strictly a night of entertainment and music from our Latino/Hispanic culture. It is a time of enjoyment for Latino students who grew up in the culture, as well as a time for us to share it with other students who are unfamiliar with it. This was my third time attending this event and this year was different than others. I had the fun opportunity to organize an entertaining performance. About ten other LAMP students and myself prepared and choreographed a dance-off, which was extremely fun and was a good bonding experience. The Latino Music Festival, along with many other NHHM events, has become some of my most memorable college experiences.

Live music was provided by the talented Jaime Morales and his group Son del Caribe. Lili Marsuzzi, from Salsaires, gave dancing lessons from several Latin rhythms. Alpha Psi Lambda did their stroll before a very enthusiastic audience.

A Memorable Visit from Sones de Mexico
By Leyla Peña, LPS

About 100 people attended this unique performance on October 25, 2016. Sones de Mexico Ensemble is a Grammy-award nominated group who visited NKU to present “A Musical Geography of Mexico.” They took us on a regional musical tour of Mexico through a special lecture/demo, in addition to doing a presentation for the SPI 480 class, Latin America Music, taught by Dr. Caryn Connelly. This program was sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, and co-sponsored by LPS, the Department of World Languages and Literatures, NKU Latino Institute for Excellence, Honors Program, Activities Programming Board, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, NKU LULAC Chapter, Latino Student Organization (LSO) and Alpha Psi Lambda.
LPS Presents Workshop at Latino College Fair
By Alexandra Navarro-Guzman

The Latino College Fair was an opportunity for me, as a freshman, to connect with each individual walking into NKU as a junior and senior in high school. My job as a panelist was to introduce LAMP, a program in which many of these Latino students could potentially connect with. As a panelist, it was an honor meeting these juniors and seniors as they walked in excitement for what the future may hold. The Latino College Fair was able to show the students what college is all about and different ways one can get involved on campus. It was amazing to watch the students come in with open ears and be able to connect with the student volunteers. We provided insights about NKU as a whole and also encouraged the visitors to do well in school and work for their education.

As a freshman I’ve had the privilege to be around an amazing group of people in the Office of Latino Programs & Services. They’ve truly showed me the significance of earning an education and striving to be successful. Not only are they there for constant support, but also they’re welcoming and always have a lending ear. The involvement in this group is like having another familia; everyone gets involved somehow. In the long run, student engagement is an important aspect in a student’s career.

“The Other Side of Immigration”
By Leyla Peña, LPS

Celebrando el Día de la Raza: Award-winning film “The Other Side of Immigration” and panel discussion by members of YES was held on October 12, 2016. This was a partnership of the Department of World Languages and Literatures and LPS. A room full of students and staff watched this film, followed by testimonies from José and Karina Cabrera, and Sandra Oñate. An interesting conversation took place about another aspect of the immigration issue.

Los Papi Churros
By José Sánchez

The NHHM 3 vs 3 Soccer Tournament was on October 12, 2016. I made a LAMP team named the Papi Churros. The other members were Carlos Guzmán, Luis Montes, Alex Pérez, Victor Ponce, Andrés Rivera, and José Sánchez. We won our first game, but ended up losing our second game. Even though we didn’t win the tournament, it was a great experience. We came together and worked as a group and played well. We also had a small fan base who came to cheer us on. They also had food that we shared with everyone. It was an overall great experience to be a part of.

3 vs 3 Torneo de Fútbol closed a successful NHHM program in 2016 on October 12, 2016. The soccer tournament was in partnership with Campus Recreation.
Northern Kentucky Holds its First Immigration Rally
By Sandra Oñate

On September 18th, Northern Kentucky had its first immigration rally/march. The community united for a single cause. Our goal was to march for those mothers, fathers, children, and families that are being affected by our broken immigration system. Northern Kentucky University’s LAMP students had a poster party where many posters were made with different messages in support of the immigration community.

NKU Latino students participated in the march either by actually marching or volunteering. The march began and ended at Holy Trinity Church in Newport, KY. Everyone marched to the Peace Bell where music was played. Heyra Avila, a DACA student from Xavier University, shared her immigration story and afterwards the peace bell rang as a symbol of freedom as a result of unjust immigration laws. This event marked a milestone in many more immigration events to come for the Northern Kentucky area.

NKU Students Awarded the Most Scholarships at LULAC Gala
By Brenda Moran

On September 23rd 2016, LULAC Cincinnati hosted its 11th Annual Community Awards Gala. It was held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. At the gala, various awards were presented to outstanding Latino leaders of our community. NKU students received more scholarships than any other university! This year 8 of our students received scholarships from LULAC. All of them are involved in the Latino Mentor Program, and 3 of them are head peer mentors in the program. It’s astonishing to see how hard our students work to receive scholarships, with such high ambition!

LULAC 2016 NKU scholarship recipients are: Nancy Girón Sánchez, Farouk Migliore, Monica Molestina, Sara Palomino, Alexander Ribail, Stephanie Rosado, Anakaren Rosas, and Nykarlis Santos Nuñez.

For more information on how to join NKU LULAC, please contact President Brenda Moran at moranb1@nku.edu.
From L-R: Dr. Idna Corbett, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Gerson Sontay, Edwin Reyes, Vanessa Tafolla, President Mearns, Nancy Giron, Ana Solorio and Leo Calderón.

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 20th Anniversary Gala was an incredible experience. There I got the opportunity to recognize the Honorable John Cranley, Mayor of Cincinnati, Mr. Vicente Fox Quesada, former President of Mexico, and Keynote Speaker, the Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors, and many distinguished guests. It was an honor for us to be able to receive this scholarship. This milestone will allow us to continue pursuing our college education, and chase after our dreams. Other NKU scholarship recipients besides me were Nancy Giron, Gerson Sontay, Edwin Reyes, Ana Solorio and Karina Montes.

I am the proud daughter of two Mexican immigrants who, like so many of our parents, came here for an opportunity of a better life. On behalf of all the scholarship recipients, I thanked the scholarship donors, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce scholarship committee and Mr. Ruben Contreras, Education Director for the Chamber, for making these scholarships possible for us. We are truly grateful for the support and for believing in us. You are giving students like us the means to have a higher education. We will continue to rise above and exceed expectations porque si se puede! When we walk across that stage to receive our diplomas on graduation day, rest assure that many of you played a role in our journey to get there.

I arrived in Guatemala City, Guatemala in May of this year. I found the city to be somewhat run down and in the midst of redevelopment; however, the view in the distance was very beautiful. I traveled by bus to Chimaltenango. It is a town located approximately 35 miles west of Guatemala City. It was not a wealthy area, mostly filled with small businesses. Our NKU group arrived at Agua Viva Children’s Home in the late afternoon. Our host family greeted us, introduced us to the children, and showed us the facilities.

The children, separated by age, lived in rooms with couples referred to as “moms” and “dads”, however they were actually employees of the home and were nurses and other child care professionals. Our duties were playing with the children, painting and refurbishing furniture, helping with food preparation, and we also dug a long trench for a new water line to the Home.

My favorite town I visited was Antigua. It was a colorful town filled with colorful buildings and people. I am very happy I chose to visit Guatemala; although there was much poverty, the people there are very generous, kind, and hopeful of creating a better place for their children.
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1-DECEMBER 4, 2016
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE
Student Union 313
Each year the office collects toys and clothing for the less fortunate kids in the Greater Cincinnati area. These items include gently used stuffed animals, books, coats, and other items. If you would like to donate, please drop your items off in Student Union 313.

TBA
VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE MASS AND PRESENTATION
Time TBA
Latino Programs and Services will be having their annual Virgen de Guadalupe Mass, presentation and social. This event will start with a Mass in her honor, a presentation about the history and symbolism in this miracle which will be followed by a social. An announcement will be made soon with further details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

English Language Learners Foundation Scholarship, Deadline Feb 1, 2017, for more information
www.ellfoundationcinci.org

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI) Scholarship, Deadline April 16, for more information
www.chci.org/scholarships/

Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation (HENAAC) Scholars Program, Deadline April 30, for more information
http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program

League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship, for more information, contact
http://www.lnesc.org/site/1/Home
Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Deadline Jan 13, 2016
https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/
RMHC/Hacer Scholarships: deadline to apply is January 18, 2017. More information at

Art and Act for Social Justice! Students participated in a poster making party sponsored by the Department of World Languages and Literatures on September 13, 2016.

Over the summer the following LAMP students worked as Student Leaders and Assistants at NKU’s Multicultural Leadership Conference for high school juniors: Ana Solorio, Luis Loza, Stephanie Rosado, Fantasia Mejia, Nyki Santos, Vanessa Tafolla and Ashley Taylor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...
or to volunteer/participate, contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu
Throughout the months of August, September and October, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- LAMP Reveal/Mixer
- Bengals Pre-Season Game
- CSI Mixer
- Interviewing Techniques
- Resume Event
- Mentor Training
- Study Sessions
- Resume Building
- Mock Interview
- Head Peer Mentor Meetings
- Career Connections
- Red’s Game Outing
- Interviewing Techniques
- LAMP Study Sessions
- Major/Minor Event
- Free Food Fridays

The theme for this year’s LAMP Reveal/Mixer was “fiesta de colores.” About 70 people attended this mixer in which mentees learned who their mentors and head peer mentors were. Color categories defined each community. Each head peer mentor led their communities into interactive activities in order to network and start building community. The groups decided to self-identify with unique names to have a sense of identity. The names are: Los Chiquitos, Mob Squad, Los Harambaes, Alex’s Flying Circus, Blue Dogs, and Spicy Tamales.

LAMP students went to Great American Ball Park. The game was in honor of NHHM on September 16, 2016. This particular game is also known as Fiesta Rojos.

**LAMP Study Sessions**

There has been a handful of LAMP study sessions since the beginning of the school year. During these sessions, students are motivated by peer support to work on assignments, projects, and midterms. The program also provides the sessions with snacks for some much needed brain food. Our students are consistently reminded to put their academic obligations first.
Mentor/Mentee of the Month

Each month the head peer mentors nominate one mentor and one mentee from their community that they believe deserve to be recognized for the hard work they have done in LAMP. These students truly amplify the characteristics of an outstanding LAMP member. They are not only leaders among LAMP, but the overall community. Your hard work is noted and appreciated.

September Mentor & Mentee of the Month
Charles Stone (Mentor)
Charles has been really active with the program, even though he’s a grad student at the Chase School of Law. He volunteered with the office during the Mexican Consulate Day, and DACA Forum night. He is very communicative and is continuously aware of what’s going on with his mentee. He comes to a lot of the events and when he can't, he lets his head peer mentor know.

Victor Ponce (Mentee)
Victor is super active and has gone to nearly every event LAMP has hosted on and off campus. He volunteers at the majority of the events including the ones his mentor volunteers at. Victor is excellent at communicating and keeping in touch with his mentor and head peer mentor. He also volunteers at other organizations outside of NKU and is very involved with LPS.

October Mentor & Mentee of the Month
Spencer Foreman (Mentor)
Spencer’s communication with his head peer mentor and his mentee, Jesse Aldana, has been great since the beginning of the semester. He is someone that can be counted on to attend and support events, as well as bring his mentee along. Lastly, he is always willing to volunteer with LAMP when he has the time, for example he helped out with the Day of the Dead, among others.

Yessenia Cantero (Mentee)
Yessenia is very responsible with her communication and has formed a good relationship with her mentor. Yessenia has attended almost every LAMP event and at each that she attends she volunteers. She is very trustworthy and accountable. She is not only always volunteering with LAMP, but also working with Habitat for Humanity. She is becoming very involved with the students in her residence hall, with Habitat for Humanity, LAMP, LULAC and LPS.
LATINO MENTOR PROGRAM (LAMP)

Jasmin Arce
Graduate Assistant

Hola! My name is Jasmin Arce and I’m the new Graduate Assistant for Latino Programs and Services! My family is from Mexico, but I grew up in the suburbs of Hebron, Kentucky. I received my undergraduate degree from NKU and was able to make this university my second home.

Upon graduation, I accepted a spot in NKU’s Master of Social Work Program. I’m truly grateful for all of the opportunities NKU has given me. I only hope that I will be able to pay it forward to the students I get to work with. I began this position in October and have enjoyed every minute of it. Being involved with the behind the scenes planning, while meeting individually with students truly is the best of both worlds. My responsibilities as the Graduate Assistant include the coordination of the workload related to LAMP including planning, maintenance, and execution. I am the initial contact person for the program and I maintain the budget, conduct research, generate statistical reports, coordinate communications, and meet with the students.

My favorite and most important duty is getting to know the students and assisting them with any of their needs.

LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 15, 2016
RESUMES: GETTING STARTED
4:30-5:30PM // Student Union 105

NOVEMBER 16, 2016
INTERNSHIPS, CO-OPS AND JOB SEARCHING
4-5PM // Student Union 106

NOVEMBER 17, 2016
LAMP HOLIDAY MIXER/GAME NIGHT
6-8PM // Baptist Ministry Center
Potluck dinner to celebrate the end of the semester/holidays.

DECEMBER 1, 2016
MENTOR LAMP STUDY SESSION
12-2PM // Student Union 104

DECEMBER 2, 2016
FREE FOOD FRIDAY
11-2PM // Baptist Ministry Center

DECEMBER 4, 2016
TOY DRIVE ENDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION…
or to volunteer/participate, contact Jasmin Arce at arcej1@nku.edu
The 5th Annual Latino College Fair was held on Thursday, October 6th with 228 students in attendance from 12 schools in Northern Kentucky and the Cincinnati-Metro area. Students had the opportunity to visit information booths which included our campus partners and 24 colleges and universities. Throughout the day, high school students had the opportunity to attend various workshops focused on admissions application, scholarship, college readiness, and branding. The program included our keynote speaker, Dr. Idna Corbett, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Academic Affairs, who shared her journey and inspired students to follow their dreams.

Black & Gold Days: for all students
NKU’s Open House program where students have the opportunity to speak with faculty, meet current students and tour the campus. Upcoming dates: Thursday, November 17th, and Friday, December 9th.

High school students: to be considered for the Educational Diversity Scholarship, please complete the following by FEBRUARY 15.

- The NKU application for admission (apply.nku.edu)
- The NKU scholarship application
- The required essay on your definition of success
- The additional essay on diversity and inclusiveness
- Completing the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) is highly recommended for maximum awards

For all scholarship requirements, please visit: scholarships.nku.edu

Freshman student Angelica Paden represents Latino Programs & Services at our 5th Annual Latino College Fair on October 6, 2016.
Latino Programs & Services Staff

Leo Calderón  
*Director*

Leyla Peña  
*Coordinator*

Jasmin Arce  
*Graduate Assistant*

Francesca Phillis  
*Student Worker*

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT US
Latino Programs & Services (LPS)  
Student Union 313  
Highland Heights, KY 41099

(859) 572-6013  
(859) 572-5821

Penal1@nku.edu  
Latino.nku.edu

[Logo of NKU: Northern Kentucky University]