The Office of Latino Programs and Services sponsored or participated in the following activities and events throughout November and December:

- Chase Law Information Session
- CSI Democracy Square Live
- Kentucky Department of Education Presentation
- NAACP Freedom Fund Gala
- Mid-Semester Check In Meeting
- Black & Gold Day Multicultural Meet & Greet
- Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center Annual Gathering
- AJC Cincinnati 16th Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Lunch
- Holiday Mixer
- International Education Summit
- IME Fellowship Program
- College of Education Think Tank Series
- Immigrant Community Leadership Meeting
- Dr. Miriam Kannan Retirement Party
- Toy Drive

HIGHLIGHTS of these and other events, plus upcoming events are featured inside…
INTERNAL PROGRAMS

Chase Law School Information Session
By Christina Caffrey

Latino Programs and Services hosted a seminar in Louie B. Nunn Hall with the Chase Law School. The seminar was held for students who are interested in law school or just wanted to learn more. The Assistant Dean of Students, Heather Crabbe, and three current law students were there to answer any questions we had. They also shared their goals and experiences so far in law school. After dinner we went around and introduced ourselves and explained why we were there. The seminar was very informative and answered all of my questions. They explained what we need to do in order to be accepted and explained the 3+3 program.

The 3+3 Accelerated Law Program offers NKU students an opportunity to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a Juris Doctor (i.e. the degree necessary to become a licensed attorney) in one year fewer than normally required to earn the degrees separately. I really enjoyed it because I was able to listen and talk to current law students and see their perspective as students rather than the faculty explaining everything.

Center for Student Inclusiveness Democracy Square Live
By Karina Montes

On November 2, 2016, the week before Election Day, the Center for Student Inclusiveness (CSI), in partnership with Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, hosted Democracy Square LIVE! They addressed voter apathy and spoke about voting history, restrictions and rights, as well as the barriers that keep people from voting. This event was very informative and eye-opening. CSI is the umbrella for Latino Programs and Services, African American Programs and Services, LGBTQ Programs and Services, Disability Programs and Services, Norse Violence Prevention Center, and Learning Experience and Parenting (LEAP).

International Education Summit
By Leyla Peña, LPS

LPS participated in a speed networking exercise at the International Education Summit hosted by the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council. The event took place at NKU and it exposes high school students to a global education. Participating schools this year were: Kenton County Academies, Mt. Notre Dame, Purcell Marian, Princeton, Cristo Rey, Villa Madonna, Oak Hills and International Academy.
When I was invited to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Presentation & Diversification Task Force to share my Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) story, I agreed to speak without knowing who my audience would be. As a result of this experience, I feel as if I have helped students who are in the same situation as I am by making the staff and administration aware of their DACA students.

During my years in high school I would never talk about my immigration status because I felt afraid of what others would think, so I simply would not bring it up. After this presentation, I understand that by not educating people on this subject I would close doors for myself and others. By making others aware that this issue exists, I know that they will now reach out to those students and make them feel they are cared for and understood. I feel this presentation is the most important presentation that I have been a part of so far.

Other attendees were Marie Kobayashi, Cincinnati Public Schools; Alvin L. Garrison, Superintendent of Covington Independent Schools; Linda Vila Passione, Kenton County School District, and Cindy Reed, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at NKU.
Social Justice Organization Celebrates Annual Gathering
By Leyla Peña, LPS

Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC) in Cincinnati held its Annual Gathering on November 15, 2016. Attendance exceeded expectations. The following panelists spoke before a packed house: Christina Brown, Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator; Sr. Juana Mendez, Sister of Charity, Founder of Centro de Amistad; Howard Tolley, University of Cincinnati Professor Emeritus and St. John’s Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry; and Louise Lawarre, Director, Greater Anderson Promotes Peace.

The program was titled “What Now? The Implications of the 2016 Election on a Social Justice Agenda.” This was addressed by each of the panelists from the four perspectives IJPC focuses on: death penalty, human trafficking, immigration, and peace and nonviolence. Attendees represented individuals from different backgrounds in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Thanksgiving Diversity Luncheon
By Leyla Peña

Every year the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Global Jewish Advocacy in Cincinnati celebrates its traditional Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Lunch to bring together people from all walks of life to celebrate unity, diversity, and express gratitude during this holiday.

The event took place on November 16, 2016 at the Cintas Center. This year Eddy Kwon, a violinist, teacher, and composer-performer was recognized at the luncheon. He is a founder and director of MYCincinnati’s Ambassador Ensembles. MYCincinnati is a free, daily youth orchestra program for children in Price Hill in Cincinnati. Its mission is to use classical music as a tool for youth development and community engagement.

From L-R: Irene Encarnación, Leyla Peña, Francesca Phillis, Christina Caffrey, Hector Anaya, Frank Espinoza and Leo Calderón at IJPC’s Annual Gathering.

Eddy Kwon (left), performs at AJC’s 16th Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Luncheon on November 15, 2016 at the Cintas Center.

From R-L: Giovanna Alvarez, Director of Su Casa Hispanic Center; Lourdes Ribera, President of LULAC Ohio; Mónica Perdomo; Leo Calderón from LPS; and Tony Simms-Howell, Commissioner of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA).
Mexican Consulate Provides Funding to Help NKU students Stay in School
By Marketing & Communications

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. – Northern Kentucky University has received a $9,050 grant from the Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis through the Institute for Mexicans Abroad Fellowship Program (IME Becas Scholarship Program) to provide scholarships that will help Mexican students or those of Mexican descent remain in school.

The NKU/IME Scholarship Program will provide $1,000 scholarships to 20 students: 10 continuing NKU students, and 10 incoming high school seniors who are Mexican or of Mexican origin and who enroll at NKU in the fall of 2017. This is possible through a matching contribution from NKU.

“We have a longstanding partnership with the Mexican Consulate of Indianapolis, and we are grateful for its ongoing support of our students,” said Leo Calderón, director of NKU’s Office of Latino Programs and Services. “We are proud to be able to expand access to a college education.”

The IME Fellowship Program aims to contribute to the academic development of students who are Mexican or of Mexican origin, to contribute to the education level of the Mexican population living in the United States, and to expand the educational opportunities of NKU students who are Mexican or of Mexican origin. The program works to strengthen the capacities of higher education institutions that offer academic programs and services targeted to students who are Mexican or of Mexican origin, such as NKU’s Office of Latino Programs and Services.

Application period is open until February 15, 2017. To apply, please visit latino.nku.edu/education. For more information, contact Leyla Peña at 859 572-6013 and penal1@nku.edu.
INTERNAL PROGRAMS

Farewell to Dr. Miriam Kannan
By Leyla Peña, LPS

After an impressive tenure of over 30 years, Regents Professor, Dr. Miriam Kannan, retired from NKU. She earned her B.A. from Rider College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Her areas of concentration were limnology, microbiology and phycology.

Dr. Kannan was a long standing supporter of the Office of Latino Programs and Services, and was instrumental in numerous programs and initiatives in support of Latino students. Under her support and leadership hundreds of Latino and English Language Learners students from middle schools and high schools have benefited from free summer science camps. She was also founder of the Latino Institute for Excellence (LIFE) at NKU, a multidisciplinary team of Latino and non-Latino college faculty and staff that worked together to enhance the quality of the Latino student education, and guarantee their educational success.

Dr. Kannan, a native of Ecuador, has received outstanding recognition and praise for her work and commitment, among which are: College of Arts & Sciences Spark Award for her commitment to diversity, Cincy Magazine’s Outstanding Educator, English Language Learners Foundation, Inc. Educator of the Year Award, Regents Professor Award, and Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society “Outstanding Advisor Award,” among others. Gracias Dr. Kannan; she will be greatly missed!

Latinos Represented at Think Tank
By Yessenia Cantero

For the majority of us who are minorities, it is easy to list many of our difficulties. However, talking about those difficulties, how they can relate to others, and what caused them; that is the real issue. The Black and Brown Project (College of Education) hosted keynote speaker Dr. Crystal Laura, who touched on many important topics such as "If Black Lives Matter-at School, Too- Then Act Like You Know." Dr. Crystal is a passionate person, who like many of us, lived through many harsh moments. She is a very inspirational person who encourages anyone to speak up. She made me reflect on how important it is to be critical about all the situations in which I stand in. It is easy to say we care, we are hurt, and it is important to us, but it is never the same thing as taking action.

As a panelist for the Think Tank Session, I learned how important it is to take advantage of a safe situation where the audience is very open minded. I was not only able to learn more about myself but also about other students and how much we have in common. Three things I will never forget from my experience are: do not follow the hype, find your people, and be critical about the things we say to others.

Yessenia Cantero speaks during the panel discussion at the College of Education Think Tank Series on December 2, 2016.
First Latina Elected Judge of Hamilton County Court of Appeals
By Brenda Moran

NKU students were among the attendees at the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Candidates Night in Cincinnati. Judge Marilyn Zayas-Davis (center in purple) is the first Latina elected judge in Ohio.

I announced Marilyn Zayas-Davis and talked about her story at the National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM) Kick Off last fall. After that, I had a few encounters with her at the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Awards Gala, and at a brunch during NHHM, where she was our 2016 Keynote Speaker. On the day of her Keynote Lecture, NKU Latino Institute for Excellence (LIFE) officially endorsed her. NKU LULAC Chapter and other students worked very hard on her campaign to ensure that she would represent the Latino community as the first Latina judge for Hamilton County. Brenda Moran is President of the LULAC NKU Chapter.

Latino Students Concerned After Presidential Elections
By Natalia Lerzundi

The day after Election Day, many students felt worried and left wondering about what the future entailed at NKU. As a result, there was a decision to have a mid-semester check in meeting. There was a chance to voice our concerns. The Latino Mentor Program (LAMP) is all about familia, so it was great to see so many people show up and show support. Little by little though, students started speaking up and asking questions. Emotions ran a little high, there were some tears shed, but we stuck together and supported each other. It was comforting to see administrators present at these discussions and address the issues our community faces.

Students Explored Uncharted Territory at Leadership Retreat
By José Sánchez

On November 17, 2016, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend NKU’s Norse Leadership Society (NLS) Fall Retreat titled “Uncharted Territory.” The weekend was filled with a lot of excitement as I met new peers and faculty whom I would have otherwise not had the opportunity to meet. We left campus for Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, which I have never been to, and it was a beautiful change of scenery. Throughout the weekend we listened to different speakers who talked about various aspects of leadership and what constitutes a good leader.

The presentations were so unique and the presenters were comfortable enough to speak on life issues which have affected them deeply; some stories made you cry, others made you laugh, some made you yearn for the comfort of others. The retreat pushed me outside of my comfort zone, yet I am grateful for that. Everyone was approachable and easy to befriend. We had the chance to go to the boardwalk and visit the different shops and stores around.

I highly recommend this program. I was honored to be one of the few Latino students who got to represent LPS this year. The experience and memories that you will take from this retreat are worth it, I cannot thank LPS and NLS enough for giving me the opportunity to attend.
UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 26, 2017
Educators and Community Leaders Latino Affairs Summit: Where Do DACA Students Go From Here?
6 p.m.
Student Union Ballroom
RSVP: Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu and 859 572-6013

FEBRUARY 23, 2017
ELL Foundation Annual Breakfast
8:30 a.m.
Student Union Ballroom
Tickets can be purchased online at:
http://www.ellfoundationcinci.org/support-us.html

APRIL 6, 2017
Annual Latino Recognition Dinner
6 p.m.
Student Union Ballroom

2017 LATINO ORIENTATION
August 11-14, 2017
Recruitment for the 2017 Latino Orientation is open for new freshman and transfer Latino students starting in fall 2017. Features of this Orientation include:

- A 4-day on-campus Orientation Workshop dedicated to Latino students
  - Living on campus? Move-in a week early, before classes start
  - Learn about scholarships and academic resources
  - Take part in a leadership building excursion to Potter’s Ranch
  - Explore Newport and Downtown Cincinnati
  - Network with current participants of the Latino Mentor Program (LAMP), faculty, and staff.
  - Learn about a UNV 101 class designed for Latino students

To learn more and to apply, please visit:
latino.nku.edu. Also contact Leyla Peña at penal1@nku.edu and 859 572-6013

SCHOLARSHIPS

English Language Learners Foundation, Inc.
Deadline January 17, 2017, for more information, visit:
http://www.ellfoundationcinci.org/scholarships.html

IME Becas/NKU Scholarship Program
(for students who are Mexican or of Mexican origin)
Deadline: February 15, 2017
For more information and to apply, go to:
http://latino.nku.edu/education.html

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-Cincinnati
Deadline: March 30, 2017. More information at:
http://lulac-cincinnati.com/

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Deadline Jan 13, 2017
https://hsf.net/en/scholarships/

RMHC/Hacer
Deadline: January 18, 2017. More information at

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Throughout the months of November and December, LAMP students took part in the following activities:

- Chase Law Info Session
- LAMP Study Sessions
- Toy Drive
- Mid Semester Check-In Meeting
- LAMP Holiday Mixer
- NAACP Freedom Gala
- Head Peer Mentor Meetings
- Resume Building
- Interviewing Techniques
- Free Food Fridays
- Chrismahanukwanzakah CSI Celebration

Students from across the Center for Student Inclusiveness participated in Chrismahanukwanzakah, an event that brought together people from all faiths during the holiday season to unite and collaborate in good spirit. Students made cards to send out to multiple organizations. They also enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate bar and played diverse festive music.

Joy, Gratitude and Positive Energy Spread at Holiday Mixer

On November 17th we hosted our amazing annual LAMP Holiday Mixer before Thanksgiving break. Over 50 students attended. They enjoyed a traditional turkey and mashed potato dinner with some non-traditional desserts, including arroz con leche. Prior to having dinner, we led a prayer and gave students the opportunity to share what they were thankful for that year. Students were encouraged to play games and activities after dinner, which led to group dancing, and even participating in the popular “Mannequin Challenge.”

Students enjoy Chrismahanukwanzakah in the Student Union 3rd floor lounge on December 6, 2016.

The Holiday Mixer included LAMP and non-LAMP students in a celebration of gratitude and unity.

LAMP Student Spotlight

We are proud to announce that Yessenia Cantero has received the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) travel scholarship to attend the 2017 Emerge Latino Conference in Washington, D.C. She will be receiving leadership training, participate in policy discussions, and attend legislative visits with members of Congress in Washington, D.C. LULAC only gives ten of these scholarships each year; amazing job Yessenia!
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.

November Mentor & Mentee of the Month

Kevin Montes (Mentor)

Kevin is a happy face to see around the 3rd floor. He sets a good example of what it is to be a dedicated student and friend. On top of that, he is always willing to attend and participate in LAMP events. He volunteered at the Northern Kentucky March and Immigration Rally, the Latino Music Fest, and others. He has a giving personality, so it is befitting that he is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity.

Angelica Paden (Mentee)

Angie is one of our freshmen mentees, she is very engaged with her mentor and they meet up once a week for lunch. Angie has also volunteered at events like the Latino College Fair and attended our Keynote Speaker event. Angie's bubbly personality and determination is an asset to the LAMP family. Congrats to Angie for being our November Mentee of the Month.

December Mentor & Mentee of the Month

Hector Anaya (Mentor)

Being a psychology major, Hector has become everyone’s unofficial therapist. He will listen to your problems and do his best to help. He’s always the first to volunteer and he never complains. He volunteered during the LAMP Orientation, the Mexican Consulate Day, National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM) Kick-Off, the Northern Kentucky March and Immigration Rally, among others. He is dependable and he stands up for what he believes in, something LAMP encourages in its students.

Alex Navarro Guzman (Mentee)

Alex is a very hard working student. She is a freshman and is the Treasurer for both NKU Habitat for Humanity and the NKU Chapter of LULAC. She is always willing to volunteer as has done so at the DACA Forum, the Latino College Fair, at Black & Gold Day, and with the Kentucky Department of Education presentation; among others. She's great with everyone in the program, and she works hard in school; her grades are excellent. She's awesome!
**LAMP UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY 18, 2017**
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES  
5:00 PM // SU 105

**JANUARY 18, 2017**
LAMP TRAINING  
4:00-5:30PM // UC Ballroom

**JANUARY 20, 2017**
FREE FOOD FRIDAY  
11:00-1:00PM // Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM)

**JANUARY 25, 2017**
RESUMES: GETTING STARTED  
4:00-5:00PM // UC 135

**JANUARY 26, 2017**
EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS LATINO AFFAIRS SUMMIT: WHERE DO DACA STUDENTS GO FROM HERE?  
6:00-7:30PM // SU 107 B & C

**JANUARY 27, 2017**
ICE SKATING OUTING  
7:00-9:00PM // NORTHERN KENTUCKY ICE CENTER

**JANUARY 30, 2017**
INTERNSHIPS, CO-OP & JOB SEARCHING STRATEGIES  
5:00-6:00PM // SU 105

**JANUARY 31, 2017**
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES  
4:30-5:30PM // SU 105

**FEBRUARY 3, 2017**
FREE FOOD FRIDAY  
11:00-1:00PM // BCM

**FEBRUARY 6, 2017**
INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES  
4:00-5:00PM // SU 105

**FEBRUARY 7, 2017**
RESUMES: GETTING STARTED  
4:30-5:30PM // SU 105

**FEBRUARY 9, 2017**
DIVERSITY NETWORKING RECEPTION  
3:30-5:00PM // SU BALLROOM  
RSVP REQUIRED BY FEB 2 ON HIRENKU AT:  
http://careerservices.nku.edu/students/HireNKU.html

**FEBRUARY 15, 2017**
RESUMES: GETTING STARTED  
4:00-5:00PM // UC 135

**FEBRUARY 17, 2017**
FREE FOOD FRIDAY  
11:00-1:00PM // BCM

**FEBRUARY 22, 2017**
CAREER EXPO  
2:00-5:00 PM // UC 135

**FEBRUARY 23, 2017**
ELL FOUNDATION, INC. ANNUAL BREAKFAST  
8:30-10:30 AM // SU BALLROOM

**FEBRUARY 27, 2017**
INTERNSHIP, CO-OP & JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES  
4:00-5:00 PM // SU 105

**FEBRUARY 28, 2017**
LAMP STUDY SESSION  
12:00-4:00 PM // SU 302

**MARCH 2, 2017**
FREE FOOD FRIDAY  
11:00-1:00 PM // BCM

**MARCH 17, 2017**
FREE FOOD FRIDAY  
11:00-1:00 PM // BCM

**MARCH 20, 2017**
PLANNING FOR GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL  
4:00-5:00 PM // UC 135

**MARCH 21, 2017**
INTERNSHIP, CO-OP AND JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES  
3:30-4:30 PM // SU 105

**MARCH 25, 2017**
LEADERSHIP RETREAT  
9:00-4:00 PM // CAMPUS REC

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Educational Diversity Scholarship: high school students who have been admitted to NKU with a 2.5+ GPA. Scholarships start at $500. To apply, please visit: https://financialaid.nku.edu/scholarships/freshman2/diversity.html

Multicultural Law Academy: The Multicultural Law Academy includes a mock trial demonstration, a presentation on admission and scholarships, lunch with NKU faculty. To register, please visit: http://admissions.nku.edu/visit/specialevents.html

Multicultural Leadership Conference: Save the date for May 19-20th. A program for high school juniors focusing on leadership and teamwork. Students must be nominated by their high school counselors.

En español:

Beca de Diversidad: para estudiantes de último año de la escuela secundaria que hayan sido aceptados a NKU y con un índice académico de 2.5 en adelante. Becas de $500 en adelante. Para aplicar, por favor visite: https://financialaid.nku.edu/scholarships/freshman2/diversity.html

Multicultural Law Academy: incluye una demostración en una corte judicial, una presentación de admisiones y sobre becas, almuerzo con profesores de NKU. Para inscribirse, por favor visite: http://admissions.nku.edu/visit/specialevents.html

Conferencia Multicultural de Liderazgo: Guarde la fecha para el 19-20 de mayo. Un programa de liderazgo y trabajo en equipo para estudiantes de 11 grado de la secundaria. Los estudiantes deben ser nominados por sus consejeros escolares.
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