La Posada: Un Festejo Navideño

Friday, December 7th, 2012 | 7:00pm-11:00 pm |

USC United University Church/McCarthy Quad

Christmas is arriving early at USC & LTA Delta Phi, SLB Omega Gamma and SLG Nu Alpha have a little gift for you!

With finals right around the corner, what better motivation to finish strong than a cultural celebration of Christmas? Let’s kick off the holiday season the right way.

As always, there will be champurrado, pan dulce and good music after the procession.

The evening is scheduled as follows:

7pm: Event Begins (UUC)

7:30pm: Procession Begins

8:00pm: Arrive at McCarthy Quad

11:00pm: Event Ends

This is a family event so we highly encourage you to invite your parents, siblings, tios, tias, grandparents, etc. The more the merrier. Go brush up on your villancicos, take out your little pastor outfits and join us on December 7th pa’ pedir posada!

For more information go to: http://www.facebook.com/events/468758896498729/?fref=ts

Special thanks to:

USC Latino Student Assembly, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc., The Peace Center, El Centro Chicano, USC Department of Public Safety & El Sol y La Luna- Latino Floor
El Centro’s Finals Study Break!
Wednesday, December 12th, 2012 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | El Centro Chicano (United University Church, 3rd Floor)

Join us for an annual El Centro Tradition and take a break from studying to enjoy FREE THAI FOOD FOR EVERYONE & BOBA for the first 50 people! Catch up with friends before finals and also take advantage of free supplies such as index cards, highlighters, blue books, pencils and scantrons! Don’t miss out on great food, supplies, and hanging out with friends before the start of winter break!

Any questions, please contact El Centro Chicano at (213) 740-1480.

For much more information:
Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu
**Holiday Clothing & Toy Drive: Give Back!**

Friday, December 7th, 2012 to Monday, December 17th, 2012 | El Centro Chicano (United University Church, 3rd Floor)

Take part in the Holiday spirit and give back at our annual Holiday Clothing & Toy Drive! Clothing is for Adults and Toys are for Ages 1-18 Unwrapped. Clothing will go to a program called Drama Stage Kumran that is a part of Compassionate Response to Homelessness and Poverty. This is a theater and action group for homeless and former homeless people. Toys will go to families from CARECEN (Central American Resource Center) at Pico-Union.

All donations can be dropped off at El Centro Chicano (United University Church, 3rd Floor). Collections start NOW and will continue until Monday, December 17th. Give Back & Fight On!

**Facebook Event Page:** [http://www.facebook.com/events/437151589668084/](http://www.facebook.com/events/437151589668084/)

**Scholarships, Fellowships and Internships Folder!**

Do you need extra money for college? Don’t know where to start in your search for an internship? Don’t have time to look for scholarships or internships? Stop by at El Centro and browse through our growing collection of available scholarships, internships and fellowships! Make sure to take advantage of this great resource! A staff member will gladly assist you if you are interested!

**Reminders!**

Are you on Twitter? If you are, make sure that you are following us @USC_ElCentro to get the latest on the numerous programs, both social and networking, club events, internships, job openings, and more! Don’t miss out!

**Follow us on twitter:** @USC_ElCentro

**GIFT from USC Dept. of Public Safety & USC Transportation**

The Group Initiative For Theft-prevention (GIFT) is a crime prevention campaign designed to eliminate theft of and from motor vehicles within the surrounding USC community during the holiday breaks. If you are planning to leave the USC area during either breaks, this might be the perfect GIFT for you. Our objective is to eliminate the opportunity of theft from vehicles by removing vehicles from the public streets and open private parking lots. Because of our GIFT to you, vehicle related crimes on both campuses have been reduced by 65% since 2005.

**OUR GIFT TO YOU:**
The USC Department of Public Safety (DPS) and USC Transportation offers free parking in the UPC Parking Center and the HSC Biggy Parking Structure. We also offer free shuttle service to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Take advantage of one or both of these gifts.

To find out how please visit: [http://capsnet.usc.edu/dps/OperationGift.cfm](http://capsnet.usc.edu/dps/OperationGift.cfm)
AMST 320: Social Construction of Race and Citizenship
(taught by Professor Maria Avila)

This course examines social, economic, and political experiences of selected groups in the U.S. in connection to race and citizenship. This is a community based learning course and as such, it engages students with community projects that are relevant to class readings and lectures. The integration of academic and community experience aims at combining theory with action and critical reflection. The instructor will guide students in finding community sites where they will conduct research projects that relate to class, as well as to the needs/interests of the community site. Students will be placed with community organizations, government/elected officials, schools, and with the business sector. The class meets only once every week, on Tuesdays, to allow for time spent in the community. In addition, because the community research experience complements the learning on the subject, the reading and writing assignments are lighter than for non-community based learning courses. The course is open to freshman.

For more information contact Dr. Avila at avilamar@usc.edu.
Join Justin Bua’s “All-City Workshop”!

Saturday, December 8th, 2012 | 2:00 pm—6:00pm | Melrose Light Space, 7600 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Justin Bua’s “All-City Workshop” will guide aspiring artists through a diverse rubric developed from BUA’s personal experiences in the art world. The four hour session will visit multiple elements that compose a successful career in art.

The session will include demonstrations, as well as cover topics as art history, business, and a series of unique hands-on exercises that aim to challenge students’ understanding of fundamentals and prepare students for their journey as working artists.

Bring your own supplies!

Please call 323.387.0779 or email lisa@justinbua.com to reserve your place in the workshop. Space is limited! $100.

El Centro would like to thank Justin Bua again for his continuous support of ECC and for his most recent donation for our 40th Gala! Fight On!

El Centro’s Spring Open House & 2nd Annual Latino Student Empowerment Conference

ECC’s Spring Open House will be on Wed Jan 16th 2p-4p, right after Involvement Fair.

2nd Annual Empowerment Conference will be on Sat Jan 26th 10am-2pm@TBA.

Mark Your Calendars, both events Kick-Off what promises to be a great Spring semester!