"Fostering ArtVocacy” Art Exhibit

You Are Invited:
Sponsored by the City of West Hollywood, California Youth Connection (CYC) Presents:
“Fostering ArtVocacy” Art Exhibit

Wednesday, April 28, 2010; 6-9 pm
ARTISTIC WORKS BY: Current and Former Foster Youth
Cost: Free
LOCATION: Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046
All artwork will be available for purchase, and 75% of each sale will benefit the participating artist. CYC’s goal is to provide the participating artists with a venue to proudly display and sell their artwork; while at the same time informing the general public of hardships and virtues of life in foster care. The event will be open to CYC members and partners, and the general public.

Please RSVP as soon as possible: rsvp@calyouthconn.org
For any questions please contact: Argelis Ortiz, MSW Intern argelis@calyouthconn.org , 213-489-0720 x 23
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Transnational Advocacy Networks & Public Diplomacy

Join the Association of Public Diplomacy Scholars for their annual conference in discussion of transnational advocacy networks, media, and the role of public diplomacy. Panel topics include Social Media and Transnational Advocacy Networks, and Hollywood, Human Rights & Transnational Advocacy. Panels will feature Oscar Morales of the One Million Voices Against FARC movement, Aashika Damodar of Survivors Connect, Brian Center of A Better LA, Ted Braun, director of Darfur Now, Sarah Feinbloom of Daughters and Sons - Preventing Child Trafficking in the Golden Triangle, and Alex Franklin of Storm Lion.

Keynote address by Colin Robertson, Canadian Defense and Foreign Affairs Institute, former Canadian Consul General of Los Angeles. Panels will be moderated by Professor Nicholas J. Cull of the Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism.

Lunch is provided. Please RSVP at apds@usc.edu
**CHARTER SCHOOLS: Eliminating the Educational Gap or the New Problem?**

**Title:** Eliminating the Education Gap: Are the Charter Schools the New Solution or the New Problem? **Date:** April 20, 2010, **Time:** 6PM

**Location:** USC Waite Phillips Hall (WPH) B27 (RM in basement)

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc., the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, and ALSA will bring five distinguished individuals from careers in education in a forum to discuss the innovations and problems that charter schools have generated as new models in Kindergarten through 12th grade education. The panel:

- Dr. Priscilla Wohlstetter—Director of the Center on Educational Governance at USC
- Dr. Ref Rodriguez—Board Vice-Chair of the California Charter School Association and Founder of Partner for Uplifting Communities
- Jose Cole-Gutierrez—Head of Innovation and Charter School Division of LAUSD
- Genevieve Siegel-Hawley—Co Author of UCLA’s Civil Rights Project "Choices Without Equity Report"
- Representative from United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)

Moderating the event will be Dan Schnur, Director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics. Additionally, first hand perspective will be given from a continuing USC student, Julia Mangione, who transitioned from a public school to a charter schools and now attends a University. Charter schools have been a recent hot topic in the Los Angeles Times and many major newspapers. The charter school trend has been debated by many and has been continuously applying effective strategies in urban cities which has caused the Obama administration to adopt a highly successful model, The Harlem Children’s Zone. Showcasing individuals in a formal discussion will help generate intellectual thought about current trends in education and a solution to stitch the effective strategies of charter schools with public education models.

**Refreshments will be served (arrive early)** Contact Information: rafael.galdamez@gmail.com

**2010 Festival de Flor y Canto**

Blogger & USC Alumni ‘80, Michael Sedano, from *La Bloga*, has been working to organize the reunion of the landmark first Festival de Flor y Canto which was held in 1973 at USC. Dozens of poets, writers, and academics shared work at the 1973 event.

2010 Festival de Flor y Canto will be celebrated at Doheny Memorial Library on the USC campus on September 15-17, 2010. Poets, short fiction writers, novelists, performers who participated in the 1973 Flor Y Canto held in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California are encouraged to return to USC for the 2010 renewal of this important event. There will be readings and performances by many of the returning participants, as well as an honoring to those who’ve passed away.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Dr. Michael Sedano at msedano@readraza.com
Social Services in the Latino Community

The Department of Social Welfare Latina/o Caucus and the UCLA School of Public Affairs will be hosting a FREE conference for students and professionals interested in dialoguing about the complex issues impacting the Latina/o community. Join us to learn culturally sensitive interventions to better serve our community.

When: Saturday, May 8th, 2010
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Where: UCLA School of Public Affairs, Room 2343 & 2355

Keynote Speaker: Fernando Torres-Gil, Ph.D.

To RSVP please provide your name, organization & contact info to: swlatinocaucus@ucla.edu. Seating is limited.

Workshops topics will include:

- Immigration Issues
- Education Rights
- Critical Race Theory in Social Work
- Loss
- Cognitive & Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
- Intervention
- HIV/AIDS, Culture & Spirituality
- DREAM Act
- Dealing with Grief & Loss
- Gang Prevention & Intervention
- Lunch and CEU’s will be provided!

For Map link: www.ucla.edu/map
Parking $10

Mobile App for a Movement

Voto Latino custom-built a mobile application for Los Angeles Latinos to learn about the Census and also attend a FREE secret concert at The Echo on May 8th. Supported by the Knight Foundation and the California Community Foundation, the mobile app is the featured element of the Be Counted, Represent.com campaign, which encourages young Latinos to be counted in the 2010 Census.

To download it, text ‘USC’ to 738674 or simply click here click here

Once you text ‘USC’ to 738674, you’ll receive a text message back which you can then forward onto friends and use to download the app, if you have a data plan (i.e., a web-enabled phone). The app is free, and info is never shared with 3rd parties.

If you don’t have a data plan, no worries. Showing the confirmation text message gets you into the concert anyway!

Whichever school sends in the most texts to 738674 gets a politically-themed Gibson Guitar. With your help, it’ll go to the maroon and gold; you wouldn’t want it to go blue and gold, now do you?

Didn’t think so. So qué esperas? University students are among the most undercounted people nationwide! Text ‘USC’ to 738674 to get counted, and represent!
Outside the USC Community– Arizona SB 1070

According to a Los Angeles Times front page story: http://action.ufw.org/page/m/3bed9d1e/14550ae3/466fb764/2b46b4ae/2763120391/VEsP/, "The bill, known as SB 1070, makes it a misdemeanor to lack proper immigration paperwork in Arizona. It also requires police officers, if they form a 'reasonable suspicion' that someone is an illegal immigrant, to determine the person's immigration status...Immigrant rights groups say it amounts to a police state." Alessandra Soler Meetze, president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona, said, "A lot of U.S. citizens are going to be swept up in the application of this law for something as simple as having an accent and leaving their wallet at home."

This means that anyone, even you, who walks in Arizona can be charged with a misdemeanor if you're not carrying identification to prove you are a legal resident.

The bill has just passed the Arizona House and could be on the governor's desk by Friday. Go on El Centro’s Facebook page and voice your opinion, we’d like to hear what you think.


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For more information on any of these topics below:

- Estufas! One-Act Play
- UCLA Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference
- Films: La Mision
- Internship Programs Office
- And Much More!

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Important Hispanic Scholarship Fund Message!

If you are a current or former recipient of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship or a Gates Millenium Scholar please contact us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because the Scholar Chapter need to know who you are. Send us your name, email, contact number, year in school and year when you received your HSF award. Email us at usc.hsf.scholarchapter@gmail.com with your contact information.

And of course, check out: http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=130518082703&ref=ts

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