USC Cultural Centers Welcome Students

By Alexis Young

USC’s cultural centers are rolling out the cardinal carpet to welcome students of every color — from black to brown to rainbow.

El Centro Chicano and the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA) partnered to present the Black and Latino New Student Symposium on Aug. 21. The day-long event featured a fair with clubs, organizations and community non-profit partners, as well as workshops by USC faculty, staff and student leaders including “This Ain’t High School/Community College!” by CBCSA Director Corliss Bennett.

“We are taking the opportunity to bring everything we can to students in a one-stop shop with our symposium,” explained William Vela, director of El Centro Chicano. “Often, Latino students get to USC and tell me they don’t see the Latino community. Some students really need to identify with something familiar, so we try to provide that. Our ultimate goal is the retention and graduation of Latino students.

El Centro Chicano also hosted a festive open house on Aug. 24 with dancing and live music by USC alumna Leah Rose Gallegos and her band Las Cafeteras. Students received a copy of the Latino Resource Handbook, which includes a campus directory, academic planner and calendar of events. Freshman Sofia Guerra was excited to learn about El Centro Chicano.

“Having this center is really nice, because when I looked around campus, I didn’t see a lot of Latinos,” Guerra explained. “This center makes me feel welcomed here. I also went to the Black and Latino New Student Symposium, and it was a good experience. I learned a lot.”

Black Welcome Week kicked off on Aug. 26 with a CBCSA open house. Highlights of the week include the annual Black and Latino graduate student mixer on Sep. 1 and a Black staff, faculty and student mixer at the USC Fisher Museum of Art exhibit, Posing Beauty in African American Culture, on Sept. 8.

“Black Welcome Week is an opportunity for new students to meet current and former students of the Black Trojan family,” said Bennett. “Our open house is a way to get students up to the office to see what we offer. CBCSA is the umbrella department for 40 clubs and organizations.

Nate Howard, a junior communication major, said CBCSA staff reached out to him during his freshman year, and the center has been an important part of his life ever since.

“I was offered a job in the office before I even stepped on campus, and everyone in the office was very welcoming,” he said. “I love CBCSA, and I’m excited to see the new freshmen and transfer students coming to the office.

Four hundred freshman and transfer students attended the Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS) welcome on Aug. 21. The event featured an involvement fair with about 45 student and community-based organizations, and workshops on making a successful first-year transition, finding mentors in the Trojan alumni family and developing leadership skills.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center (LGBT) hosted a week of events beginning with a welcome back barbeque on Aug. 21. Other activities included a movie night, Rainbow Floor open house, a Beyond Your Gay Straight Alliance workshop featuring LGBT and Ally student organizations, and a 50s themed dance party.

“It’s important for us to have these events in the very beginning because it shows our campus is inclusive to the LGBT community,” explained Vincent Vigil, director of the LGBT Resource Center. “The welcome back barbeque alone had about 400 students, which is exciting and shows how participation will hopefully continue to increase.”

Full article from USC News can be found at the following link: [http://uscnews.usc.edu/university/usc_cultural_centers_welcome_students.html](http://uscnews.usc.edu/university/usc_cultural_centers_welcome_students.html)
Project ReMiX Kicks off by Crossing the Line

Join us for the fourth year of exploring multiracial and interracial issues on Thursday, September 22nd at 5 pm in the ECC Lecture Hall.

Hot comedian Jim Ruel will bring down the house, while exploring comedy, race, and the art of breaking down taboo subjects through humor!

Refreshments provided. RSVP to apass@usc.edu by 9/19.

Project ReMiX is a collaborative program offered by Asian Pacific American Student Services, Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs, and El Centro Chicano.

ALL are welcome!

USC McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program prepares high-achieving USC undergraduates to engage in research and for graduate school programs. Throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall, the program provides services aimed at promoting graduate school preparation, research competencies, writing skills and career development. Benefits of becoming a McNair Scholar include: research experience; graduate school preparation; faculty mentorship; ongoing advisement; $2800 summer research stipend; $2000 summer housing scholarship; Princeton Review GRE prep course; publication opportunity in the USC McNair Undergraduate Journal; conference travel; and affiliations with a local and national network of McNair Scholars. The application is available on-line and is due October 25, 2011 (refer to News & Events & Prospective Scholars in the website). Please join us at one of our Fall Information Sessions (see attached flyer & session dates below).

Fall 2011 Informational Sessions
*Pizza will be provided

Wednesday, 9/7 @ GFS 330, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9/8 @ GFS 330, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/13 @ GFS 330, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9/15 @ GFS 330, 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/20 @ GFS 330, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
October 2011
Monday, 10/3 @ GFS 330, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Friday, 10/7 @ GFS 330, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/11 @ GFS 330, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/18 @ GFS 330, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Friday, 10/21 @ GFS 330, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For more information please visit the program website at http://mcnair.usc.edu/
LSA Internship Program

Do you want to get more involved with the Latino/a Student Assembly, but have a very tight schedule? Well, you can still be involved by applying to the new LSA Internship Program!

Interns will have the opportunity to attend weekly executive board meetings, contribute with the planning process for featured events, and publicizing set events. Whether you are interested in political awareness, professionalism, the cultural arts or a little bit of everything, you will have the chance to dive into our projects and events and have your suggestions and opinions heard.

Candidates must maintain good academic standing and must be a member within a LSA student organization.

Deadline: The application is due by Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6PM.

How to Apply: You may submit the application to Seciah Aquino, LSA Secretary, at the start of the LSA Assembly meeting that day, online to lsausc@usc.edu any time before the 6PM deadline on September 19th and to LSA’s inbox at El Centro Chicano (UUC 300).

Where to find the Application: You can find the application online at our new website under Resources, www.usc.edu/lsa

For more info: http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=206464062748314

Latin American Independence Celebration

When: Monday, September 19 at 11:00am - September 21 at 1:00pm
Where: Hahn Plaza (Tommy Trojan)

Join the Latino Student Assembly, as we celebrate culture at the Latin American Independence Celebration. On September 19, 2011 in front of Tommy Trojan. Be prepared to indulge in an afternoon full of heritage.

Come learn about the different Latin American countries that will be presented by the various LSA student organizations. These countries include:
- Argentina
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

In addition, prepare to dance along Trousdale as there will be a musical performance by La Santa Cecilia (http://lasantacecilia.com/) from 12pm - 1pm.

Are you ready for a little Latin sensation?
For more info: http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=282593271754911

UNPAID INTERNSHIPS:
Marvel Studios LLC – Marvel.com Internship

The Digital Media division of Marvel Studios is currently accepting applications for Fall 2011. Marvel.com interns should have knowledge of video games, pop culture, movies, TV, etc. In addition, applicants should have interest in comics and web/internet work. The ability to multi-task and work independently is a must. Duties include helping manage and update content on Marvel.com and our other websites, writing copy for news/announcement stories, interviewing creators, and general office duties as required. Interns must receive course credit and be available 20 hours a week. Please email resume and cover letter to: marvelwebintern@gmail.com.

For much more information:
Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu

Phoenix Books, Inc. – Publishing Internship

Independent publishing company is seeking a bright, hardworking intern to help out in multiple departments. This is an excellent opportunity for someone wanting to learn about the publishing world and gain hands-on experience by completing a wide variety of tasks. Duties include conducting research, proofreading content, organizing metadata, contributing new marketing ideas, brainstorming concepts for potential future projects, data entry, general administrative and office tasks. Qualifications for the position are excellent communication and grammar skills, detail-oriented and organized, well-read and interested in media and publishing, digitally savvy, able to maintain discretion with sensitive subject matter and materials, can commit 8-16 hours/week at our West-LA office and able to earn school credit. Compensation includes free lunches, paid parking, school credit, and immeasurable experience. Please email your resume, cover letter, and availability to info@phoenixbooksinc.com, Attention Lindsay Murphy.

For more information:
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AUMBULANTE Film Festival

Join actor, producer and director Diego Luna as the groundbreaking international documentary film festival, AMBULANTE, comes to Los Angeles for the first time! Luna, who starred in such films as Y Tu Mamá También, Milk, The Terminal and Frida, co-founded AMBULANTE in 2005 with Gael Garcia Bernal and Pablo Cruz.

AMBULANTE is a nonprofit organization focused on producing, distributing and exhibiting documentaries in Mexico. Each year, the AMBULANTE organization, in collaboration with Canana, Cinépolis and the Morelia International Film Festival, organizes a touring film festival that brings more than 70 documentaries to nearly 200 venues across twelve states in Mexico. By traveling with these works, sharing them in different cities and towns and bringing communities together, AMBULANTE fosters a critical vision, generating a collective consciousness about how we perceive and understand our realities.

YOU MUST RSVP HERE: http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/wo2/calendar/113/event/893697
For More Info: http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?

Women’s Empowerment Group

When: Tuesdays at 4:30pm
Where: Student Union, Suite 202 (The Center for Women and Men)

Details: The Center for Women and Men runs a weekly drop-in Women's Group. The support group is for women who have experienced gender-based violence, such as assault, harassment, stalking or abuse. The sessions will be supervised by a CWM counselor and will be safe and confidential. It's a place to connect with other survivors, gain support and continue healing. Like all of our counseling services, it's free. No appointments necessary.

For more info contact Sheetal Chib at schib@usc.edu, 213-740-4900 or stop by CWM.

Fall Diversity Networking Mixer

The Career Center invites you to attend our Fall Diversity Networking Mixer! Click here for the flyer.

Wednesday, 14 September, 2011 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

We are committed to facilitating an understanding and appreciation of diversity within the Trojan community. Come meet and network with top employers from the entertainment, consulting, accounting, hospitality, retail industries and more that are looking for diverse members of the Trojan Family!

Attending employers include:

- Target
- Progressive Insurance (Corporate Sponsor)
- The Walt Disney Company - Recruitment & Accounting Rotation Program
- The Walt Disney Studios
- Disney Consumer Products
- Disney Interactive Media
- Willis Group
- TMZ
- AT&T Interactive
- AON Corp.
- Gen-Next.Org
- FOX
- SEO (Sponsors for Educational Opportunity)

Food will be provided!

This event is brought to you by the Career Center in partnership with the Latino Student Assembly, Black Student Assembly and the Asian Pacific American Student Assembly.

Please RSVP via connectSC.
This event is for current USC students only.
For more info:http://careers.usc.edu/eventcalendar/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=1265
**Latino Parent Association**

Students, invite your parents to this month’s LPA meeting. Education is not just about you and the school; it is also about your parents and guardians who made it possible for you to be here. The Latino Parent Association is an organization that serves as a resource for parents and students by addressing issues that affect Latino Families. During these monthly meetings, your parents will participate in discussions and presentations about opportunities and additional resources for you here at USC. Please invite them and make USC an experience that involves your entire family!

The first meeting of the month will take place at El Centro’s Lecture Hall on September 24, 2011 at 8:30-11:00 am.

**Resources at El Centro Chicano**

As you know, El Centro Chicano is a resource center and we are here to help you move forward in your college career and after. Here at El Centro we have many resources available to you. Not only the free printing (20 pages per wk), or the free jarritos, nor the very comfortable couches that we acquired this summer. What we have to offer is much bigger. Here, you will find binders with countless opportunities for scholarships, internships, fellowships, and even some jobs. When it comes to internships and scholarships, you can never apply to too many, and there are so many opportunities out there, that all you have to do is look for them. We also have a binder especially made for Undocumented students. We believe that all should enjoy the gift of education and it is not impossible to do it even if you are not documented. Please drop by and take a look at our binders and you will surely find something that interests you or can help you achieve your goals.

You can also visit our website for different lists of services:
http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/services.aspx

And as you know we are located on the 3rd Floor of the United University Church and we are open from 9am-5pm, M-F.

**The Impact of Urban Development & Gentrification in Los Angeles**

The Latino Association for Policy, Planning and Development & The Partnership for an Equitable Los Angeles present a panel discussion on The Impact of Urban Development & Gentrification in Los Angeles

Monday, September 26th, 12 to 1:30pm
Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall (RGL) 308, Dean’s Conference Room.

Moderated by Katherine Perez
Co-Founder, ELP Advisors LLC
Former Executive Director of Urban Land Institute, LA
USC SPPD Faculty

Please RSVP to lapdp@usc.edu and for more info contact LAPPD at http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/groups/10884938885/
USC DAY at the LA County Fair

**When:** September 30th (The buses will be leaving between 2-4pm from both the University Park Campus-UPC and the Health Sciences Campus-HSC)

**What:** Trip to the LA County Fair including free admission to the LA County Fair, free concert ticket to see LeAnn Rimes, Kellie Pickler, and Gloriana free performances by USC groups, free games, and tons of fun!

**Where:** LA County Fair in Pomona, CA

*Transportation is provided to USC Students, Staff, and Faculty for $5 per person*

Register online at www.usc.edu/recsports

**Ballet Folklorico: Are you Interested?**

Anyone interested in Ballet Folklorico de USC please contact Carolina Varela at cvarela@usc.edu. We will be sending out an email to everyone who is interested to set up a meeting to discuss practice and to get to know each other. No experience necessary. Both males and females welcome!

**IDEAS at USC**

We are an on-campus movement and online group that is still in the works. Originally founded by Oscar Garcia and Gustavo Gutierrez last spring in order to create a safe space and positive dialogue among undocumented students and their allies. **The group’s mission is to assist undocumented students in receiving the support they need in order to pursue their education at USC.**

We seek to improve the entirety of our students’ experience at USC by:

– Enhancing the communication of this issue and create a strong network between faculty and professors that support these student’s struggle
– Creating strong network among professionals so that graduates have possible employment opportunities upon graduation
– Taking a more proactive role in political activism regarding immigration

**We welcome students from all majors, non-immigrant students, immigrant students and those who support equal opportunity for all students in higher education.** Since the group is fairly new, ideas on how to improve and make it a better organization are strongly welcome!

We will be having our **first general meeting this coming Tuesday, 13 September 2011, at El Centro Chicano (3rd floor of the USC University Church) at 5:30pm.** The set day and time may change in response to the availability of members.

We hope to meet with all those interested and potential allies in the movement for equal rights, liberties, and opportunities for all of America’s residents!

For more information, please contact:
Michael Varela (varelam@usc.edu),
Gustavo Gutierrez (g2gutierrez@yahoo.com) Facebook Group Page: [http://www.facebook.com/groups/284671061546280/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/284671061546280/)

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