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Dear Chicana/o & Latina/o Students,

On behalf of El Centro Chicano, aka “El Centro,” we would like to welcome you to the University of Southern California! El Centro is here to help you achieve your personal and academic goals. We offer a variety of services ranging from personal to academic support, student advocacy, community outreach, and social and cultural programming throughout the campus. We also house the Latina/o student organizations and the Latino Parent Association (LPA).

This 11th edition of the Latino Resource Handbook provides helpful information about USC to better orient you in building your home away from home. Please take advantage of this handbook as it will enrich your experience and help you achieve a successful academic and personal career here at La Universidad.

We also encourage you to be part of USC’s Comunidad and work with El Centro in Serving the Diverse Latina/o and USC Community. We encourage you to be part of our community by becoming involved with student organizations and with our department. Also, please note that we strongly consider gender, class, religion/spirituality, bi/monolingual, continuing generations, sexual orientation, biracial/ethnic identities, and disabilities among other factors in our programs and services.

If you ever have any questions, need help, want to create a club, want to see a particular event/speaker happen on campus, want to know where to find something or just need to talk, please drop by El Centro.

We hope the Latino Resource Handbook will serve you well throughout your journey and success at USC!

Welcome to the Trojan Familia! Adelante Gente!

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Dear Student:

Welcome to the University of Southern California and the City of Los Angeles – your new home away from home. I encourage you to embrace your new environment and prepare yourself for one of the greatest learning experiences of your life.

USC is a world premier institution for higher education and your success is predicated on hard work, perseverance, and a fighting spirit. But you don’t have to do it alone, USC and El Centro Chicano will help you succeed on this journey with resources and support. Adapting socially and academically is not always easy, which is why El Centro Chicano offers resources to help you with your transition and to ensure success.

The university experience is the beginning of your career and geared toward shaping you into the person you want to become, let El Centro Chicano turn your goals into reality.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor
The history of El Centro Chicano at USC begins with the history of progressive campus activism and the civil rights movement during the 1960s and 1970s. It was during this period that students and campus groups from across the nation protested and organized to demand for the expansion of access, curriculum, and programs that focused on the experience of people of color at institutions of higher learning. From Harvard, Berkeley, CSUN, ELAC to USC, student activism from groups like the United Mexican American Students (UMAS) (which after 1969 became known as Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan - M.E.Ch.A.), the Mesa Directiva, the Black Student Union (BSU), the Asian American Student Alliance, American Indian students and many other groups, challenged universities and colleges to adopt institutional changes to their curriculum offerings, admissions policies, student services and relations to communities beyond the campus. These early student movement efforts by USC students of color led to the creation of an Ethnic Studies major, increased student of color admissions, the creation of the Topping Student Fund, the Mexican American Alumni Association (MAAA), the Latino Floor and the founding of USC El Centro Chicano.

The idea of establishing Chicano student campus centers that would focus on Chicano student recruitment, orientation, and retention is outlined in the El Plan de Santa Barbara: A Chicano Plan for Higher Education that was written in 1969. On October 9, 1969, members of UMAS met with USC President Norman Topping requesting that the university fund the creation of a Centro Chicano to act as an urban recruitment center for Mexican American high school and junior high school students. This initial request to fund a Centro Chicano was denied. The student movement at USC surged as evident with increasing campus activism and the continued meetings between Chicano students and the administration over creating university resources for students of color including scholarships, admissions policies, proposing the creation of an office of EOPS and supporting the passage of the student fee that would become the Norman Topping Student Aid Fund. By 1971, USC M.E.Ch.A. and its supporters on campus were already in discussions with the university to have a Centro Chicano established. The focus of this Centro Chicano would combine Chicano student recruitment and retention efforts spearheaded by students, with institutional resources to expand the ability of USC to meet the needs of the Chicano community. After continued negotiations between the student community and the university, USC El Centro Chicano was established in the fall of 1972. Under the leadership of Interim Director Raul Vargas, the move into the building at 3406 Hoover Street began in December and USC El Centro Chicano was opened in February during the 1973 spring semester. In March, Silas H. Abrego was hired as the first full-time Director. Under his leadership, USC El Centro Chicano began to implement a broad array of student and community centered services that would uniquely impact the way that USC supported Chicano students and served the broader mission of the university.
THE NAME: USC EL CENTRO CHICANO-

There is a unique historical, political, cultural and intellectual importance to the name of USC El Centro Chicano. The historical nature of the name is one that emanates from the civil rights movement for self-determination and the promise of education. The identity label of Chicano becomes the basis for a cultural and spiritual rebirth for the Mexican American community. The Chicana/o Movement, as part of the larger civil rights movement of the 1960s/70s, was an important era that expanded institutional spaces for Chicanos and Latinos in higher education. Once a pejorative term, Chicano is rearticulated/redefined as a positive identity that recognizes the rich and ancient mixed indigenous origins of a community. As journalist Rubén Salazar wrote on February 6, 1970 in his Los Angeles Times column, "A Chicano is a Mexican-American with a non-Anglo image of himself... What, then, is a Chicano? Chicanos say that if you have to ask you’ll never understand, much less become, a Chicano. Actually, the word Chicano is as difficult to define as 'soul.'"1 It also recognizes a different perspective on U.S. history that challenges master narratives, such as manifest destiny, which have come to define the American experience. In its place, the fields of Chicana/o Studies, Black Studies, Asian American Studies, American Indian Studies and other Ethnic Studies developed counter-narratives and academic scholarship that incorporate the voices, experiences and complex realities of people of color in the U.S. The name Chicano has never been universally accepted by mainstream society or even from within the Latino community. From its political and cultural origins, it remains in tension with other identity labels for reasons connected to different views on assimilation and acculturation in the U.S.

Adopting the word Chicano in 1972 for the new student center provided the institutional foundation to challenge the university to adapt new ways of providing access to higher education and student services for the Chicano/Latino community. From an academic standpoint, the name has come to define a real and symbolic intellectual space on the USC campus that retains its historical origins in struggle for self-determination and in expanding the mission of the university. USC El Centro Chicano has a long history of helping the university strive for excellence and is a link to each new freshmen, transfer and graduate class at USC. USC El Centro Chicano is a vital place of learning and facilitating continued conversations about how to improve access to higher education, retain and graduate Chicano/Latino students and how this work serves the mission of the university.

Ruben Salazar. “Who Is a Chicano? And What Is It the Chicanos Want?” February 6, 1970, Los Angeles Times. In 2011, the family of the late journalist Rubén Salazar donated his archives to the USC Libraries as a result of the efforts by the USC Boeckmann Center Studies and the USC Annenberg Journalism
El Centro Chicano

Mission and Principles

El Centro Chicano fosters a community of critically thinking, socially conscious Chicana/o and Latina/o leaders: providing personal, social and academic support through graduation and beyond. El Centro Chicano strives to educate the campus about Latina/o issues and the ethnic diversity represented within the community (i.e. Central & South America, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Puerto Rico). El Centro also offers student advocacy, personal support, assistance for Latina/o student groups, and transitional/beyond USC programming. El Centro programs and services also consider gender, class, religion/spirituality, bi/monolingual, continuing generations, sexual orientation, disabilities, and multi-racial/ethnic identities, among other factors.

Resources

Latino Resource Handbook and Planner
The Latino Resource Handbook is printed every summer and is distributed to students during the Black & Latino New Student Symposium and throughout the year. The handbook contains information about El Centro programs, Latino student organizations, Latino faculty/staff, scholarships, and tips for new students, and key resources that will assist you in being successful. The handbook is a great resource guide for all new students: freshmen, transfers and graduate.

Weekly E-newsletter & Facebook Like Page
The El Centro Chicano E-newsletter is a weekly online publication containing information on El Centro Chicano programs, upcoming campus events, scholarships, internships/employment opportunities and other relevant news affecting the Latino community. The e-newsletter is a great way to stay informed and connected to El Centro Chicano and SC Latino community. You can view past and current E-newsletters at www.usc.edu/elcentro. El Centro Chicano also provides daily resources and updated information for your continual success and development at USC on our Facebook like page: University of Southern California El Centro Chicano.

Core Programs and Services

Latino Floor: El Sol y La Luna – Established 1974
This residential program is an opportunity offered to first year students looking to connect with other students with similar interests and/or cultural backgrounds. The goal of the Latino floor is to create and promote a positive, supportive atmosphere that eases the transition of freshmen Latino students into USC life and empowers them to become prominent campus leaders. The floors are open to all students interested in learning more about the Chicano/Latino culture and provide extensive community service, cultural, academic and social activities throughout the year.

Latino Honor Society (LHS) – Established 1997
This program recognizes the academic achievements of undergraduate Latino students as well as their dedication to the community. LHS promotes academic scholarship and commitment to community service. Applicants must have completed three or four semesters at USC, maintained a 3.5 GPA or above and demonstrated community and university involvement. Members are inducted every spring semester.
Signature Programs

Black and Latino New Student Symposium - Established 2005
This program welcomes Latino and Black, or any combination of the above, new freshmen/transfer students to kick your college career off right by plugging into campus resources before school even starts. This program begins with over 75 student and community organizations over lunch, followed by interactive workshops to get you connected to current student leaders, faculty, and staff. Welcome Back BBQ hosted by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center immediately follows the Symposium. For more information go to our website: www.usc.edu/elcentro. All freshmen, transfers & graduate students are invited to attend on Sunday, August 23, 2015 11am-5pm at Taper Hall.

La Posada: Celebrating Latin American Holiday Traditions & Giving Back – Established 1999
La Posada is one of the many Latin American holiday traditions in which participants symbolically retrace the steps of the Virgin Mary and Joseph on the night that baby Jesus was born. In candle-Led light procession, a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph lead followers across the campus to three stops and ending with pan dulce and champurrado. USC students, faculty and staff members are invited to participate in La Posada along with families and local community members. La Posada includes a Keynote and a Toy-Drive benefitting a local non-profit. It is celebrated the first Friday in December. Sponsored by ECC & LSA.

Latino Trojan Family Reunion: Night of Networking – Established 2008
This event creates an opportunity for alumni to come back and reach out to students (both undergraduate & graduate) to network and provide advice on programs to take advantage of while at USC and Keys to Life after USC. Some years, the event features a panel of Latino Trojan Alumni from diverse fields and other years, a speed networking mixer.

Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration – Established 1980
The Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration takes place the night before USC Commencement and it celebrates graduating students’ personal and academic achievements in the spirit and traditions of our beautiful Latino culture. The Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration is open to all graduating USC students (including undergraduate, graduate/doctoral candidates) completing a degree in the spring, summer of fall term. This special celebration gives graduating students 20 seconds during the ceremony to publicly thank those who have helped them throughout their educational careers.

Collaborative Programs

L.A. Power Trips – Established 2011
The Latina/o Student Assembly and El Centro Chicano are happy to present a new type of series – the L.A. Power Trips. LSA and El Centro want to provide USC students with the opportunity to expand their horizons and explore the dynamic and rich culture Los Angeles has to offer. The L.A. Power Trips will provide students with the chance to continue their learning outside the classroom and directly apply what they’ve learned to real life situations and make connections between various segments, sectors and people that make Los Angeles the great city it is. A member of the USC faculty or staff will always be at hand to help students understand the importance and context of each trip and to answer any questions. Previous trips have been: Cesar Chavez Film at L.A. Live with Actor Eli Vargas, SPARCs (Social & Public Art Resource Center) with Judy Baca, and Homeboy Industries with Father Greg Boyle, Advance Screening of McFarland, USA at LA Live with Q&A afterwards with Director & few actors, amongst others.

Project ReMiX is an interactive program that explores the intersectionality of identities of students from various ethnic and racial backgrounds. In order to create a culture of inclusion, Project ReMiX educates, engages, and empowers participants to understand how the complexity of their identities are linked to issues of social justice. The Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS), Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA), El Centro Chicano (ECC) & the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Resource Center (LGBT RC) collaborate to provide this program at USC.
**Latino Student Empowerment Conference – Established 2012**
This conference, presented by CALAS/ASE, El Centro Chicano and the Latino/a Student Assembly recognizes the research, academic success, and social justice activism of USC students. The conference covers topics including: Immigrant Rights, Education Justice, Success Strategies for new students, presentations of undergraduate & graduate research, and a history of activism at USC. Co-sponsors are APASS, CBCSA & the LGBT Resource Center.

**Power Pan Dulce Fridays Speaker Series – Established 2013**
This program provides an informal opportunity for the USC Latino community and friends to come together to socialize and network over sweet bread & chocolate, which includes announcements by El Centro, the Latina/o Student Assembly, and any other organizations, staff, faculty and friends. The highlight of the get together is a featured speaker, a prominent professional, usually an alumni, faculty, staff, community leader & friend of El Centro who has experience and knowledge to empower students in their leadership, cultural identity & career path.

**Strategic Partners**

**Latina/o Student Assembly (LSA) – Established 1987**
The Latina/o Student Assembly is a non-profit umbrella group for Chicana/o, Hispanic, Latina/o student organizations at USC and has been in existence for approximately 26 years. LSA allocates funds to organizational members as well as other USC student organizations. Ran by a student e-board, LSA seeks to bring together students of Latino heritage, educate the USC student body and make positive contributions to the surrounding community.

**Latino Parent Association (LPA) – Established 1982**
The Latino Parent Association is an organization that serves as a resource for parents and students by addressing issues affecting Latino families and advocating involvement in parent-student issues. The monthly meetings include discussions and presentations about opportunities and additional resources throughout the university.
Welcome

It is a new year and DPS is here to help you make the best of your college experience. We would like to suggest that you take advantage of a couple of our services we provide to help make your year a great one. Here are a few tips to help make this a safe and secure year:

Bike Registration               Crime Prevention Presentations
Greek Liaison                        Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training
Adopt-a-Hall                                      Operation ID  Property Engraving

Visit our website for News & Events
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Or you can find us on Facebook and Twitter

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The Dornsife Office for Diversity and Strategic Initiatives WELCOMES YOU TO USC!

Our office promotes the retention and academic success of underrepresented and first-generation students in USC Dornsife’s 70 majors and minors. We strive to be a resource as you volunteer through the Joint Educational Project, undertake undergraduate research, and pursue internship and study abroad opportunities. We also promote the successful recruitment, advancement, and placement of diverse Ph.D. students through innovative programs aimed at enhancing the diversity and careers of Dornsife Ph.D. students. Our office also works with national organizations to advance the diversity of higher education. Last year, we partnered with the national SACNAS organization, becoming the first Platinum Sponsor of its national conference that was held in October at the Los Angeles Convention Center. To learn about the 2015 SACNAS Conference, visit http://dornsife.usc.edu/sacnas.

For more information about opportunities for you, go to: http://dornsife.usc.edu/diversity
The Department of Spanish and Portuguese in the USC Dornsife College

Why learn Spanish and Portuguese? Why major or minor in Spanish at USC?

Connect with more than 400 million speakers of Spanish worldwide, including almost 40 million in the United States. Capitalize on the growing importance of Brazil and other Portuguese-speaking areas of the world economy. Immerse yourself in some of the world’s most exciting cultural hubs, such as Buenos Aires and Madrid, or study issues of migration in Valencia, all cities where we have summer programs.

Expand your professional skills with linguistic and cultural proficiencies and the ability to think critically about global problems and opportunities. Experience the intellectual challenge of linguistic and literary theories, and the workings of literature and film from Cervantes and Sor Juana to Borges and Almodóvar.

And where better to explore the realms of Spanish and Portuguese than in Los Angeles, one of the largest Spanish-speaking cities in the world and, arguably, one of the capitals of Latin American culture?

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Welcome to USC!

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Bi-Lingual Protestant Worship—Sundays 10:30am
Student Fellowship
Connect with the Community and Work for Social Justice
Bible Study
Pastoral Counseling
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Please visit our website at www.nhmc.org to learn about the wide array of issues and programs NHMC is working on.

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**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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The Department of American Studies & Ethnicity’s (ASE) mission is to educate in the comprehensive analysis of race and ethnicity and engage students and the public to understand diversity, the consequences of disparity and inequity, and the enactment of community and citizenship at multiple scales in Los Angeles, California, the United States and the world.

Our signature department profile consists of:
Ethnic & Racial Studies
Power and Social Justice Studies
Gender & Sexuality Studies
Transnational/Global Studies

Major opportunities are available in:
American Studies and Ethnicity
Chicano/Latino Studies
African American Studies
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**Fall 2015:**
AMST 101gmw Race and Class in Los Angeles
AMST 135gmw Peoples and Cultures of the Americas
AMST 200m Introduction to American Studies & Ethnicity
AMST 252gm Black Social Movements in the U.S.
AMST 340m Latina/o LA
AMST 448m Chicano and Latino Literature

**Spring 2016:**
AMST 111g Sex in America
AMST 135gm Peoples and Cultures of the Americas
AMST 274gm Exploring Ethnicity Through Film
AMST 342m Law and Identities
AMST 357m Latino Social Movements
AMST 373m History of the Mexican American

Visit us at KAP 462 or our website at dornsife.usc.edu/ase
Annenberg Latino Student Association (ALSA)
“Uniting the Latino Community of the School for Communication through social, professional and political activities”
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The Annenberg Latino Student Association is committed to promoting career and academic opportunities for Latino students in the fields of communication, journalism and public relations. The organization is also designed to provide a social network outside of the classroom. It also provides students the opportunity to volunteer in the community through its various outreach fieldtrips. ALSA hosts bi-weekly meetings with guest speakers, workshops, and networking mixers focused on supporting and advancing the career of Latino media students.

Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting (ALPFA-USC)
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ALPFA is a leading national organization for professionals and students in accounting, business, finance and related fields with approximately 40 regional chapters. Our chapter offers a wide range of activities throughout the year which include case competitions, networking events, scholarships, student workshops, community service, professional and student mixers, mentoring programs, internships and an annual convention. Membership in ALPFA-USC is open to any student in good academic standing who shares the core values that include professional development, relationship building, inclusiveness and integrity.

Ballet Folklorico de USC
“Preserving our culture through dance and performance.”
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This organization is currently in the process of being activated

Ballet Folklorico de USC is a group for both undergraduates and graduates, experienced and unexperienced, that teaches and exposes them to traditional Latin American Folklorico dances in a welcoming and positive environment. Everyone is welcome. Come give it a try!

Chicanos/Latinos for Health Education (CHE)
“Sanando la comunidad/ Healing the community”
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The purpose of CHE is to promote pre-health student interest leading to improvement in healthcare in underserved communities. CHE supports pre-health students in areas of retention, academic success, career opportunities, and the politics of medicine. CHE members participate in various community service projects, including an annual trip to Tijuana, Mexico to provide free health services with doctors. CHE members also develop friendships with one another through participation in social activities, such as dinners and ice cream socials.
Founded at USC in 1991, Chicanos for Progressive Education is an organization committed to the education and retention of underrepresented minority students in higher education. Our purpose is to increase the number of minority students, especially Latinos/as, at USC and in colleges around the country by touring students in Los Angeles High Schools. We strive to motivate and answer questions about university life, academics, and financial aid. We also provide mentoring to high school students as well as informal mentoring between our members. We maintain a scholarship fund to help supplement financial needs of one qualified freshmen or transfer student who has shown commitment and dedication to CPE and our cause. Additionally, CPE conducts bi-monthly high school visits to various high schools in the Los Angeles area. We also pride ourselves in providing our members with a cultural and academic support group through various social events such as retreats and fundraisers.

**Event Spotlight:**
Every semester, CPE organizes a High School Conference in which they fundraise for and host over 300 high school students at USC.

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**Destino**
“Raising up a generation of Latino and Hispanic leaders to change the world.”

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Destino seeks to empower Latino Leaders to take the good news of Jesus to the Campus, the Community, and the World. Whether you’re interested in making a difference on this campus for God or just want to explore what the Bible says come by our weekly meetings.

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**El Sol y La Luna/ Latino Floor**
“Promoting cultural awareness, community involvement, and academic success in a close knit multicultural environment conducive to a smooth transition to university life and overall unforgettable first year experience!”

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Created in 1974, the Latino Floor residential program is an opportunity offered to first year students interested in learning more about the Latino culture in the presence of a supportive community of faculty/student mentors and peers. The goal of the Latino floor is to create and promote a positive and open-minded atmosphere that creates a unique first year experience meant to help ease the transition into college life. With amazing networking opportunities, faculty involvement, resourceful workshops, and cultural events, there’s no better way to experience diversity at USC. The Latino Floor provides extensive community service, cultural, academic and social activities throughout the year. A few years ago, we launched the very successful Latino Floor Fall & Spring Community Service project, which assists local neighborhood children with tutoring and role modeling from a program on campus called Peace Kids who promotes Peace, Conflict Mediation and Social Justice. The Latino Floor houses 32 residents and one resident advisor— an experienced upperclassman trained to cater to the needs of first-year students who plan programs and activities during the academic year.

**Event Spotlight:**
The Latino Floor hold an annual Beach Retreat at a local beach, host their annual Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration where hundreds of local school children came to participate in educational workshops and festivities, and participated in mixers with the Somerville and Rainbow Floor.
Hapa Student Community (HapaSC)

“Hapa Student Community is a welcoming social community for people of mixed ethnicity and their friends: a place that we can all call home. As an intelligent social group, we serve to bring public awareness to the hapa community”

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The Hapa Student Community (HapaSC) is a welcoming social community for people of mixed race/ethnicity and their friends: a place that we can all call home. As an intelligent social group, we serve to bring a public awareness to the hapa culture and community. HapaSC is also the only organization at USC devoted to creating a community where students can explore what it means to be multiracial, and explore its growing niche in our society.

Event Spotlight:
In Fall 2011, HapaSC hosted two very successful campus-wide events. One of which was collaboration with APASA named “Mixed and APA in the Media”, where HapaSC exclusively invited Danny Pudi, star of the NBC comedy show “Community”. The other event was titled “Love, Sex and Interracial Dating” where HapaSC invited two professional international dating coaches based in Sydney to talk about how to deal with some of the stigmas and issues that comes with interracial dating.

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Hermanas Unidas (HaU)

“Poder de la Mujer”

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We work to provide resources and leadership opportunities for predominately Latina, college students and alumni by participating in and organizing community service events, social activities, and academic/professional workshops. We invite students of all ethnicities and backgrounds to join our Hermandad.

Event Spotlight:
Every year a different Chapter of Hermanas Unidas hosts the HaU Statewide Conference. This conference provides workshops put on by successful alumni from different school chapters as well as the networking opportunity. It also consists of social events and chances to make many friends from different schools around California. This weekend proves to be a lot of fun.

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Hermanos Unidos (HU)

“Fuerza en la Hermandad”

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Hermanos Unidos-USC was founded in 2002 and seeks to help students succeed in the college environment by its commitment to the three foundational pillars of Academic Scholarship, Community Service, and Social Interaction. HU helps its members fulfill the three pillars by offering study hours, hands-on community service events, intramural sports, seminars, guest speakers, leadership development workshops, and team building activities. A unique component of the organization are its Platicas, where members are invited to converse on a more personal level and in an environment that promotes the achievement of both personal and collective goals. All HU members work towards achieving El Nuevo Hombre, an ideal state that defies the negative stereotypes that have been placed upon Latino males.

Event Spotlight:
Operation: Heads Up. Heads-Up is a one-on-one mentorship program with local high school students that promotes higher education. Students are provided guidance on how to successfully graduate from high school and gain admission into a college or university. HU members also prepare activities that expose students to various areas of college study. In addition, the students’ parents are invited to the event to see what their children have achieved during Heads-Up. Pachanga Night. HU and USC’s Parkside Dining Hall partner up annually to promote Latino culture and food through this theme night. Students from all over the university are able to enjoy traditional Latino dishes, music, and customs.
Hispanic Scholarship Fund-USC Scholar Chapter
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The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is the nation’s leading Hispanic scholarship organization, providing the Hispanic community with more college scholarships and outreach support than any other organization in the country. In its more than 35 years, the HSF has awarded over 90,000 scholarships worth more than $250 million to students in need.

HSF’s mission is to strengthen America by advancing the college education of Hispanic Americans. As one of their many programs to achieve their mission, HSF initiated the Scholar Chapter Network in 2001 that exists to promote the advancement of Hispanic students, while encouraging them to serve as role models and leaders in their communities.

The Scholar Chapter at USC was initiated to represent HSF, their mission, and to provide its members and the surrounding community with resources and programs that aim to promote higher education, retention, and academic and professional growth.

IDEAS (Improving Dreams, Equality, Access and Success)
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IDEAS at USC was founded to create a safe space and positive dialogue among undocumented students (AB 540). The founder's mission for the organization is that undocumented students receive the support they need in order to undergo and complete their education at USC. The organization welcomes students from all majors, non-immigrant students, immigrant students and those who support equal opportunity for all students in higher education. The organization was established in 2011 and student's response for the organization on campus has been receptive. IDEAS at USC wants to enhance the communication of this issue and create a strong network between faculty and professors that support these student's struggle. IDEAS looks forward to creating more awareness of the issue at USC. IDEAS at USC would like to take more of a proactive role on political activism regarding immigration. The group would also like to create strong network among professionals so that graduates have possible employment opportunities upon graduation. Since the group is fairly new, ideas on how to improve and make it a better organization are strongly welcome.

Latino Fellowship (LaFe)
“Empowering the Latino community at USC to explore faith and ethnic identity, love radically, and change the world”
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In addition to meaning “faith” in Spanish, LaFe is also short for Latino Fellowship. LaFe was formed in the 1980s as a branch organization of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in response to the need of growing numbers of Latino students on college campuses to be resourced and developed. As a national movement, LaFe is committed to developing Latino leaders who serve the campus community with the love of Jesus Christ as they explore God, faith, and the experiences of our people. LaFe at USC began in the fall of 2013 with the purpose of providing a safe space for Latino students to explore issues of faith and ethnic identity in community. Through weekly gatherings, discussion-based bible studies and community building activities, we invite Latino students to discover their passions, be challenged, and find support in a spiritual community. In addition, we provide Latino students the opportunity to be connected to a larger multi-ethnic community on campus by participating in activities with our partner organization, InterVarsity Trojan Christian Fellowship. By this, LaFe aims to create greater access for Latino students to succeed at USC and gain the tools necessary to positively impact their families and communities.

Event Spotlight:
Our annual Fall and Summer Conferences with the greater multi-ethnic fellowship on the beautiful Catalina Island. A time to take a break from campus, delve deeper into scripture, commune with friends and explore all that Jesus has to offer.
Ladies Striving for Unity (LSU)**
“Unifying Through the Roots”
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Ladies Striving for Unity (LSU) is a newly recognized organization on the campus of the University of Southern California since January 11, 2010. LSU was established because we felt there was a need to close the gap between organizations on campus. Each member is culturally diverse, with very different ethnic backgrounds: Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, African American, Salvadorian, Venezuelan, Caucasian, Guatemalan, Jamaican, etc. The purpose of Ladies Striving for Unity is to create unification across groups throughout the University. LSU strives to close those presently existing gaps pertaining to associations of race, ethnicity, culture, homosexuality, sororities and fraternities, organizations, clubs, and so forth. Through providing academic, social, and community outreach services and events, we plan on alleviating the issue of segregation as much as possible by bringing together diverse groups and creating awareness of the issue, enabling a place for them to bond and co-exist as a united Trojan Family.

This organization is currently inactive, but if you are interested in reviving it please contact El Centro Chicano.

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Latino Business Student Association (LBSA)
“To develop young men and women into the business leaders of tomorrow, through professional exposure, community involvement and social interaction”

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LBSA is an organization which welcomes students from all majors looking to enjoy their college experience while preparing for their future professional endeavors. LBSA strives to accomplish this by providing members with opportunities to grow professionally, while giving back to the community and making lifelong friendships.

Event Spotlight:
Every semester LBSA hosts the Corporate Luncheon for USC students. The event provides an opportunity for students to enjoy a three course meal with corporate recruiters from the company of their choice. These interactions often provide students with an added edge in obtaining internships and jobs from companies like Ernst & Young, Target, and Goldman Sachs.

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Latino Graduate Student Association (LGSA)*
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LGSA Commits to: Enhance the intellectual and social community for Latina/o graduate students, advocate for support networks for Latina/o graduate/professional students, faculty and other members of the USC community, promote the recruitment and retention of Latina/o graduate students, develop research and publication opportunities to further the professional development of Latina/o graduate students.
Latino Honor Society (LHS)
“Recognizing scholastic excellence and dedication to the Latino community since 1997”
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Latino Honor Society was established at USC in the fall of 1997. The Latino Honor Society (LHS) is a program monitored by El Centro Chicano that aims to honor the academic and leadership contributions of USC Latino undergraduate students. The society was founded in response to the need for a program that encouraged, stimulated, and recognized, those who maintain excellence in scholarship in addition to serving as positive role models in the community.

Latino Law Student Association (LLSA)*
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Latino Law Student Association (LLSA) is a student organization composed of Latino law students and students interested in issues affecting the Latino community at USC Law School. Our organization strives to create a community at USC that enables students to excel academically, socially, and professionally. Among its objectives is to serve as a support network for Latino law students on campus; and to help the retention and success of Latino law students. LLSA works in conjunction with the Admissions Office to increase the enrollment of Latino students through a Phone-a-Thon for admitted Latino students. Besides keeping our members abreast of scholarships, Latino-centric events, and potential employment opportunities, LLSA encourages its members to become involved in public interest organizations that serve the Latino community in Los Angeles. Latino Law Student Association activities include speaker events with local law firms, Hora Latin@ (a Legal Spanish Conversation Group), Judges & Lawyers Nights (honoring USC Law Latino Alums) and other social and cultural gatherings for the benefit of Latino law students and friends at USC Law. These events aim to help build community and familiarity amongst Latino and non-Latino friends and classmates.

Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)*
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The Chicano/Latino Medical Student Association is an organization dedicated to improving the health care delivery system to the Chicano/Latino communities. To accomplish this goal, LMSA’s top priority is to retain all Chicano/Latino medical students at the USC School of Medicine, a commitment we now pledge to you. LMSA will make every attempt to make you feel at home in Los Angeles and help you build lifelong friends amongst the LMSA family. By offering peer support, counseling and mentors, LMSA will strive to develop and enhance your academic and cultural potentials and alleviate any barriers that may stand in your way of making a smooth transition into and through medical school. In addition, LMSA has been working very closely with the California Hispanic American Medical Association (CHAMA) and the Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California (CMAC) to make Chicano/Latino physicians in the Los Angeles area available for you to turn to for questions and concerns about the field of medicine.

Event Spotlight:
Annually with LMSA of UCLA, we co-host and participate in the Olvera Street Health Fair which successfully provides medical services to over 4,000 local, uninsured, non-English speaking Chicano/Latino children, women, and men.

Latina/o Social Work Caucus (LSWC)*
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The Latino/a Social Work Caucus at USC is a student organization that promotes leadership, self-help, and solidarity among all USC Latina/o Master of Social Work students towards the betterment of all Latino/as cultures and people. We strive to accomplish this through: Academic Excellence, Professional Development, and Empowerment for social justice.
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The Latina/o Student Assembly is a non-profit umbrella group for Chicana/o, Hispanic, Latina/o student organizations at USC and has been in existence for approximately 26 years. LSA is composed of an executive board of 12 elected officers and one representative from each member organization. LSA receives funds from the Undergraduate Student Government and is overseen by Program Board. LSA allocates funds to member organizations. Run by a student e-board, LSA seeks to bring together students of Latino heritage, educate the USC student body and make positive contributions to the surrounding community. For the past 26 years, LSA has been a source of support and a voice for the Latino student population on campus.

Latino Transfer Club de USC
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As of Fall 2010, the Latino Transfer Club (LTC) at USC has targeted the needs of transfer students by providing resources aimed at establishing a smooth transition into the USC community. By gathering members of different majors and backgrounds, LTC fosters an open forum where new transfer students and former transfer students can discuss their experiences and ideas. Though the club has primarily helped to serve the Latino community in the past, LTC encourages students from all backgrounds to join and see what the club has to offer. This organization is currently inactive, but if you are interested in reviving it please contact El Centro Chicano.

Mariachi Sur de California
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Mariachi Sur de California offers students, faculty, and staff, the opportunity to learn the different styles of mariachi music, take part in mariachi conferences, and become part of a very special group whose members are dedicated and passionate for music.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA)
“La Union Hace la Fuerza”
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M.E.Ch.A began at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1969, when students, faculty, and community leaders met in response to growing unrest on the state of Raza education. There was a consensus that the path to liberation would come from passionate students who were dedicated to empowering their neighborhoods and people. M.E.Ch.A is inclusive of all Raza and strives for the empowerment and liberation of our gente through higher education. Plainly spoken, M.E.Ch.A is for the community.

Event Spotlight:
The MEChA High School Conference spans a history of well over a decade and has hosted over 10,000 students in the Los Angeles area. It is the intent of all MEChistas to provide participants with a better understanding of the importance of achieving higher education. Accordingly, the conference is comprised of a variety of cultural and academic workshops as well as information about majors, field of study and/or careers from current USC students and alumni.
**Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences (SACNAS)**

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The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences--USC Chapter--is focused on creating a community for students interested in research in disciplines from Health Science to Social Sciences, from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics to Engineering, Computers and other STEM fields. This community reaches beyond the University to the local community, local colleges, and national members.

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**Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at USC (SHPE-USC)**

“SHPE promotes the development of Hispanics in engineering, science and other technical professions to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity and social equality.”

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Since its founding in 1975, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at USC (SHPE-USC) has maintained a commitment to providing role models to the Hispanic community. As one of the two first established student chapters in the nation, we have a responsibility to continue promoting engineering, science, and math at the pre-college and university level. SHPE-USC offers a network of support with mentorship and guidance to thrive at USC.

We strive to ensure the preparedness of students who choose to pursue these fields by providing necessary tools and resources for success in academics and professional development through conferences, study nights, workshops, and leadership retreats. SHPE-USC champions the development of our members as leaders with a dedication to serve underprivileged communities. Each year, SHPE-USC endeavors to remain a prominent organization in the STEM fields within the Hispanic community as well as within the Viterbi School.

**Event Spotlight:**

The SHPE Conference is the major event for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Inc. and the largest technical and career conference for Hispanics in the country. Each year, the SHPE Conference attracts nearly 5,000 engineering professionals, students and corporate representatives.

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**Spanish Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA)**

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The Spanish Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA) was established in 1999 that is devoted to providing its members the ability to explore and immerse themselves in the cultures of Latin America and Spain. Anyone can participate in SUSA events, which is open to all students including graduates and all majors, not just Spanish majors and minors. In essence, SUSA is open to anyone who has an interest in Spanish and Latin American cultures.

SUSA’s most common events include conversation tables, movie nights, and dinner nights, although other events include hosting guest speakers, attending plays and museums, and organizing cooking nights. Conversation tables are SUSAs most well-known events where students and professors meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to practice Spanish in a relaxed and informal environment. Movie nights are held on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to offer free showings of Latin American and Spanish movies. To better acquaint students with LA’s rich and diverse Latin American and Spanish cultures, SUSA hosts off-campus events on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Dinner nights are the typical off-campus events that involve dining at diverse restaurants in the surrounding community. SUSA has visited such venues as El Mercado la Paloma and Olvera Street. SUSA is always open to new and interesting ideas that can help improve the club. Entonces, ¡ven con nosotros!
Undergraduate Student Government – Diversity Affairs Committee

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Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the official governing body of the nearly 16,500 undergraduates at USC. It exists to represent the interests of the students to the administration on campus through an extensive programming, committee, and advocacy structure. The four branches that comprise USG are the Legislative, Executive, Judicial, and Programming branches.

The Diversity Affairs committee is part of the advocacy branch that works to improve the atmosphere and opportunities for all minority students. In addition, Diversity Affairs is charged with increasing the diversity of students that attend USC. These groups include the Latino, Black, Asian, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered, international, disabled, religious, and female communities. Veterans, transfer students, commuter students, and Spring Admit students are all also represented through these services.

**Event Spotlight:**
This Spring will be the 6th Annual Multicultural Retreat that will bring together students from all backgrounds whether it be related to ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, etc. This two-day retreat is a chance for leaders in the diverse communities of USC to come together and develop an action plan that will help to make our prestigious university even better. We will address pertinent issues and what we can do to solve them. The retreat is all expenses paid and everyone is encouraged to apply.

*If you would like to join this committee or any of the others you can do so now by applying. Applications for elected and appointed positions for next year’s Undergraduate Student Government will be out soon. Please contact Lamar Gary if you have any questions.*

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**USC American Studies and Ethnicity Undergraduate Club**

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The ASE Club is open to students of all majors interested in the innovative interdisciplinary academic exploration of the history, culture, politics and institutions of the Americas, with particular focus on communities of color in the United States. The study of civic engagement and social movements is also featured, with the opportunity for students to do an internship in the local community through AMST 365 Leadership in the Community - Internship. Please email aseclub@usc.edu and click “LIKE” on our Facebook page to receive the latest Club information.

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**USC Ballroom and Latin Dance Team**

“Providing social, instructional, and competitive opportunities in traditional ballroom and Latin partner dances”

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The Ballroom & Latin Dance Club offers members of the USC community the opportunity to explore the art of partner dancing through class instruction, competition and social events. Classes twice per week focus on the American Smooth Ballroom and International Latin dance styles with classes in the following dances: Cha-cha, Rumba, Samba, Jive, Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz and Quickstep. Social events also include opportunities to learn Salsa, Hustle, Swing and other dances. Classes are catered to students of all abilities from beginner to championship levels. Several members travel to both collegiate and professional competitions throughout the year and have won top prizes throughout the western region in all levels. In addition, members practice what they learn in a social setting at weekend dances.
The USC Capoeira Club is run by and for USC students to practice the martial art, and learn the culture of Capoeira. We enhance our physical and mental strength, as well as awareness of our surroundings, all while wearing a smile and having a good time. It may look intimidating at first, but nothing is required except for a willingness to learn and a positive attitude.

This organization is currently inactive, but if you are interested in reviving it please contact El Centro Chicano.

USC Price Latino Student Association
“Harnessing leadership for the advancement of the community”
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The mission of the USC Price Latino Student Association is to provide social and professional opportunities to all the members of the PLSA community interested in the Latino culture and issues affecting the Latino community. The intention is to cultivate dialogue between community members in order to enhance awareness and network opportunities. PLSA is dedicated to mentoring incoming PLSA students with the goal of creating a pipeline for future policy makers, planners and administrators.

Event Spotlight:
Fall Pachanga - annual social event to welcome new students and celebrate Latino heritage.
Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Gammas)
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Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. established December 3rd, 1987 is proud to be the first Latino Interest Fraternity on the West Coast. For over two decades, this fraternity has become an instrument for promoting the development of Latino males in higher education and has served as a vehicle for creating the Latino leaders of tomorrow. Our establishment is based on the principles of Academic Excellence, through which we encourage and support Latino males in higher education; Community Service, allowing us to give back to our communities and those of similar backgrounds; and the Maintenance of the Latino Culture through Brotherhood. Since 2008, Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has been recognized as the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization (NALFO)’s Fraternity of the Year four times.

Event Spotlight:
Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rho Chapter at USC has proudly work with the School On Wheels program. The mission of School on Wheels is to enhance educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Every semester, Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. brings School on Wheels to campus for a youth conference that focuses on motivating students to pursue higher education.

We are also proud to be the official Greek sponsor of the California State Academic Decathlon. By coordinating with local Academic Decathlon offices, all chapters facilitate county competitions. Brothers aid in event logistics and serve as speech and interview judges for the competition, ensuring the ongoing success of a staple activity within California high schools.

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La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc
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La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated was established on February 19, 1982 in order to address the shortcomings of academic institutions in meeting and addressing the needs of Latino students in higher education. Founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated primarily seeks to take a leadership role in meeting the needs of the Latino community through cultural awareness, community service, and promotion of the Latino culture and people. La Unidad Latina is committed to developing its members and peers into mature, intelligent, socially active, and culturally conscious individuals, who, via mutual support, can excel academically and professionally. La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated is looking for individuals with vision, determination, pride, and a commitment to accomplish the goals it has set for itself.

Event Spotlight:
This year will mark the 7th Annual P.O.D.E.R Mural (Pintando Disenos Orgullosamente Expresando nuestra Realidad) in conjunction with Lambda Theta Alpha of UCLA. We plan on working with a local grade school in the Los Angeles area and getting their students involved in the creation of a unique mural conveying whatever message they feel suits them best. Details coming soon.
Lambda Theta Alpha was founded at Kean University, in NJ in December of 1975, as the first sorority ever created to cater towards the needs of Latinas in the nation. The purpose of Lambda Theta Alpha shall be to provide a sisterhood based on Unity, Love, & Respect. To develop strong Leaders who will then provide and practice political, social and cultural activities. To promote Latino Unity through charitable and educational programs and to maintain a high standard of learning and serve as a voice for all Latino students.

Lambda Theta Alpha is not an exclusive group of women. Although our roots are Latin, we have sisters from various cultures, nationalities and races including Caribbean, Caucasian, African American, European, Central and South American, Asian, Middle Eastern, and many more. We are an organization that fights for the empowerment of all women, regardless of their race, color, creed or religion.

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. was established on March 11, 1986 at California State University, Chico. Founded on three pillars of academic excellence, community service, and sisterhood, our organization strives to cultivate leaders by supporting the growth and development of women of color in higher education. As an academic organization, we encourage our members to challenge themselves in their studies. In the past we have continuously had one of the highest GPAs in the Multicultural Greek Council and in Spring 2013 we received our sorority’s national Academic Excellence Chapter of the year award and we also had the highest GPA out of all greek organizations at USC. In addition to participating in and organizing on-campus activities, we participate in various projects that help us serve the needs of our community and to serve as positive role models for our youth. Through these experiences, we help develop the leadership potential and skills of each of our sisters while developing and maintaining strong bonds with one another. Our goal is to offer support for our sisters not only throughout their undergraduate career, but also during their endeavors in post-graduate work and the professional world. Our sisterhood extends past our undergraduate years, into the rest of our lives.

Event Spotlight: Every spring semester Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc. hosts the Latina Youth Leadership Conference on the USC campus. We bring in high school girls of color to introduce them to college life through various workshops. The workshops focus on college academics and financial aid, self-empowerment and opportunities in higher education. We hope that through this event, young girls are able to set themselves up to achieve success as they continue through high school and pursue higher education. Our chapter is also proud to offer a scholarship every spring to a local college-bound senior.

Lambda Theta Phi is the first and largest Latino fraternity with over 100 chapters across the nation. The fraternity provides the Latino college student the opportunity to be part of a family with a mission To cultivate a spirit of brotherhood, to value an education, to promote unity among all Latinos, to be proud of and cherish our heritage, to assert roles of leadership, to develop character, to practice chivalry, and to serve mankind. Lambda Theta Phi raises the social and cultural conscience of the Latin male college student.

Event Spotlight: Every semester, Lambda Theta Phi hosts “Feed the Less Fortunate.” Brothers come together with other organizations to make food to be distributed to the homeless in Skid Row. The event provides its participants with a real eye opening experience regarding the homeless problem in downtown Los Angeles.
Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
“Serving and Educating through Our Diversity”
“Sirviendo y Educando a través de Nuestra Diversidad”
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Founded on March 15, 1989 at the University of Albany, in New York, Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated strives to serve and educate people of diverse backgrounds through sisterhood, leadership, and guidance. As positive role models, we promote unity of all cultures, focus on the empowerment of our gender and raise the standards of excellence in our academic, social, and personal endeavors.

USC’s 2011 Campus-wide Greek Organization of the Year, OPBSI – Phi Chapter, was chartered at USC in the Fall of 2003. It was the first MGC organization to Probate and Surface at USC, bringing many east coast traditions to the west. Proud of the struggle and hard work that went into bringing our organization to campus, we stand up for what we believe and have worked hard to get our deserved respect. Our chapter continues to bring great programming to campus and has received National recognition for our Leadership and Unity Conference: Project UJIMA. We are the first Latina-based organization in USC’s history to win the community service award at the university’s all council’s Greek awards. In addition we were also the first Greek-lettered organization to be awarded Organization of the Year for the Latino Student Assembly. Through hard work and dedication, Phi Chapter was has been awarded several awards which include LSA’s 2010-2011 Organization of the Year, MGC’s 2010-2011 Sorority of the Year, OPBSI Chapter of the Month (March 2011), USC’s 2010-2011 Campus-wide Greek Organization of the Year, and USC’s 2010-2011 Student Organization of the Year Finalist out of 750+ on-campus organizations. Our most recent awards include OPBSI 2011 Chapter of the Year and USC’s Diversity Programming Award 2012. Our most recent achievement was the Torres-Retena Catalyst Award at the El Centro Chicano’s 40th Anniversary Gala.

Event Spotlight:
Week of Illumination is hosted each year, dedicated to embracing our sorority goals.

Sigma Delta Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
“Excellentia et Fides Intra Fraternitus”
“Excellence and Loyalty amongst brothers.”
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Website: http://www.sdaalpha.com/

On April 22nd, 1995, 21 gentlemen who strived for more within their communities, their academics, and themselves established the first and largest multi-cultural fraternity on the University of Southern California campus. Sigma Delta Alpha is a proud fraternity that embraces all cultures and traditions. The brothers represent people in the world of academics that strive to be positive role models to youth in the community. Sigma Delta Alpha at USC has won the Fraternity of the Year award for the 2009-2010 & 2011-2012 years. We have alumni in the House of Representatives, serving in the armed forces and in top firms all over the world. We also hold the strongest alumni base in the Multicultural Greek Council and continue to produce brothers who ignite change during and after their undergraduate years. As the Fraternity with the largest current active body, we will continue to strive forward and beyond.

Event Spotlight:
Raised over $1,200 for the Toys for Tots charity in December of 2013.
Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. was established at the University of Iowa in 1986 by 18 men of diverse cultural backgrounds. Since its establishment, Sigma Lambda Beta has become the largest, fastest growing, and most successful Latino-based multicultural organization. Built upon the principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Community Service, and Cultural Awareness, Sigma Lambda Beta’s mission is to better serve the needs and wants of all people.

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. values fairness, opportunity, and the equality of all men regardless of their race, culture, or ethnicity. We are committed to creating and expanding multicultural leadership, promoting academic excellence, advocating cultural awareness and education, and establishing a brotherhood amongst all intelligent and dedicated young men on university campuses across the nation.

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. (SLG)
“Culture is Pride, Pride is Success”
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Organization Email: slgatusc@gmail.com
Web: http://slgatusc.wix.com/uscslg
National Web: www.sigmalambdagamma.com

Lambda Gamma is the largest and fastest growing Latina-based sorority. At USC, we are proud to be one of the most diverse multicultural sororities on campus. Our sisters take pride in their respective cultures and are always learning from the cultures around them.

Gammas are an incredibly diverse group of women committed to empowering ourselves and our community through our five principles: Academics, Community Service, Morals and Ethics, Cultural Awareness and Social Interaction. We are always spending time with one another whether we’re strolling, working on homework, hanging out or any other crazy thing we come up with! We’re not shy so come up and introduce yourself if you ever run into one of us on campus!

Event spotlight:
During the Fall semester, the Nu Alpha chapter at the University of Southern California hosts “Check Yourself.” It is an event dedicated to educate the USC community on Breast Cancer and what they can do to support awareness, as well as help out the cause. We bring in survivors, doctors and representatives from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. During the Spring semester, our signature event is “Empowering Women”. This event serves to expose individuals to the stories, accomplishments, and challenges women from different cultural backgrounds have faced. The distinguished women who speak, on the panel, demonstrate how they have become leaders in our society, on their own.
USC’s First Multicultural Fraternity

Sigma Delta Alpha

#1 in Active Brothers
#1 in Alumni Network
20 Years of Excellence

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Jorge Fuentes - Recruitment - SDAAlpha.Recruitment@gmail.com
Spanish Undergraduate Student Association

Interested in Spanish or Latin American cultures?
SUSA sponsors a variety of activities which enrich the cultural, intellectual and academic experience of the undergraduate student.

Events:
Weekly conversation tables
Guest speakers
Movie Nights
Dinners at Latin American restaurants
Special Events
Have more ideas? Just let us know!

For more info and to receive updates on our events, email: susa@usc.edu

Office for Wellness and Health Promotion

Spend some time with us and get to know all of the resources in ESH 203

Coffee, tea & snacks...
Extensive Health and Wellness Library...
Couchy couches and lounge space
...or hang out with friends!

And last but not least, free safer sex supplies!

BeWell USC

USC Engemann Student Health Center
**FRESHMEN/TRANSFERS:**

1) **Maintain your financial aid eligibility**
Maintain a GPA higher than a 2.3 to remain eligible for financial aid. Turn in all required documentation to the financial aid office by the deadlines! To turn in any financial aid documents follow the link to [http://www.usc.edu/admission/fa/my_fa/](http://www.usc.edu/admission/fa/my_fa/). Deadlines are very important; buy a calendar where you can keep track of what is due and when it is due. El Centro provides free planners. Create your own personal folder and keep records/copies of everything. Do not throw away anything.

2) **Ask for help...don’t wait for someone to help you**
If you start to sink academically, or you just really want that A, visit the Center for Academic Support, located in STU 301, for free tutoring. You can also visit the Kortschack Center for Learning and Creativity located in STU 311 for more help. Also, ask your professors for help because they are here to help you. And of course visit a student resource center such as El Centro if you need help with anything that is or is not related to academics (i.e. problems at home, financial aid problems, relationship problems, stress, etc.). We can direct you to more help. You can also visit the Counseling Center located at the Engemann Student Health Center if you would like to speak to someone about personal matters. Their phone number is (213) 740-7711. Friends are great people that will help you get through anything, but if you need anyone else visit the resource centers or groups on campus. USC wants you to succeed.

3) **Time management is everything!**
Do not do the all-nighters. Studies show that sleep deprivation causes a decrease in attention span and an inability to store information into your memory. This means that you will stress and risk your health and GPA. Write in this handbook’s planner, and try to finish your assignments. Even if you do not have enough time to complete everything in your day’s to-do-list, prioritize. If want to go to that free movie screening or food give-away, you need to prioritize and make sure that you will get everything done before the due date. Study early, hit the sack, and wake up ready to attack. Pick up a Latino Resource Handbook at El Centro Chicano at the beginning of the school year. You can also visit USC Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity at [http://kortschakcenter.usc.edu/](http://kortschakcenter.usc.edu/) or USC Center for Academic Support, [http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/](http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/), for time management resources; find out the next time management workshop or set up an appointment to visit them for help.

4) **Meet with your advisor**
You are required by the university to make an appointment and visit your advisor before registering for spring and fall semesters in order to avoid registration ‘holds’. Advisors will help you select the proper classes for your general education and major’s requirements. If you are undecided they can help you decide on a major, investigate career and internship options, and help you develop job searching skills. Also, become friends with them so they can help you outside of the office with new opportunities. Visit your department’s website for more information or simply email your advisor to schedule an appointment.

5) **Talk to your professor and TA**
Your professors get wrapped up with their jobs, families, and personal problems, just like us. So, introduce yourself and build rapport with them. Do not hesitate if they seem busy, they might surprise you when they actually have a lot to talk about. Become friends with them and show them that you care about your grade as well as their well-being. Go to their office hours, and they will definitely remember you when they are grading papers. They will provide a great source for recommendation letters, mentoring, and job opportunities.
6) Your USCard is your key to everything!
Keep your USCard safe and close. It will allow you to buy food, check out library books, access your dorm room, and visit the Lyon Center. Attach your USCard to your key chain or put it in your wallet so that you can always know where it is. If you lose it, report it lost online, and go to the USCard Office the next day to get a new one for $25. For more information visit http://www.usc.edu/business-affairs/admin_serv/uscard_serv/.

7) Stay healthy
Get some exercise and as much sleep as possible. School food can pack on the pounds and too much stress can make you sick. Be careful of the “freshmen 15,” it’s not a myth. But don’t forget to eat either! Take advantage of the facilities USC has to offer such as the Lyon Center and the Engemann Student Health Center. The Lyon Center is a gym that offers recreational sports, yoga, swim, dance, etc. Visit http://sait.usc.edu/Recsports/facilities/lyon-recreation-center-lrc for more information. The Health Center has many different counseling services, health promotion and disease prevention programs. They promote healthy lifestyles and care for your physical and psychological illnesses and concerns. For more information visit http://engemannshc.usc.edu/.

8) Planning to work?
First, you will need a resume. Whether you have one or would like to build a resume it is best to visit the Career Center which is located in STU 110. The career center will be your one stop shop for questions and help. Second, try to find an on-campus work-study job. If you are on campus, hours are flexible and you don’t have to commute. Talk to financial aid for work study eligibility. Their number is (213) 740-4444 or you can visit them in person. They are located at John Hubbard Hall. Third, be on the lookout for job fairs; they are typically held at the beginning of each semester on campus. Visit, http://careers.usc.edu/ for more information. You can also visit, http://sait.usc.edu/ois/intl-students/f-1-employment/on-campus.aspx for more information about working on-campus.

9) Get involved!
Give yourself a break from studying once in a while and get involved on campus. You can also beat home sickness by joining clubs or organizations on campus, the school newspaper, the Greek Society, choir, intramural sports etc. The Latino Student Assembly alone has over 25 clubs and organizations you can join. Visit El Centro or the Volunteer Center for more information on how to get involved. You will find your best friends by being in something you both like. Check out El Centro’s website for more information about the Latino Orgs, http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/involvement.aspx. You can also check out http://scampus.usc.edu/student-organizations/ for more information about other student organizations at USC. For volunteer opportunities visit the JEP house or visit their website for more information at http://dornsife.usc.edu/joint-educational-project/. Make sure to visit them within the first week of classes for volunteer opportunities.

10) Exam time: Deactivate your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, etc.
Internet is a beautiful invention that helps us access information during those wonderful research paper, right? Unfortunately, it is a big distraction during midterm season and finals week. Temporarily deactivate your account, or make your best friend change your password and you can change theirs. Do not give in to the temptation of the mouse! For more information for how to deactivate your account visit http://www.facebook.com/help/359046244166395/ for Facebook, for twitter http://support.twitter.com/articles/15358-deactivating-your-account, and for Tumblr http://www.ehow.com/how_8782722_do-deactivate-tumblr.html.
11) Need a Ride?
You may need a bike to get around campus but what about when you want to go out and explore LA? Campus Cruiser runs all week and weekends if you want to reach a place off campus within a one mile radius from the center of campus. Their number is (213)740-4911. You can also take the YellowCab which accepts USCards. Their number is (800) USC-TAXI. An alternative to the YellowCab is Lyft. Lyft are cars with pink mustaches. If you have an iPhone or android you can download the app. Lyft makes it easy and cheap to get a ride around town. There is also the metro, Los Angeles’ public transportation. Check out their website for more information at http://www.metro.net/. USC also has buses that have routes inside of USC and around the neighborhood. If you are interested, check out their website for more information at http://transnet.usc.edu/. Zip Cars are also available inside USC campus and around campus. For more information visit their website, http://www.zipcar.com/usc. Go out and explore the beautiful city of Angels!

12) STUDY, STUDY, STUDY, STUDY...
Find a quiet study space. Leavey Library is open 24/7. There are rooms at the Ronald Tutor Campus Center, Doheny Library, and the computer rooms at Salvatori Computer Science Center and King Hall, which offer small study rooms. To reserve a space at one of the libraries visit http://www.usc.edu/libraries/about/library_space/. You can also find nice spot on the grass to study. Form study groups so you can share notes and review course work. Most importantly, don’t fall behind on your readings! And do not hesitate to ask for help. El Centro Chicano is here for you. Check out this website for more places to study on, http://sait.usc.edu/campuscenter/page.asp?PageID=194.

13) Beat home sickness
Develop a comfort zone by bringing things from home that are familiar or important to. Stay in touch with those you love; remember to call, e-mail or visit them. Everyone gets homesick once and a while but you will find out that SC makes a great home. Come to El Centro if you need anything! We are more than happy to help. We are located on the fourth floor of the student union, STU 402. Wishing you the best of luck-Fight On!
GRADUATE STUDENTS:

1) Time management
As a graduate student, there might be more on a student’s plate. Don’t procrastinate! Not waiting until the last minute to do an assignment is advice that has been given to us since we can remember, however it applies to us now more than ever.

2) Network
Make sure to go out there and meet new people! Meet your classmates, professors or other people at USC! By networking you will find new friends, study buddies, and that support system you will need to survive grad school! You can network by getting involved and joining organizations in your program.

3) Mentor
Along with meeting new people, it’s important to get a mentor. It can be another student who is in another year, a professor, or someone who is in the profession that has qualities that you admire. It might feel awkward asking someone “Do you want to be my mentor?” but there is nothing to lose! They will feel honored to be considered and you will benefit from all the advice they can give you! You are never too old to get a mentor and you can never have too many mentors.

4) Self-Care
School can be stressful and time consuming but don’t forget to take a break once in a while and do the hobbies you love.

5) School Spirit
You may feel that the undergraduates have way more school spirit, but don’t be afraid to join them! You are now part of the USC Familia and you have every right to show it off!

6) Resources
Finally we encourage graduate students to venture out of their school/program/department and explore other resources on campus beginning with USC El Centro Chicano, a cultural resource center on campus established in 1972 (located on the 4th floor of the student union, STU 402), as well as other offices and programs highlighted in the Latino Resource Handbook. In addition, we strongly encourage you to also seek out organizations you might want to be a part of, starting with Latino Graduate Organizations listed in the club/organization section in the Latino Resource Handbook. These additional resources will help you in achieving the tips identified above and ultimately a well-balanced success at USC. Wishing you the best of luck-Fight On!
Student Counseling Services

Life Skills 101: ¡Sí, se puede!

Any of these sound familiar?
• Worried about a friend.
• Not finding where you fit in.
• Feeling anxious about all you have to do.
• Missing home.
• Just transferred from another school.
• Experiencing test anxiety or academic problems.

We are here to help.
• Short-Term Individual Counseling, Couple’s Therapy, Group Therapy and Psychiatric Services
• Crisis Services for urgent concerns

We offer a Women of Color Support Group, please contact Cristina Perez. In addition, we offer a Trail Blazers Support Group (first in the family to college), please contact Susan Ramirez.

Confidentiality is a priority.
Student Counseling Services is located on the third floor of the Engemann Student Health Center at 1031 West 34th St., Suite 304.

To Contact Us or Make An Appointment,
Call (213) 740-7711
The Engemann Student Health Center offers a full range of medical services in primary and specialty care, counseling services, health promotion and disease prevention.

Structured for students currently registered for classes, our focus is to help students maintain an optimum level of physical and mental health and to guide them in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

To Make An Appointment
(213) 740-9355
or
usc.edu/myshr

usc.edu/engemann

USC Engemann Student Health Center
CWM strives to enrich the USC experience across lines of gender, race, ethnicity, ability and sexual orientation. Our mission is to eliminate gender-based harm through prevention, education and collaboration. We also offer a safe and confidential space by providing counseling and advocacy for survivors of gender-based harm (e.g., sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, childhood sexual abuse).

**Services**

- 24/7 on-call service
- Advocacy
- Crisis counseling
- Outreach Programming
- Individual counseling
- Educational Workshops
- Group therapy
- Peer Program, VOICE

**Programs**

CWM also offers a variety of programs throughout the year and partners with staff, student organizations, cultural centers, Greek Life, and Residential Life to promote a variety of topics such as, healthy relationships, gender equality, gender expression, body image, and sexual violence. We also support students through the Belle Vivian Scholarship, which promotes gender equality.

**Some of our key programs include:**

- Domestic Violence Awareness Week
- Women’s Leadership Retreat
- Stalking Awareness Month
- Lunafest – Film Festival
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Intersections Series

This year we are introducing VOICE, a peer outreach program created to engage USC students in supporting survivors of trauma and preventing sexual and gender-based violence in their respective communities on campus.

You can also be involved with CWM by volunteering, supporting events, and signing up to be on our newsletter!

**Contact Us**

Engemann Student Health Center, Suite 356
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(213) 740-4900 (After-hours, press “1” to speak with an on-call counselor)

USC Center for Women and Men

@USCCWM
DISCOVER RESOURCES ON CHICANO AND LATINO STUDIES AT USC

The USC Libraries support your information and research needs on Chicanos and Latinos, on Latin America and Spain, and their contributions to Southern California and the world through books, journals, newspapers, archives, AV materials, electronic resources, and more. You are invited to programs and exhibits, including a Fall 2015 Doheny Library exhibit on the Mexican Revolution.

WHAT’S NEW FOR 2015–2016

New Spanish, Portuguese, and English language DVDs; more than 1,000 Spanish language ebooks and ejournals; Mexican, Cuban, and Latino artists’ books, including the multimedia *DOC/UNDOC: Documentado/Undocumented*; archives of Latino journalists; and recently added photos and videos of Chicano poets and writers in the USC Digital Library, including Juan Felipe Herrera, the first Latino US Poet Laureate.

OTHER IMPORTANT SERVICES AND RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- Personalized reference assistance online, in person, or by phone
- Class visits to Special Collections and library tours for student organizations
- Recommend-a-book (or video) for the collection, or use interlibrary loan

GET IN TOUCH

Contact the librarian for Chicano and Latino Studies, Barbara Robinson, at brobinso@usc.edu or call (213) 821-2261.

Stay current on news about the USC Libraries: libraries.usc.edu/news

Visit the Chicano and Latino Studies research guide: libguides.usc.edu/chicanoandlatinostudies
Let the CAREER CENTER help you on your career path

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We are located in the Student Union (STU 110). http://careers.usc.edu

Parent Programs

¡Bienvenidos!

USC Parent Programs Welcomes our Chicano/Latino Parents!

USC Parent Programs provides a center of communication and resources for USC’s parent constituency in order to engage and enrich the parent, the student and the university community.

Programas para Padres de la Universidad del Sur de California (USC) es un centro de comunicación y recursos para padres de los estudiantes, que buscan integrar y enriquecer la experiencia universitaria para padres, estudiantes y la comunidad entera.

USC Parent Programs (Programas para Padres)

213.821.6239 | scparent@usc.edu | www.usc.edu/student-affairs/parents/
**Academic Recognition Programs**

Through a variety of programs and services, ARP supports students’ efforts to make the most of their academic experience at the university, and to seek further opportunities for study and research. Their services include International Fellowships, Trustee and Presidential Scholars and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

**Contact:** (213) 740-9116 | **Email:** ugp@provost.usc.edu | **Location:** GFS 227 | **Web:** http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/LSS/arp/

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**Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS)**

USC Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS) is a multifaceted department focused on the education, engagement, and empowerment of students. APASS has a two-fold mission: to facilitate Asian Pacific American participation, dialogue, community-building, and empowerment, while at the same time, to serve as a source of cross-cultural educational programming for the entire campus. APASS programs include orientation, leadership development, service-learning and community immersion, career and peer mentoring, cross-cultural and educational programs, academic collaborations, and individual and collective advocacy.

**Contact:** (213) 740-4999 | **Email:** apass@usc.edu | **Location:** STU 410 | **Web:** http://sait.usc.edu/apass/

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**The Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA)**

The Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA) is here to welcome you to the Trojan family at the University of Southern California. CBCSA is a department that works toward creating an optimal learning environment for students of African descent and the Trojan family at large.

**Contact:** (213) 740-8257 | **Email:** cbcsa@usc.edu | **Location:** STU 415 | **Web:** www.usc.edu/cbcsa

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**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center**

The LGBT Resource Center works in collaboration with other campus offices, organizations and community networks to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Please stop by if you identify as gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, ally or questioning, or simply interested in our services.

**Contact:** (213) 740-7619 | **Email:** lgbt@usc.edu | **Location:** Student Union (STU) 2028 | **Web:** http://sait.usc.edu/lgbt/

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**The Center for Academic Support**

The Center for Academic Support is the central resource and referral agency for learning enrichment at USC. Upper division students, graduate students, faculty, staff and volunteers at USC coordinate a program of mentoring and academic enrichment in a university-wide effort to address student needs. Academic Support contributes a collaborative approach to learning within the academic community. We offer learning assistance and tutoring in various subjects for USC students at selected locations on campus including residential sites. Academic success seminars and workshops are scheduled throughout the academic year.

**Contact:** (213) 740-0776 | **Email:** study@usc.edu | **Location:** Student Union (STU) 301 | **Hours:** Monday – Friday (8:30am-5pm) | **Web:** http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/

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**Center for Engineering Diversity**

The Center for Engineering Diversity (CED) at the University of Southern California is dedicated to promoting scholastic, personal and professional excellence among underrepresented students in the Viterbi School of Engineering. CED engenders scholastic and personal achievement within our community of scholars while preparing students for successful careers as industry professionals and encouraging the pursuit of graduate degrees.

**Contact:** 213-740-1999 | **Location:** Ronald Tutor Hall (RTH) 210 | **Hours:** Monday-Friday (8:30am-5pm) | **Web:** http://viterbi.usc.edu/ced/
Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration
The Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (CSII) has as its mission to remake the narrative for understanding, and the dialogue for shaping, immigrant integration in America. CSII brings together three emphases: scholarship that draws on academic theory and rigorous research, data that provides information structured to highlight the process of immigrant integration over time, and engagement that seeks to create new dialogues with government, community organizers, business and civic leaders, immigrants and the voting public. The center is also co-directed by Dr. Manuel Pastor, professor of Geography and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California.
Location: Jefferson Building (JEF) 102 | Hours: Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) | Web: http://dornsife.usc.edu/csii

Norman Topping Student Aid Fund
The purpose of the Norman Topping Student Aid Fund (NTSAF) is to assist students with high financial need who demonstrate an extraordinary level of community awareness in their pursuit of higher education at the University of Southern California. Applicants residing in areas surrounding the University Park and Health Science campuses, in addition to first-generation college students, are given primary consideration in the selection process. Please note that the scholarship is not limited to these populations.
The Norman Topping Student Aid Fund is the only student initiated, student funded, primarily student administered scholarship in the nation.
Phone: (213) 740-7575 | Location: Ronald Tutor Campus Center 425 | Hours: Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) | Web: http://www.usc.edu/ntsaf

Tomás Rivera Policy Institute
The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, housed at the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development, is the nation’s oldest and most well-recognized think tank on Latino issues. For nearly two decades, TRPI has studied and analyzed the issues of the Latino population in the United States. TRPI clusters its research and policy advocacy activities into four main areas: economic well-being, on which the future of the Latino community’s well-being depends; educational issues faced by Latino students, parents, teachers, and administrators; information technology—closing the gap between the technological “haves” and “have-nots”; and political and civic engagement, giving voice to the Latino community’s perceptions, preferences, experience, voting trends and political behavior.
Phone: (213) 821-6263 | Email: trpi@usc.edu | Location: Annenberg School of Communication (ASC)324F | Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30am-5pm) | Web: http://www.trpi.org/

USC TRiO Programs
The federally funded TRiO programs were created to motivate and support low-income and first-generation, minority students in progressing through the academic pipeline from middle school through college. USC TRiO includes three Upward Bound programs, one Upward Bound Math-Science program and two Educational Talent Search programs.

USC also is home to another federal TRiO program, the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, which assists undergraduates in preparing for and enrolling in graduate studies at the doctoral level.
Phone: (213) 821-2402 | Location: Research Annex / Hoffman Contracts Research Building 262, MC 7708 | Hours: Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) | Website: http://communities.usc.edu/college-access/trio-programs/
USC Center for Women and Men (CWM) / Sexual Assault Resource Center
CWM exists to facilitate the success of students, faculty and staff by providing innovative opportunities for leadership and scholarship and by offering advocacy and confidential counseling to those who have experienced sexual/gender-based harm (e.g., sexual assault, relationship abuse, childhood sexual abuse). CWM provides 24/7 crisis services, individual therapy, and group therapy. Through its educational programs, CWM fosters a better understanding of gender equity and healthy relationships and sexuality. There are various ways to be involved with CWM, such as through a peer program called VOICE.
Phone Number: (213) 740-4900 | Location: Engemann Student Health Center, Suite 356 | Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30am-5pm) | Web: http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/cwm | Twitter: USCCWM

USC Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity
The mission of the USC Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity (USC KCLC) is to provide enhanced academic support services at the University of Southern California. USC KCLC does this by providing individual learning strategy sessions, tutoring in academic disciplines, and assistive technology for students with a identified learning disorder (LD), dyslexia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other learning differences. The Center incorporates a multidisciplinary approach to assisting students’ learning and support strategies. This approach includes access to professionals in psychology, occupational therapy, educational psychology, and neuropsychology within the university. In addition, students have access to learning specialists and specialized content area tutors.
Contact: 213-740-7884 | Location: Student Union (STU), Suite 311 | Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30am-5pm) | Web: http://kortschakcenter.usc.edu/

USC Latino Forum
The mission of the USC Latino Forum is to promote networking among USC staff and faculty; to foster recruitment, recruitment, retention and professional advancement; to advocate for issues of interest to its members; to promote the recruitment and retention of Latino students at USC; and to serve as a liaison between the university and the community. The USC Latino Forum has historically served as the voice of Latino Faculty and Staff at the University of Southern California since 1987. We gather several times a semester for social, academic and intellectual events that celebrate and stimulate conversations around what it means to be Latino at USC in Los Angeles and in the United States as the demographics continue to shift around us. Annual events include the Tamalada in December, the Carne Asada in May/June, as well as panel discussions, guest speakers and off-campus socials. Membership is open to any USC faculty or Staff member interested in improving the quality of life for Latinos and all people of color on the USC campus.
Contact: (213) 821-5363 | Location: Kaprielian Hall (KAP) 462 | Email: latino4m@dornsife.usc.edu | Web: http://dornsife.usc.edu/latinoforum

The Writing Center
The Writing Center is a component of the Writing Program that provides one-to-one consultations and computer resources to assist any student who seeks or is required to have individualized assistance in writing. Available to all students at the university, both undergraduate and graduate, the Writing Center is characterized by a non-judgmental, comfortable environment; it is a friendly place where students and consultants work collaboratively at all stages of the writing process, from getting started on a topic to revising and editing a draft of a nearly complete essay.
Contact: (213) 740-3691 | Location: Taper Hall (THH) 216 | Web: http://dornsife.usc.edu/writingcenter/
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The following are scholarship opportunities available both through USC departments and privately. All private scholarship information listed should be read thoroughly; it is not meant to be an endorsement. Please use your judgment.

**USC Scholarships**

*Alumni Association Scholarships*
[http://alumni.usc.edu/students/scholarships/](http://alumni.usc.edu/students/scholarships/)

*USC Latino Alumni Association (LAA)*
[http://latinoalumni.usc.edu/](http://latinoalumni.usc.edu/)

*USC’s Norman Topping Student Aid Fund Scholarship (NTSAF)*
[http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ntsaf](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ntsaf)

*USC Town and Gown Scholarship*

*USC School of Cinematic Arts*
[http://cinema.usc.edu/scholarships/index.cfm](http://cinema.usc.edu/scholarships/index.cfm)

*USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism*
[http://annenberg.usc.edu/CurrentStudents/UGStudentSvcs/Scholarships.aspx](http://annenberg.usc.edu/CurrentStudents/UGStudentSvcs/Scholarships.aspx)

*USC Viterbi School of Engineering*
[http://viterbi.usc.edu/students/undergrad/finaid/](http://viterbi.usc.edu/students/undergrad/finaid/)

*USC Thornton School of Music*
[http://www.usc.edu/schools/music/admission/finaid/index.html](http://www.usc.edu/schools/music/admission/finaid/index.html)

*Keck School of Medicine of USC*
[http://keck.usc.edu/en/About/Support_Keck/Supporting_Priorities/Supporting_Student_Scholarship/](http://keck.usc.edu/en/About/Support_Keck/Supporting_Priorities/Supporting_Student_Scholarship/)

*USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences*
[http://dornsife.usc.edu/scholarship/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/scholarship/)

*All USC Scholarships*
[http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/docs/uscScholarships1516.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/docs/uscScholarships1516.pdf)

**Hispanic Scholarships**

*The Hispanic Scholarship Fund*
[http://www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

*The Hispanic College Fund*
[http://www.hispanicfund.org](http://www.hispanicfund.org)

*Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute*
[http://www.chci.org/scholarships/](http://www.chci.org/scholarships/)
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HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities)
http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp

National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship
http://www.nhmafoundation.org/index.php/scholarship-program

Latino College Dollars
http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/directory.htm

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)
http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/

Scholarship Search Engines
1) FastWEB Scholarship Search*
   http://www.fastweb.com

2) Aid (scholarships)
   http://www.finaid.org

3) Scholarship Search
   http://www.scholarships.com

4) National Scholarships at all levels*
   http://scholarships.fatomei.com/index.html

5) Minority Scholarships*
   http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html

6) CollegeBoard
   http://www.collegeboard.org/

Finding the Right Scholarships
http://www.testprepreview.com/college-scholarships.htm

Additionally, stop by El Centro to check out our Scholarships Folder, updated continuously throughout the year for new Scholarships, Internships and Fellowships!
USC Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program
(http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/MMUF) or (http://dornsife.usc.edu/mmuf)
The fundamental objective of MMUF is to increase the number of minority students in Ph.D. programs
in the arts and sciences. Each MMUF Fellow is paired with a faculty mentor who assists them with
their research project. Fellows present their research through scholarly articles, oral reports, workshops,
conferences, multimedia displays, and/or at USC’s annual undergraduate symposium for scholarly and
creative work. Fellows attend annual Western Regional Conferences, dinner and research symposiums,
and graduate school workshops; receive fall, spring, and summer research stipends; GRE preparation;
GRE fee waivers; fee waivers for graduate school applications; conference travel; and qualify for loan
repayment programs.
  • National Website: www.mmuf.org • USC MMUF: http://dornsife.usc.edu/mmuf
  • Office Phone: (213) 740-9116

USC McNair Scholars Program
(http://www.usc.edu/programs/mcnair)
Part of the federally funded Trio Programs, the McNair Scholars Program prepares USC undergraduate
students to pursue a Ph.D. by providing undergraduate research opportunities. McNair Scholars Program
has Fall, Spring and Summer components. The program targets students who are of low-income
backgrounds or are first generation college students or a member of an underrepresented
group in graduate education. McNair Scholars receive a $2800 research stipend; GRE preparation; GRE
fee waivers; fee waivers for graduate school applications; participate in special workshops and develop
essential research skills for graduate study.
  • Phone: (213) 740-8702
  • Email: mcnairssc@usc.edu

USC Fisher Fellows
(http://dornsife.usc.edu/fisher-fellows-program/)
The Fisher Fellowship is the first program at USC Dornsife that enables students with financial needs to
fully participate in the enrichment opportunities that are at the heart of the college. Students selected
for this program will receive between $6,000 and $10,000, which may be used over a three-year
period to participate in programs that involve international travel, field research, and service to various
communities.

Project 1000
(http://www.asu.edu/project1000)
Project 1000 is a national program created to assist underrepresented students applying to graduate
school. Students may apply to up to seven of the over 88 participating Project 1000 institutions by
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Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)
(http://www.andover.edu/irt)
The Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers strives to increase the number of minority students pursuing
graduate degrees in teaching, counseling and administrative careers so that the pool of potential faculty
members in the K-12 and university levels will become more diverse. Each year, the institute supports
outstanding college students and graduates from diverse backgrounds throughout the graduate school
application process. The Summer Workshop is a four-week long program, where students work with
faculty in seminars ranging from writing, discussions, conferences, debates and presentations. Students
engage in a graduate-level curriculum, prepare for the GRE and work on statements of purpose that will
be part of their graduate school applications. Participants receive a $1200 stipend, travel expenses, and
room and board. Deadline is April 1st of each year.
  • Phone: (978) 749-4116
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Office of Undergraduate Programs
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By providing a distinctive undergraduate experience built on excellent liberal arts and professional programs, we aim to create unique opportunities for career preparation through innovative collaborations across disciplines. The university’s commitment to becoming the world center for innovative interdisciplinary research and undergraduate education is reflected in the emphasis on providing opportunities for students to participate in research and related scholarly endeavors. Our academic programs span the spectrum from basic to applied research with a high degree of societal relevance. This focus on undergraduate participation in the creation of knowledge is a principal ingredient of the academic experience at USC.

Internship Opportunities

Global Fellows
(http://careers.usc.edu/students/internships/global-fellows-internship-program)
The USC Global Fellows Internship Program provides $5,000-$7,000 stipends to USC undergraduates who are United States citizens to live and intern in Asia for an eight-week period during the summer. This program aims to increase student understanding of international business, politics, and culture. Students will have the opportunity to establish relationships and gain invaluable work experience under the supervision of International and/or American organizations abroad. Students are selected through an application and interview process. Internships are likely to be available in commercial, political and cultural centers such as Beijing, Guangzhou, Haikou, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei, and Tokyo, among others.
- USC Career Center
  Student Union 110
- Phone: (213) 740-9111

INROADS - Paid Internships - Freshmen and Sophomores
(http://www.inroads.org)
INROADS is an international organization with more than 50 offices serving more than 5,000 Interns at over 600 companies. The mission of INROADS is to develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership. INROADS provides students with direct and immediate access to the corporate world through paid internships with Fortune 1000 companies. Internships are for students with a career interest in Business, Engineering, Computer & Information Science, Sales, Marketing, Allied Healthcare, or Retail management. Apply today!
- Phone: (314) 241-7488
- Email: info@inroads.org

ConnectSC
Connect SC is a USC Career Center tool created to help students receive assistance with selecting a major, looking for an internship, resume critique, mock interviews or pursuing a professional position. Students may take advantage of career counseling/advising by making an appointment 24/7 on connectSC. Connect SC is available through each student’s MyUSC portal or through the career center website.
- Phone: (213) 740-9111
- Email: careers@usc.edu

Post- Graduate Programs

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)
(http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JET)
The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program aims to improve foreign language education in Japan and to encourage international exchange by fostering ties between Japanese youth and foreign youth. JET Program participants have the opportunity of serving in local government offices as well as public and private elementary schools, junior high and senior high schools. Participants are appointed by a contracting organization for a one-year period; the cost of transportation is covered by the program as well as compensation.
- Website: (http://www.la.us.emb-japan.go.jp/)
- E-mail: jet@ls.mofa.go.jp
- Phone: (213) 617-6700 ext. 332
Programs for Graduate Students

Coro Fellows Program
(http://www.corofellowship.org/)
The Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs is a full-time, nine month, graduate-level experiential leadership training program that prepares diverse, talented and committed individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena. The Fellows Program is rigorous and demanding, and is offered in Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and St. Louis. Coro introduces program participants to all aspects of the public affairs arena, preparing them to translate their ideals into action for improving their own communities and beyond.

- E-mail: Tu-Han Phan, Director of Outreach and Recruitment
  tphan@coro.org or for general info, email: info@coro.org
- Phone: (213) 346-3219

Social Science Research Counsel (SSRC)
Website: (http://www.ssrc.org/)
The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) is an independent, nonprofit international organization founded in 1923. It nurtures new generations of social scientists, fosters innovative research, and mobilizes necessary knowledge on important public issues. The SSRC administers the annual graduate student conference and pre-doctoral grants for Mellon Fellows.

USC Graduate School Programs
(http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/programs/)
The Graduate School oversees and confers all Ph.D. and master's degrees at USC, in the College of Arts and Sciences and the university's 17 professional schools. The Graduate School is responsible for:

- Providing oversight to ensure consistency with the academic goals of USC;
- Fostering high-quality education;
- Seeking a graduate student body that reflects our multiracial, multiethnic society;
- Helping students obtain the maximum benefit from the teaching and research activities of the university; and ensuring the equitable treatment of all graduate students.

Other Opportunities to Check Out

Fulbright
*Graduating seniors and graduate students can both apply for this fellowship
(http://us.fulbrightonline.org/)
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or English Teaching Assistantships. Fulbright provides full funding for a year abroad in over 150 countries for graduating seniors and graduate students who are U.S. citizens. Fulbright grants generally provide round-trip transportation; language or orientation courses, where appropriate; tuition, in some cases; book and research allowances; a maintenance allowance for the academic year, based on living costs in the host country; and supplemental health and accident insurance.

- Contact: Noosha Malek, aifstaff@usc.edu, nmalek@usc.edu
- Phone: 213-740-9116

USC Graduate School Diversity Outreach & Academic Professional Development
(https://sites.google.com/site/uscgraduatediversity/)
Diversity Outreach & Academic Professional Development within the Graduate School strives to create an inclusive community for all graduate students at USC. In particular, we offer services for graduate students from traditionally underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds. We also provide programs that focus on building community and seminars intended to develop a complete and competent professional skillset for all graduate students.

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Although the California DREAM Act, authored by Assembly member Gil Cedillo, was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 2011, there is still much work to be done in order to gain greater financial aid for AB540 students here at the University of Southern California.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the assuring that all students at USC are fairly considered for any form of financial assistance and scholarship opportunities and grants, please contact our very own student organization focused on the needs and concerns of the immigrant and undocumented student communities, IDEAS Movement at USC.

IDEAS Movement at USC
Email: ideas.usc@gmail.com
Website: https://ideasusc.wordpress.com/
Facebook Group Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/284671061546280/

Legal Resources
• Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (www.chirla.org)
• Central American Resource Center (www.carecen-la.org)
• Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (www.maldef.org)
• Korean Resource Center (www.krcla.org)
• American Immigration Lawyers Association (www.ailalawyer.com)
• Immigrant Legal Resource Center (www.ilrc.org)
• National Immigration Law Center (www.nilc.org)

DREAMer Support Groups
• California DREAM Network (www.cadreamnetwork.org)
• DREAM Activist (http://action.dreamactivist.org/)
• DREAM Team LA (www.dreamteamla.org)
• UCLA Downtown Labor Center (http://labor.ucla.edu/)
• Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund (www.salef.org)
• Orange County Immigrant Youth United (http://www.ociyu.org/)
• Educators For Fair Consideration (http://www.e4fc.org/home.html)
• United We Dream (http://unitedwdream.org/)

Scholarships/Internships
• Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (http://www.chci.org/)
• Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (http://www.hacu.net/hacu/default.asp)
• MALDEF List of Scholarships (http://www.maldef.org/assets/pdf/1415_MALDEF_Scholarship.pdf)
• List of Undergraduate Scholarships (http://www.e4fc.org/images/E4FC_Scholarships.pdf)
• 1000 Degrees (http://www.1000degrees.org/students/scholarships/undocumented-students/)
• Great Minds In Stem (http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/college/henaac-scholarship-program)

Graduate Fellowships/Scholarships
• The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship For New Americans (http://www.pdsoros.org/)
• Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (http://www.chci.org/fellowships/)
  • CHCI Public Policy Fellowship
  • CHCI Graduate Fellowship Program
• HACU National Internship Program (http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Become_an_Intern.asp)
• Pre-Health Dreamers (http://www.phddreamers.org/)
• List of Graduate Scholarships (http://www.e4fc.org/images/E4FC_Grad_Scholarships.pdf)
• MALDEF Law School Scholarship Program (http://www.maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html)

Scholarship Search Engines
• http://www.actonadream.org/resources/scholarships/
• http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/

CA DREAM Act (https://dream.csac.ca.gov/)
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Mission: The mission of CARECEN is to empower Central Americans by defending human and civil rights, as well as working for social and economic justice and promoting cultural diversity.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
Website: http://www.chilra.org/
The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was formed in 1986 and officially founded in 1993 to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees in Los Angeles; promote harmonious multi-ethnic and multi-racial human relations; and through coalition-building, advocacy, community education and organizing, empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just society.

El Pueblo de Los Angeles
Website: http://elpueblo.lacity.org/index.htm.
Located in Downtown Los Angeles, El Pueblo de Los Angeles is part of the oldest sections of Los Angeles. El Pueblo is made up of the Union Station, La Placita Church, Olvera Street (a Mexican marketplace), Avila Adobe, the Old Plaza Firehouse, the Pico House, and Merced Theater. El Pueblo serves as a cultural center where many people gather to celebrate the history and the diversity of Los Angeles through art, festivals, and historical tours. The buildings are preserved for their history and have been transformed into museums and art galleries.

La Plaza de Cultura y Artes
Website: http://lapca.org/
The mission of LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes is to celebrate and cultivate an appreciation for the enduring and evolving influence of Mexican and Mexican-American culture, with a specific focus upon the unique Mexican-American experience in Los Angeles and Southern California. La plaza is home to exhibitions, programs and services which encourage people to experience and participate in the ongoing story of Mexican Americans in Los Angeles and beyond.
The League of United Latin American Citizens is the oldest and most widely respected Hispanic Civil Rights organization in the United States of America. The Mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States. They have access to many programs ranging from civic participation to young adult groups, in order to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Website: http://www.maldef.org/
Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation’s leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Often described as the “law firm of the Latino community”, MALDEF promotes social change through advocacy, communications, community education, and litigation in the areas of education, employment, immigrant rights, and political access.

The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation’s leading 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service. Established in 1981, the NALEO Educational Fund is making significant contributions to the progress of the nation’s 45.5 million Latinos.

Latino Resource Organization
Website: www.latinoresource.org
610 California Ave. Venice, CA 90291
Phone: 310.578.6069 | Fax: 310.578.0490
Latino Resource Organization Inc. is a nonprofit community based social service organization that is dedicated to assist less fortunate individuals, families and seniors in the West Los Angeles area. It provides many human services and programs that support low income families of diverse cultures to improve their quality of life. Their programs include: Consultation and Assistance with Social Services, Immigration and Naturalization Services, Tax Assistance, Environmental Education Program and Financial Literacy Program. They also work in collaboration with the West Los Angeles Family Resource Center where individuals can find Adult & Senior programs, different health care and education programs, as well as social and fitness events.
Latino Professional Network  
**Website:** [http://lpnonline.com/](http://lpnonline.com/)

The Latino Professional Network, founded in Los Angeles in September of 1999, stands as one of the largest and preeminent associations of Latino professionals, community leaders, and students in the country. Since its inception, the LPN’s guiding precept and goal was to galvanize and unify the ever-growing community of Latino Professionals in the United States. The LPN also seeks to harness the skills, education, resources, and passion of Latino Leaders to assist the next generation of leaders and support the community at large. The LPN has also constantly strived to build bridges between all the communities that contribute to our collective diversity.

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities  
**Website:** [http://www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net)

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) was established in 1986 with a founding membership of eighteen institutions. Because of HACU’s exemplary leadership on behalf of the nation’s youngest and fastest-growing population, the Association rapidly grew in numbers and national impact. HACU’s mission is to Champion Hispanic Success in Higher Education. HACU fulfills its mission by promoting the development of member colleges and universities, improving access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students, and meeting the needs of business, industry and government through the development and sharing of resources, information and expertise.
If Federal Work-Study eligibility is listed on your financial aid award, you can apply for an approved Federal Work-Study job. Most of these jobs are on campus. You must demonstrate financial need, meet all application deadlines, be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and enroll for the number of units upon which your financial aid award was based (undergraduates) or take at least eight units for credit each semester (graduate and professional school students).

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Los Angeles was officially founded in 1781 by the governor of Baja and Alta California Felipe de Neve with the official name of El Pueblo de La Reina de Los Angeles, although at times it was also referred to as El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula. When the settlers arrived to Los Angeles, the area was populated by Tongva Indians the Spaniards renamed Gabrieliños, after the Spanish Mission San Gabriel de Arcangel founded ten years earlier. These and other Native American groups had inhabited the area of Los Angeles for at least tens of thousands of years.

The “Spanish” settlers that arrived to populate the area consisted of a wide racial mixture. Many were full Indians from Sonora and Sinaloa, others were descendants of Spanish and Indian parents, several were also Black or mulatto. There were only two “Spaniards” in the group, one born in New Spain and only one born in Spain. One of the settlers may have even been Filipino since he came from Manila. At the time of its founding, New Spain was in the process of populating Alta California with presidios (military forts) to defend it from foreign intervention, missions to Christianize Indians, and pueblos for families from New Spain to populate. Los Angeles, was only the second civilian settlement in California. Despite the arrival of Spanish settlers, soldiers, and friars, the majority of the population in Southern California was undoubtedly Indian until the 1820s.

In 1821, Mexico gained Independence from Spain and Alta California became Mexican territory. During the Mexican period, Los Angeles’ economy grew exponentially and was based primarily on the cattle industry and trade with foreigners. New Spain and Mexico had given large land grants to the settlers of the Los Angeles area. When the United States and Mexico fought a war between 1846 and 1848, the local Californios gave the U.S. Army its clearest defeat at the Battle of San Pascual.

The United States won the war and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo set the terms of peace. Two of the agreements in the treaty stated that Mexico would cede its northern territories including California in exchange for 15 million dollars, and that Mexicans who chose to remain in the former Mexican territories were to be guaranteed U.S. citizenship and all the rights that came with citizenship. This is how Mexican Los Angeles began its transition into an American Los Angeles.
Despite the rapid population growth of the state in 1849, the immediate Americanization of the north, and the admission of California as a state of the United States in 1850, Los Angeles retained strong Spanish, Mexican, and local Californio cultural influences for at least two decades. However, Mexicans were not the only “Latino” group in California at this time. In fact, some of the first gold miners to arrive in San Francisco in 1848 were from Chile. Even some of the miners from Sonora, Mexico were originally from Chile.

Even though the state constitution was drafted by Americans and Californios together, and all the legal documents of the state were printed in English and Spanish, Californios gradually lost their numerical majority as well as their political and economic power during the latter half of the nineteenth century. It was during this period that many Californio elite lost their land in legal struggles and some Californios turned to social banditry and gained infamy like Joaquin Murieta and Tiburcio Vasquez. It was not until the 1920s that Los Angeles saw a large resurgence of Mexican residents in Los Angeles. Largely spurred by the economic stagnation resulting from the Mexican Revolution of the 1910s, Mexicans in Los Angeles constituted the largest number of Mexicans outside of Mexico City by the late 1920s. Because of the repatriation of Mexicans during the first years of the Great Depression, Los Angeles lost one third of its Mexican population. During the 1940s and 1950s the Mexican population grew slowly.

It was not until after 1965 that the Latino population of Los Angeles grew rapidly. More Mexicans live in Los Angeles than in any city other than Mexico City itself. Yet by the year 2000, the Mexican community made up only 79 percent of the region’s Latino population. The city attracted large numbers of immigrants from Central America, particularly during the 1980s. People from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua form the largest Latino communities after those of Mexican origin. In 2005 Los Angeles elected its first Latino mayor since 1872, the Mexican American, Antonio Villaraigosa. It is from institutions like USC and cities like Los Angeles than one can expect many other Latino “firsts.” Which “first” will you be?

Gerardo Licón, History, Ph.D.
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screenings, to fun for all ages activities that appeal to a broad variety of diverse  
visitors.
Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) (http://www.molaa.org)
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Museum of Tolerance
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My name is Olivia Ceja or Olive for short. I am a product of the greater Los Angeles community and grew up in the heart of Lincoln Heights. I am currently a third year majoring in Health and Humanity as well as Spanish. I am a proud Latina with family from Michoacán, Jalisco, and Tijuana, Mexico. I’m on a mission to heal the world! In the future, I look forward to entering the medical field, working for the comunidad. On campus, I am involved in Hermanas Unidas (HaU), hold a research job at USC Keck conducting colorectal cancer research among Hispanics and volunteer at LAC+USC Medical Center. On my spare time, you can find me in the kitchen cooking up my favorite home style meals, spending time with my family, kicking a soccer ball, or crafting. I am so excited to be coming back this year as the Latino Floor RA for a second year in a row! El Centro Chicano and the Latino Floor were the places I called home my freshman year. I encourage you to do the same, and find your familia here! Make every moment count, take every opportunity as a chance to grow, and stay hungry for learning. Most importantly, luchen adelante con ganas y como siempre, fight on!
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- + - Grab-n-go
- ++ - Grab-n-sit
- !! - Drive there
- ! - Biking distance
- !! - Menu please
- !!!! - Get a playlist ready

### Argentinean:
- **Carlito’s Gardel**: 7963 Melrose Ave. (323) 655-0891
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- **Gaucho Grill**: 11754 San Vicente Blvd. (310) 447-7898
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- **Empanadas**: 3811 Sawtelle Ave. (310) 391-0888
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  - $$ +++ !!!

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- **Versailles Restaurant**: 10319 Venice Blvd. (310) 558-3168
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- **El Colmao**: 2328 W. Pico Blvd. (213) 386-6131
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- **Pollo Dorado**: 4830 Hollywood Blvd. (323) 663-3628
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– Hilda Solis, U.S. Secretary of Labor

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10am-3pm @ Fluor Tower @ 6th floor (Lounge)

You don’t get to choose how you’re going to die. Or when. You can only decide how you’re going to live now.”
– Joan Baez, Singer and Human Rights Activist

Latino Floor: Beach Retreat
10am-4pm @ TBA

Black & Latino New Student Symposium
11:30am-5:00pm @ Taper Hall
"The day someone quits school he is condemning himself to a future of poverty." – Jaime Escalante, Educator

24 Monday

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25 Tuesday

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26 Wednesday

El Centro Chicano (ECC) Fall Open House
2pm-4pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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27 Thursday

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28 Friday

Power Pan Dulce Friday feat. Alumnus & Director Gaz Alazraki
12pm–1:30pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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USC Football vs. Arizona State

USC Football vs. Stanford

USC Football vs. Idaho

USC Football vs. Arkansas State

Labor Day  
No Classes

Paulo Freire Birthday  
9/19/1921 – 5/2/1997

Dr. Severo Ochoa Birthday  
9/24/1905- 11/1/1993

Javier Solís Birthday  
9/1/1931-4/19/1966

Belize Independence  
September 21, 1981

Brazil Independence  
September 7, 1822

Mexico Independence  
September 16, 1810

Julio Iglesias Birthday  
September 23, 1943

USC Football @ Arizona State

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USC Football @ Arizona State

Dr. Severo Ochoa Birthday  
9/24/1905- 11/1/1993
“One of the greatest things you have in life is that no one has the authority to tell you what you want to be. You’re the one who’ll decide what you want to be. Respect yourself and respect the integrity of others as well. The greatest thing you have is your self-image, a positive opinion of yourself. You must never let anyone take it from you.” – Jaime Escalante, Educator

31 Monday

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An Evening with Junot Diaz: A Vision & Voices Signature Event
7pm @ Bovard Auditorium
Co-sponsored by El Centro Chicano

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“Personally, I believe that our American system works as long as you participate in it. You must vote and make your voice heard. Otherwise you will be left out.” – Mari-Luci Jaramillo, Educator, Diplomat

7 Monday

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9 Wednesday  Project ReMiX: Critical Dialogues: We Know What You Did Last Summer 4pm-6pm @ TBA

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10 Thursday  Black Graduate Student Network (BGSN) & Latino Graduate Student Association (LGSA) presents Graduate Student Mixer 6pm-8pm @ Traddies

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Don’t Forget...

"I am a firm believer in education and have worked very hard to tell young Latinos that they must go to college and that, if possible, they should pursue an advanced degree. I am convinced that education is the great equalizer." – Jimmy Smits, Actor

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Power Pan Dulce Friday feat. Alex Nogales, President and CEO of the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC)
12pm–1:30pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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“There is not a liberal America and a conservative America - there is the United States of America. There is not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America - there's only the United States of America.”

– Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States

21 Monday

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Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting
8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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27 Sunday

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“The power of philanthropy is the power to take risk – to do what others want to do, but can’t. If you want to do something you care about, take advantage of it.” – Aida Rodriguez, Philanthropist

**28 Monday**

*Fall 2015 Diversity Networking Mixer*
TBA@TBA

**29 Tuesday**

*Fall 2015 Diversity Networking Mixer*
TBA@TBA

**1 Thursday**

**2 Friday**  
**Power Pan Dulce Friday**  
12pm–1:30pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

**3 Saturday**

**4 Sunday**
“Take care of your family first. But then reach out to your neighbor, your block, your city, your country. Everybody wants change, but they want it to come by way of somebody else... If you wait for the government, you'll wait a long time.”
– Edward James Olmos, Actor

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"If you are ready to criticize a system, be equally ready to offer assistance to improve it." – Armando Sanchez, Educator

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"Young Latinos and kids of color don’t get the message that it’s ok to be proud of their culture and background. One can be proud of traditions, community, and have a ‘sense of being’ in their cultural community. One can and should be proud of that connection." – Magui Rubalcava, Philanthropist

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Trojan Family Weekend: El Centro Chicano Open House
2:30pm - 4:00pm @El Centro Chicano, Student Union, Suite 402

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El Centro Chicano & CBCSA presents Unity Tailgate
TBA @ McCarthy Quad

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Miguel Aceves Mejia Birthday 11/15/1915-11/6/06

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José Clemente Orozco Birthday 11/23/1883 - 9/7/1949

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Jorge Negrete Birthday 11/30/1911-12/5/1953

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Mark Sanchez Birthday November 11, 1986

Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz Birthday 11/12/1648 - 4/17/1695

USC Football vs. Colorado

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USC Football vs. UCLA

**TBA Events:**

- ECC & LGSA Presents Grad School Para Menos
  - TBA/TBA

- ECC/LSA Presents L.A. Power Trip
  - TBA/TBA
"Don't believe all of the negative perceptions that are out there about youth. You, along with your families and communities can change things. You need to be part of a network of peers and adults who can work together to achieve a vision you may have... Young people are not in a 'waiting period'... waiting to be leaders, waiting to make a difference... young people matter now! Act to be heard!" – Barbara Taveras, Philanthropist

26 Monday

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Latino Floor: Dia de los Muertos/Halloween Event
8am-2pm @ Fluor Tower

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"Don't let anyone call you a minority if you're black or Hispanic or belong to some other ethnic group. You're not less than anybody else." – Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet

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"People often say that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' and I say that the most liberating thing about beauty is realizing that you are the beholder. This empowers us to find beauty in places where others have not dared to look, including inside ourselves." – Salma Hayek, Actress

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"I've been put on the planet to serve humanity. I have to remind myself to live simply and not to overindulge, which is a constant battle in a material world. “ – Sandra Cisneros, Author

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"Giving kids clothes and food is one thing, but it's much more important to teach them that other people besides themselves are important, and that the best thing they can do with their lives is to use them in the service of other people."

– Dolores Huerta, Labor Leader and Civil Rights Activist
### December 2015

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- **JANUARY 2016**
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- **University of Southern California**
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ECC & LSA Presents La Posada: Celebrating Latin-American Holiday Traditions & Giving Back
6pm @ United University Church Sanctuary

“Aspire not to have more but to be more.” – Oscar Romero, Bishop
“You never know what life has in store for you, but I believe there are certain things one is meant to go through.”
– Gloria Estefan, Singer

7 Monday

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8 Tuesday  
ECC, LSA & LPA Presents Finals Study Break  
6pm-8pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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13 Sunday

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“You cannot be witness to the human suffering and not be convinced of the existence of social sin. We are responsible unless we take a stand and speak out against it.” – Father Luis Olivares, Pastor
"Deprivation is the source of appetite." – Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Scholar and Poet

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JANUARY 2016

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Open Registration:
Thurs January 7 –
Fri January 8

Rigoberta Menchu
Birthday
January 9, 1959

Jose Marti
Birthday
1/28/1853 – 5/19/1895

Cristina Saralegui
Birthday
January 29, 1948

TBA Events:
Project ReMiX: Open-Mic Night
6pm-8pm @ King Hall

Ruben Dario
Birthday
1/18/1867 – 2/6/1916

Martin Luther King's
Birthday

Classes Begin

Ruben Dario
Birthday

Martin Luther King’s
Birthday

Jose Marti
Birthday
1/28/1853 – 5/19/1895

Cristina Saralegui
Birthday
January 29, 1948
"What I treasure most in life is being able to dream. During my most difficult moments and complex situations I have been able to dream of a more beautiful future." – Rigoberta Menchu, Author and Nobel Peace Prize Inductee

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“My passion is caring about those who don’t have enough to make it through life in society. It’s about poor people and families that need help raising their children. That’s why I come to work every day, that’s why I want to make a difference.”

– Luz Vega-Marquez, Philanthropist
"It is absolutely essential that the oppressed participate in the revolutionary process with an increasingly critical awareness of their role as subjects of the transformation." – Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, philosopher, and influential theorist

11 Monday

12 Tuesday

13 Wednesday  El Centro Chicano (ECC) Spring Open House  2pm-4pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

14 Thursday

15 Friday  Power Pan Dulce  Friday 12pm–1:30pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

16 Saturday

17 Sunday
JANUARY 2016

Don’t Forget...

* "We apply law to facts. We don’t apply feelings to facts." – Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice

18 Monday


21 Thursday


5th Annual Latino Student Empowerment Conference: Research & Practice
10am-2pm @ Ronald Tutor Campus Center
Presented by: CALAS/ASE, El Centro Chicano & LSA & Co-sponsored by: APASS, CBCSA & LGBT Resource Center

22 Friday


23 Saturday


24 Sunday


Notes:
“Talent is a gift that brings with it an obligation to serve the world, and not ourselves, for it is not of our making.”
–Jose Marti, Poet

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Shakira Birthday  
February 2, 1977

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Oscar de la Hoya Birthday  
February 4, 1973

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Chile Independence  
February 12, 1818

Galapagos Islands Independence  
February 12, 1832

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Vicente Fernández Birthday  
February 17, 1940

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Jose de San Martín Birthday  
2/25/1778-8/17/1850

TBA Events:  
ECC/LSA Presents L.A. Power Trip  
TBA  
Project ReMiX: Black History Month Program  
5pm-7:30pm TBA
**FEBRUARY 2016**

*Don’t Forget...*

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"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essayist, Lecturer, and Poet

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| 6 Saturday | Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting  
8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402 |
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"Experience is not what happens to you; it’s what you do with what happens to you." – Aldous Huxley, Writer

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"We should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started." – Henry Ward Beecher, Social Reformer

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February 2016

Don’t Forget...

“Charity separates the rich from the poor; aid raises the needy and sets him on the same level with the rich.”
– Eva Peron, First Lady of Argentina

22 Monday

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23 Tuesday  Latino Trojan Family Reunion: Student-Alumni Night of Speed Networking
6pm-9pm @ USC Career Center

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**Spring Recess:**  
Mon March 14 - Sat March 19

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**Desi Arnaz Birthday**  
3/2/1917 – 12/2/1986

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**Eva Longoria Birthday**  
March 15, 1975

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**Benito Pablo Juárez Birthday**  
3/21/1806 - 7/18/1872

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**Cesar Chavez Birthday**  

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TBA Events:
- Project ReMiX: Ed Month
- TBA/TBA
FEBRUARY - MARCH 2016
Don’t Forget...

*A Chicano is a Mexican-American with a non-Anglo image of himself.* – Ruben Salazar, Mexican-American Journalist

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8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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*Don’t Forget...*

"You are the Universe of Universes and your soul a source of songs." — Ruben Darío, Poet

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"Let your dreams change your reality, don’t let your reality change your dreams." – Unknown

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"You cannot let where you start, define where you will end up." – Unknown

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APRIL 2016

SUNDAY  MONDAY  TUESDAY

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Bernardo Alberto Houssay Birthday
4/10/1887 – 9/21/1971
Dolores Huerta Birthday
April 10, 1930

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America Ferrera Birthday
April 18, 1984

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MAY 2016

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TBA Events:
Latino Honor Society Induction Ceremony
6:30pm – 8:00pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY  SATURDAY

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6  7  8
Maria de los Ángeles Félix Birthday

13  14  15  16
Selena Quintanilla Birthday
4/16/1971 - 3/30/1995

20  21  22  23
George Lopez Birthday
April 23, 1961

27  28  29  30
Spring Semester Classes End

Study Days
Sat April 30 - Tue May 3
"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." – Unknown

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Friday 12pm–1:30pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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**Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting**

8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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*Education is the best gift you could ever receive, because once you have it, no one can ever take it from you.* – *Unknown*

*Through others we become ourselves.* – *Unknown*

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"I never paint dreams or nightmares. I paint my own reality." – Frida Kahlo, Mexican Painter

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APRIL 2016
Don’t Forget...

“We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about the progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.”
– Cesar Chavez, Farm Worker, Labor Leader, and Civil Rights Activist

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*Black & Latino Multicultural Breakfast:
8am-11am @ Town & Gown

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"Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures."
– Cesar Chavez, Farm Worker, Labor Leader, and Civil Rights Activist

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"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us" – Helen Keller, American author, political activist, and lecturer.

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ECC, LSA & LPA Presents Finals Study Break
6pm-8pm @ El Centro Chicano, Student Union Suite 402

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May 2016

Don't Forget...

"In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on." – Robert Frost, Poet

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The 36th Annual Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration
8pm-10pm @ Cromwell Field

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“He who spends time regretting the past loses the present and risks the future”
– Francisco Quevedo, Spanish nobleman, Politician, and Writer

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"Action is the foundational key to all success."
– Pablo Picasso, Spanish painter, Sculptor, Printmaker, Ceramicist, and Stage designer
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Pancho Villa Birthday
6/5/1878 - 7/20/1923

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Ernesto “Che” Guevara Birthday
6/14/1928 - 10/9/1967

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Zoe Saldana Birthday
June 19, 1978

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Lionel Messi Birthday
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"What I fear most is power with impunity. I fear abuse of power, and the power to abuse."
– Isabel Allende, Chilean American writer

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“Only those who spread treachery, fire, and death out of hatred for the prosperity of others are undeserving of pity.”
– Jose Martí, Cuban Revolutionary, and Poet

**6 Monday**

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Notes:
"I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where. I love you straightforwardly, without complexities or pride; so I love you because I know no other way." – Pablo Neruda, Poet

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"Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral." – Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, philosopher, and influential theorist
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Independence Day Break
No School
Jenni Rivera Birthday
7/2/1969-12/10/13

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Frida Kahlo Birthday
7/6/1907 – 7/13/1954
Argentina Independence
July 9, 1816

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Guillermo Ochoa Birthday
July 13, 1985

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Colombia Independence
July 20, 1810

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Peru Independence
July 28, 1821

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**JULY 2016**

United States of America Independence
July 4, 1776
Venezuela Independence
July 5, 1811

Saúl 'Canelo' Álvarez Birthday
July 18, 1990

Simón Bolívar Birthday
7/24/1783 - 12/17/1830

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**AUGUST 2016**

Peru Independence
July 28, 1821
“Leaders who do not act dialogically, but insist on imposing their decisions, do not organize the people—they manipulate them. They do not liberate, nor are they liberated: they oppress.”
– Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, philosopher, and influential theorist

27 Monday

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Notes:
“No one is born fully-formed: it is through self-experience in the world that we become what we are.”
– Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, philosopher, and influential theorist
"Looking at the past must only be a means of understanding more clearly what and who they are so that they can more wisely build the future."

– Paulo Freire, Brazilian educator, philosopher, and influential theorist

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"That's the point. It goes like this: Teaching is touching life." — Jaime Escalante, Educator

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"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."
– George Bernard, Irish playwright

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- **Bolivia Independence**: August 6, 1825
- **Ecuador Independence**: August 10, 1809
- **Robert C. M. F. R. A. T.**
- **Roberto Clemente Birthday**: 8/18/1934-12/31/1972
- **Uruguay Independence**: August 25, 1825
"I love you, not for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you." – Roy Croft, Poet

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“A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.”
– Herm Albright

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Contra Tiempo elevates social change through dance

The Latin troupe focuses on contemporary issues with movement and music.

April 2
Protect your Laptop and Smartphone using Front Door Software.

Laptop computer theft has been growing at a steady rate as the use of laptop computers continues to grow. Many options are available to protect your data and to prevent theft, such as laptop locks, alarms, security labels and laptop tracking software. Victims can lose hardware, software and sensitive data that has not been backed up, as well as give thieves access to sensitive data and personal information.

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# Public Transit Serving USC

## MTA Routes

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| **38** | West Jefferson Blvd.  
| **81** | Figueroa St.  
| **204** | Vermont Ave.  
*Southbound*: Hollywood – Koreatown – Los Angeles – Athens |
| **442** | Hawthorne Blvd. / Crenshaw Blvd. / Manchester Blvd. (Monday-Friday only)  
*Northbound*: Hawthorne/ Lennox Station – Manchester & Market – Manchester & Figueroa – Figueroa & Washington – Patsaouras Transit Plaza/ Union Station  
*Southbound*: Patsaouras Transit Plaza/ Union Station – Figueroa & Washington – Manchester & Figueroa – Manchester & Market – Hawthorne/ Lennox Station |
| **Silver Line** | Artesia Transit Center / Downtown LA / Union Station / El Monte Station  
*Southbound*: El Monte – Downtown Los Angeles – Los Angeles – Harbor Gateway |
| **550** | San Pedro / Exposition Park (Monday-Friday only)  
| **Dash “F”** | Dash Downtown  
Financial District – Exposition Park – USC |
| **754** | Vermont Ave. / Hollywood  

*These buses operate 7 days a week with the exception of the Metro 550 and 442 buses. To view the time schedules of these and other Metro bus routes, visit [http://www.metro.net/riding/colleges/usc/](http://www.metro.net/riding/colleges/usc/). A “Pocket Guide” highlighting local hotspots near USC is available at this site, including dining, nightlife, and entertainment destinations along the new Expo Line. To view the time schedule and route map of the DASH F bus, visit [http://www.ladottransit.com/dash/routes/downtown/downtown.html](http://www.ladottransit.com/dash/routes/downtown/downtown.html).*
Metrolink Routes

Ventura County Line (Monday-Friday)

Antelope Valley Line (7 days a week)

San Bernardino Line (7 days a week)

Riverside Line (Monday-Friday)

Orange County Line (7 days a week)

91 Line (7 days a week)

*Metrolink trains can be boarded at Union Station; USC shuttles can take you to this destination. Visit http://www.metrolinktrains.com/ticketspricing/ to find out exactly what the price will be for your trip and visit http://www.metrolinktrains.com/schedules/ to view the time schedules of these rail lines.

College students are eligible to obtain special TAP cards and purchase reduced-rate monthly passes. Applications for these cards are available at http://media.metro.net/riding_metro/riders_guide/images/tap_college_voc_application.pdf Visit www.metro.net for more information.

Prices

- Metro Bus Fare: $1.75 for each boarding
- Metro Day Pass: $7.00 (*If purchased aboard buses, TAP Card is required. Day Passes can also be purchased at Metro ticket vending machines located at Metro rail lines.)
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SIEMPRE ADELANTE TROYANA/OS!

SI SE PUEDE! FIGHT ON!
Public Art Celebrating the Chicano/Latino Community at USC

Memorial to Cesar Chavez


La Memoria de Nuestra Tierra

La Memoria de Nuestra Tierra, is a mural painted by Judith F. Baca for the Topping Student Center. Commissioned by the university and dedicated on December 5, 1996, it depicts a landscape from a photograph of the northern part of Los Angeles. Land is the essential framework and focus of the mural. Often an image in the work of Judy Baca, the land here represents fertility, as it stretches into the distance as a source of food for the people. The river flowing from the kiva, changes to a freeway and then returns to its natural state, helping to sustain the land. In the mural the land has been stripped away showing in historical stratification the story of itself and the people who dwell on it, included among the figures are several USC students who were involved in the creation of the mural, as well as David Alfaro Siqueiros and Diego Rivera. Mural was relocated to the Ronald Tutor Campus Center Graduate Student Lounge TCC 430 and rededicated by El Centro Chicano on September 30, 2010.

Jose Marti Sculpture

USC’s bronze bust of Jose Marti, the famous nineteenth century Cuban poet and patriot, is again on display welcoming visitors to the Doheny Memorial Library’s Intellectual Commons, a room housing the Boeckmann Center’s Iberian and Latin American reference collection. In April, 2008, Dean of the USC Libraries Catherine Quinlan, placed the bronze likeness of Marti in its present location. From 1994 to 2000 it was displayed in the Boeckmann Center in the lower level of Doheny Library. Its first move was to East Library for safety during the Doheny Library’s earthquake retrofit construction. In 2004 it returned to Doheny Library, this time to protect it from a retrofit construction project in East Library. It remained behind the scene for the next four years, with brief public appearances each year for special events.

Cesar Chavez Mural

Through support of the Latino Parents Association, the United University Church (UUC), and the community, El Centro Chicano dedicated a mural to United Farm Worker founder Cesar E. Chavez (mural on left). The mural was a collaborative effort and was dedicated in 1996. Alfredo Davalos, the artist depicts the life and principles of Chavez through images of other non-violent leaders and the work of the farm laborers. The mural is located in the Jose Carlos Lecture Hall within the former facilities of El Centro Chicano (United University Church 300, 3rd fl.). On November 12th, 2013 an updated version of mural (mural on right) in collaboration with Alfredo Davalos was dedicated at new location of El Centro Chicano (Student Union, Suite 402).