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Public Art Celebrating the Chicano/Latino Community at USC

University of Southern California
El Centro Chicano

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. The mural was a collaboration 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 Carlin Lecture Hall within the facilities of El Centro Chicano (UUC 300, 3rd fl.).

Memorial to Cesar Chavez


La Memoria de Nuestra Tierra Mural

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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 support and 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 5th edition of the Latino Resource Handbook provides helpful information about USC to better orient you in building your home away from home. It includes a list of staff and faculty members that are here to assist you in any way possible. In addition, you will find scholarships, internship opportunities, campus resources and other useful information. 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. Our community is very rich, as we represent Central & South America, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, & Puerto Rico. We invite you to celebrate and share our cultura with the greater USC community. Please join us in working together during your time at USC as a student and afterwards as alumni. 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 are located at United University Church 300, 3rd floor, extension X01480, or email us at ecc@usc.edu.

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

Welcome to the Trojan Family! Adelante Nuestra Gente!
SI SE PUEDE!

29th Annual Chicano/Latino GRADUATE CELEBRATION

May 14th, 2009
Latino Resource Handbook
The Latino Resource Handbook is printed every summer and is distributed to students during the Black and Latino New Student Welcome and throughout the year. The handbook contains information about El Centro programs, events, Latino student organizations, Latino faculty/staff, scholarship information, and local Los Angeles Latino landmarks and restaurants. The handbook is a great resource guide for all new students. You can also access the handbook online at: (http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro/index.htm).

Weekly E-newsletter
The El Centro Chicano E-newsletter is a weekly online publication containing information on El Centro Chicano programs, upcoming campus events, scholarships, internship/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 all its programming. (https://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/enewsletter.asp)

Unity Through Community: Black and Latino New Student Symposium
In conjunction with the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA), this event welcomes new Black and Latino students to meet current student leaders, and attend workshops on how to continue one's success from HS to USC. Freshmen, transfers, and re-entry students are invited to attend on Sunday, August 23, 2009.

Latino Parent Association (LPA)
Founded in 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. Each year the LPA hosts the "Menudo/Tamal Bowl," a fundraiser during USC's homecoming football game. Profits from the "Menudo/Tamal Bowl" support student activities. The monthly meetings include discussions and presentations about opportunities and additional resources throughout the university. Parents are also encouraged to come to the Latino Family Tailgate, part of USC's Trojan Family Weekend taking place on Friday, October 23-25, 2009. This is a great opportunity for new USC parents and families to attend a USC football game and get a taste of what the Trojan Spirit is all about! Buy your football tickets ahead of time!

Class Reunions (One Stop Shop)
This program focuses on students' class status, i.e. Freshmen-Senior, Transfer, etc. Each class would be offered a One Stop Shop Panel fall semester, which would specifically address what those student's academic and personal needs are. A panel assembled by the needs of each specific class consists of departments/offices, faculty, alumni and upperclassmen. This program also encourages networking and helps establish a supportive class identity. During spring semester, one class reunion called the Latino Trojan Family reunion will occur where all classes, including graduate students are invited to attend. The event consists of a Latino Floors (residential theme program) reunion, followed by an alumni and graduate student panel discussing life after USC and graduate opportunities, and finally ending with a network mixer.

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.

In addition, it 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 & 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.
Project ReMix: Exploring the Mixed Race Generation
Project ReMix is a monthly, interactive discussion series aimed to explore issues facing the mixed race generation- a growing population in the U.S. and especially at USC. Aside from a student group known as HapaSC, a structured environment for multiracial students or students interested in learning about the mixed race community was practically nonexistent on campus. Between Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS), Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA), and El Centro Chicano (ECC), we also wanted to provide a new program to attract students who might not otherwise seek out our specific cultural centers. Last year’s Project ReMix was excitingly received and we expect another great year!

Latino Floors: El Sol y La Luna
Created in 1974-75, the Latino Floors 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 floors 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. Also, the floors are open to all students interested in learning more about the Chicano/Latino culture. The Latino Floors provide extensive community service, cultural, academic and social activities throughout the year. Last year, we launched the very successful Latino Floors Seminar; these are a series of dialogues and discussions during fall semester about various issues, topics and resources pertinent to the retention of first year students. The two Latino Floors house 64 residents and four resident advisors- experienced upperclassmen trained to cater to the needs of first-year students who plan programs and activities during the academic year. For more information: [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro/programs_latino_floors.htm](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro/programs_latino_floors.htm)

Latino Honor Society (LHS)
The Latino Honor Society was established at USC in 1997 in direct response to the need of a program that recognized the academic achievements of Latino students as well as their dedication to the community. LHS promotes academic scholarship and commitment to community service, especially within the Latino community. Applicants must have completed two semesters at USC, maintained a 3.5 GPA or above and demonstrated community and university involvement. Members are inducted every spring semester. LHS Members must exemplify excellence in scholarship, demonstrate dedication to service and leadership and serve as positive role models within our community.

La Posada: Celebrating Latin American Holiday Traditions
Since December 1999, El Centro Chicano has hosted “La Posada” in collaboration with the Latina/o Student Assembly and LPA. 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 candlelight procession, a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph lead followers across the campus to three stops and ending in a celebratory dinner. USC students, faculty and staff members are invited to participate in La Posada along with families and local community members. Although tradition calls for La Posada to begin on December 17th, USC celebrates it the first Friday in December, in order to allow students proper study time before finals.

Black and Latino Overnight Experience
Started in spring 2007, the Black and Latino Overnight Experience was created in conjunction with the Office of Admissions, the Black Student Assembly, the Latina/o Student Assembly, the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs and El Centro Chicano. This collaborative effort brought recently admitted Black and Latino freshmen students to USC for a chance to see Trojan Life first hand. Each student was introduced to current USC faculty, staff, and student organizations. They were paired with a current USC student to serve as their host and were provided with dinner, entertainment and accommodations in USC housing.

Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration
Continuing the tradition since its inception in 1980, the Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration formerly known as the Chicano/Latino Graduation 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. This bilingual celebration is the most anticipated event of the year and is dedicated to all our friends and families. 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.
In 1972, the term 'Chicano' represented a portion of the population that struggled for political consciousness and inclusion. According to students, faculty and staff at the University of Southern California (USC), the term 'Chicano' today, represents many different things to many different people.

Our department, however, has chosen to continue to use the term 'Chicano' in its name, El Centro Chicano for many reasons. The 1960's Civil Rights Movement proved to be a turning point for people of color in America. The Chicano Movement came out of the Civil Rights Movement and continued into the 1970s; this movement was prominent in California and throughout the southwest.

Historical achievements allowed for improved socio-economic conditions and greater access to higher education. Such improvements were brought to the University of Southern California by Chicanos, who were mostly students, community members and family members from diverse nationalities and backgrounds. They shared a common ideology that called for democratic procedures, inclusion and pride for one's indigenous heritage.

It is these principles that served as the foundation for El Centro Chicano at USC. Since 1972, El Centro Chicano has not only continued to foster these ideals, it is these principles that have allowed us to develop and succeed as a quality student-centered department. All Trojans now have the opportunity to experience higher education in a comfortable, safe and familiar setting. El Centro is a home that was made possible by the Chicano community and thus in an effort to respect and honor those who struggled throughout the movement, it is with pride that we remain El Centro Chicano.
### ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

#### Fall Semester 2009 (72 instructional days)
- Open Registration: M-F, August 17-21
- Move-In: W, August 19
- Classes Begin: M, August 24
- Labor Day: M, September 7
- Thanksgiving: Th-Sa, November 26-28
- Classes End: F, December 4
- Study Days: Sa-Tu, December 5-8
- Exams: W-W, December 9-16 (6 days)
- Winter Recess: Th-Su, December 17-January 10 (25 days)

#### Spring Semester 2010 (73 instructional days)
- Open Registration: Th-F, January 7-8
- Classes Begin: M, January 11
- Martin Luther King’s Birthday: M, January 18
- Presidents’ Day: M, February 15
- Spring Recess: M-Sa, March 15-20
- Classes End: F, April 30
- Study Days: Sa-Tu, May 1-4
- Exams: W-W, May 5-12 (6 days)
- Commencement: F, May 14

#### Summer Semester 2010 (58 instructional days)
- Registration: M-Tu, May 17-18
- Classes Begin: W, May 19
- Memorial Day: M, May 31
- Independence Day: M, July 5
- Classes End: Tu, August 10

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**El Centro Chicano**

**Apply Now!**

Do you want to be a leader, make a difference, help bring the Chicano/Latino USC community together, and build stronger coalitions with other communities?

**If Yes, apply to work at El Centro Chicano:**

**NOW HIRING!**

**PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT 3RD FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH (UUC 300)**
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<td>9am-4pm</td>
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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Annenburg Latino Student Association
"Uniting the Latino Community of the School for Communication through social, professional and political activities"
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The Annenburg 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. This association hosts bi-weekly meetings with guest speakers, workshops, networking mixers focused on supporting and advancing the career of Latino media students.

Ballet Folklorico de USC
"Preserving our culture through dance and performance"
Contact: Stephanie Hernandez
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The Folklorico is not currently active, but is looking for students interested in helping revive the group.

Campus and Community United (CCU)
Contact: Campus and Community staff
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1. We are students, faculty, religious leaders, and staff committed to spreading awareness about USC’s Master Plan while partnering with the community to develop a responsible future for the Figueroa Corridor neighborhood.
2. We seek a responsible future for both campus and community members through:
   - Advocating for Affordable Housing, both in its preservation and creation
   - Advocating for Safety while engaging endangering stereotypes about the community
   - Advocating for Responsible and Equitable Economic Development
   - Advocating for Environmental Sustainability in future neighborhood developments
Event Spotlight: This past semester, CCU sponsored Our School, Our Neighborhood: A Forum on Affordable Housing and Responsible Development. We brought together USC administrators, professors, and local community activists to discuss the Master Plan and possible ways to address it. CCU has also sent delegations to local planning meetings to publicly voice the need for responsible developments in the local neighborhood, addressing issues such as displacement and affordable housing.

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. We create support for pre-health students in areas such as retention, academic success, career opportunities, and 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 create friendships with one another through participation in social activities, such as dinners and ice cream socials.

Chicanos for Progressive Education (CPE)
"Empowerment through Education"
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Web: www.cpe@usc.edu
Founded at USC in 1991, Chicanos for Progressive Education is an organization that is committed to the education and retention of underrepresented minority students. Our purpose is to increase the number of minority students, especially Latinos, at USC and in colleges around the country by touring Los Angeles High Schools in order 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 the financial needs of one qualified freshman 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 school 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 we fundraise and host over 300 high school students at USC.

El Sol y La Luna/ Latino Floors
"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 Floors 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 floors 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 a new culture and environment.
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 Floors provides extensive community service, cultural, academic and social activities throughout the year. The two Latino Floors house 64 residents and four resident advisors - experienced upperclassmen trained to cater to the needs of first-year students who plan programs and activities during the academic year.

Event Spotlight: This year the Latino Floors held a Beach Retreat at Dockweiler State Beach, hosted 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 Floors.

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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HapaSC is also the only organization at USC devoted to creating a student community within which students can explore what it means to be multiracial and it's growing niche in our society. Our organization puts on annual events, like the Interracial Dating Forum, Welcome Retreat, Comedy Night, Thanksgiving Dinner and Member Banquets. We also have a number of educational and social activities.

Event Spotlight: In Fall 2008 HapaSC presented Comedy night featuring Kate Rigg, Rachel Tomlinson and Comedy Central's Steve Byrne. After some hilarious standup performances the comedians sat down for a roundtable discussion on being hapa in the entertainment industry. The event was a big hit garnering interest from beyond the USC community.

Hermanas Unidas (HaU)  
"Poder de la Mujer"  
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Hermanas Unidas de USC was established in 2004 and serves to ease the transition to and from college with the help of our general body as well as alumni network. Hermanas Unidas has 11 chapters throughout California and is based off three pillars: Academics, Social Events, and Community Service. One great thing about HaU is that it offers family-like friendships.

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.

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 Paticas, 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 EVK 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.

Latino Honor Society (LHS)  
"Recognizing scholastic excellence and dedication to the Latino community since 1997"  
Email: lsec@usc.edu  
Web: https://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro  
Latino Honor Society was established at USC in the Fall of 1997. LHS is an academic program sponsored coordinated by El Centro Chicano. 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. LHS recognizes all Latino students at USC for their outstanding commitments to academic excellence and efforts in developing the Latino community through community service.

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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Organization Email: lbsa@usc.edu  Website: www.usclbsa.com  
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. We welcome you to the LBSA family! Meetings Wednesdays 6-8pm in Accounting 201 starting January 28.

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.

Latino Association of Policy, Planning, and Development (LAPPPD)*
"Harnessing leadership for the advancement of the community"
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Website: http://www-scf.usc.edu/~lapppd/

The mission of the Latino Association of Policy, Planning, and Development is to provide social and professional opportunities to all the members of the SPPD 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. LAPPPD is dedicated to mentoring incoming SPPD 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.

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 for Latina/o graduate students.

Latina/o Social Work Caucus (LSWC)*
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The Latina/o 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's cultures and people. We strive to accomplish this through: Academic Excellence, Professional Development, and Empowerment for social justice.

Latina/o Student Assembly (LSA)
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The Latina/o Student Assembly is a non-profit umbrella group for Chicana/o, Hispana/o, Latina/o student organizations at USC and has been in existence for approximately 16 years. LSA is composed of an executive board of 5 elected officers, 1 appointed officer and 1 representative from each member organization. LSA receives funds from Student Senate and is overseen by Program Board. LSA allocates funds to organizational members as well as other USC student organizations.

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 of the music. This group is not currently active, but is looking for students interested in helping revive the group.

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 of 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 MEChisAs 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.

Nuestra Alma Latina (NAL)
"Strength through Unity"
Organization Email: nuestra@usc.edu
Web: http://www-scf.usc.edu/~nuestra

Spring 2007 Mission Statement: "We the ladies and gentlemen of Nuestra Alma Latina will establish in each member a foundation of support through the bonds of friendship, academic excellence, social awareness and to lead by example in our university and community."

Nuestra Alma Latina was established in 1995 by eleven Latina, female student leaders. Its purpose was to provide a support group for Latinas on campus that helps its members succeed academically and socially to reach the end goal of graduation.
NAL welcomes all students who wish to be committed members to the organization. We sponsor community service events, such as Halloween event with young children at a nearby learning center and social events including monthly dinners. NAL’s alumni continue to be active in the organization and have recently met their endowment fund goal for the NAL scholarship.

**Project Dream**  
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Project Dream is an organization meant to serve as a college preparatory program for inner-city low income students around the USC area. We welcome students from every major who are willing to serve middle school and high school students as mentors and role models.

Event Spotlight: John Adams Middle School Mentoring Program, Adjusting The Status Quo For Failure: LAUSD High Schools, & Fall High School Conference.

**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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The National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers was established in 1974 with goals focusing on outreach to the community as well as networking among all Hispanics. SHPE-USC was one of the first established student chapters in the nation, founded in 1975. Here at the University of Southern California, we do our best to provide our members with the right tools to become successful individuals who also give back to the community. In addition, we also have a long heritage of successful SHPE alumni who help us in successful completion of our goals.

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. The 2009 SHPE Conference will take place in Washington, DC October 28 - November 1, 2009.

**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.

Event Spotlight: This Spring will be the 2nd 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 Angie Gonzalez if you have any questions.

**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: Chacha, 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.

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*Graduate Club/Orgs are identified with an Asterisk*
La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.  
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La Unidad Latina, USC's 2006-2007 Greek Organization of the Year and the 2006 NALFO Fraternity of the Year, is a fraternal service organization aimed at uniting Latino leaders in brotherhood in order to better serve the Latino community. Our organization extends to the campuses of over 66 prominent undergraduate academic institutions and 13 alumni/graduate entities in most major American cities. La Unidad Latina is the only Latino-based organization chartered at every Ivy League institution. Enhanced by a diverse membership, we commit ourselves to academic excellence, leadership development and cultural enlightenment. Elite Lambda Men are socially conscious, politically active and competent.  
Event Spotlight: 2nd Annual Battle of Troy: Step, Stroll and Salute Exhibition, October 31, 2008. With so much negative publicity surrounding Black and Latino relations, college students are doing something positive to unite both communities in South Los Angeles. For the second year in a row, Black and Latino Greek-lettered organizations came together and performed on ONE stage at the University of Southern California campus. The 2nd Annual "Battle of Troy: Step, Stroll, and Salute Exhibition" showcased some of the best stepping, strolling, saluting from around the country including; the New York Tri-State Area, Chicago, Washington D.C, and California. Most importantly, all profits from this event went to a local non-profit organization called, "The Fulfillment Fund." The Fulfillment Fund's focus is on taking local inner-city youth, and helping excel in high school, provide access to higher education, and achieve professional development. Over the past two years we have raised over $2,500 through this event.  

Lambda Theta Nu Latin Sorority Inc.  
"Ready to Blossom? We Can Help!"  
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Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc. was founded to create a strong and positive organization which would overcome negative stereotypes of Latina women. As a chapter of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc., our primary goals are to offer academic support for our sisters not only through their undergraduate career and through graduation, but to encourage post graduate education. At the same time, we participate in various projects which help serve the needs of our community and provide positive role models for our youth. Through these experiences, we help develop the leadership potential and skills of each of our sisters. Our sisterhood extends past our undergraduate years, into the rest of our lives.  
Event Spotlight: In the Fall of 2008, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc. was part of a movement to end domestic violence in the Latino Community. The Tau Chapter hosted "Mobilizing Voices", an event that was sponsored by Verizon Wireless; with keynote speaker was Yasmin Davidds. This event awarded domestic violence survivors with a Courage Award and inspired more than 400 high school students to act against domestic violence. At this event, attendees were encouraged to donate old cell phones, which would be donated to victims of domestic violence. "Mobilizing Voices" was the beginning of a movement that was launched at USC and then moved on to Arizona State University and San Jose State University.  

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.  
"Chivalry Above Self"  
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Lambda Theta Phi 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 an 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 next day. The event provides its participants with a real eye opening experience regarding the homeless problem in downtown Los Angeles.  

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.  
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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.
**Event Spotlight: Sigma Scholarship**

Sigma Delta Alpha provides full-Tuition scholarships to disadvantaged students in Mexico. They strive to be positive role models to youth in their community.

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Twenty-one devoted students founded the Alpha chapter of Sigma Delta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at USC on April 22, 1995, thereby establishing the first and largest Latino fraternity on campus. Brothers of Sigma Delta Alpha are university men who embody the spirit of Brotherhood and assist each other in achieving academic, social and personal goals. We are a proud fraternity that acknowledges a shared cultural heritage. The brothers represent their people in the world of academia and strive to be positive role models to youth in their community.

**Event Spotlight: Sigma Scholarship.** Sigma Delta Alpha provides full-Tuition scholarships to disadvantaged students in Mexico.
Mission Statement
To provide scholarship assistance for the academic development and advancement of University of Southern California students who demonstrate financial need and show commitment to the Latino Community.

Scholarship Selection Criteria
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Completed Application
Community/University Involvement

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**CHICANO/LATINO GRADUATE CELEBRATION**

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- Visit the Resource Room in HPPS to pick up safer sex supplies, cold care kits, a band-aid, or browse our library. We also provide rapid anonymous HIV testing.

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resources/vista la&id=5786091

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www.salef.org
Society of Advancements of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science
www.sacnas.org

Politics
American Immigration Center
www.us-immigration.com/information/consulates.html
The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
www.carecen-la.org/
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
www.chirla.org
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
www.maldef.org
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
www.naleo.org

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www.clinicaromero.com/
Diversity and Ethnic Studies
www.public.iastate.edu/~savega/us_latin.htm
Hispanic Vista
www.hispanicvista.com
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The Learning Center
The Learning Center is the location of the central resource and referral agency for learning enrichment at USC. The Department of Academic Services (DAS) and the Department of Learning Services (DLS) work with USC faculty, staff and students to complement and enhance optimal use of the educational resources of the university. The goals of DAS and DLS are to facilitate independent learning, critical thinking, integrative understanding and responsible action. The Learning Center is located on the third floor of the Student Union Building, Room 301, (213) 740-0776. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Department of Learning Services
DLS focuses on mainstreaming and self advocacy to enable students with learning disabilities to achieve and maintain a full level of autonomy on the campus and in the community. Assistance is given in pre admission and academic counseling, educational therapy, content area tutoring, learning skills and strategies instruction, special exam administration, liaison to textbook taping services and long term governmental loans, adaptive cassette players, and advocacy for academic accommodations when appropriate. STU 301 (213) 740-0776

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The Supplemental Instruction Program, part of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, offers academic assistance to students enrolled in several traditionally difficult courses. Participation is open to all students enrolled in the targeted class. For information about this program, please browse their website at http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/si/ CAS 200 (213) 740-5295

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. In fact, many students come to the Writing Center to talk about a topic before they have written anything at all. THH Third Floor 301 (213) 740-3691

UNIVERSITY PARK HEALTH CENTER
Counseling Services
Services available at the Counseling Center in the YWCA Building. Services are provided to enhance student's skills and attitudes in adapting to college life, creatively handling stress and challenges, relating to new and exiting people, and making their USC experience satisfying and productive. Eligible students may be seen in groups, as a couple, or individually, and all personal information discussed in counseling sessions is kept confidential. 849 W. 34th St Los Angeles CA 90089-0311 (213) 740-7711

Medical Services
For treatment of most acute illnesses and injuries, a primary care appointment can be schedule Monday through Friday, for the current week only. Students can call (213) 740-2778 or go to the Health Center and make an appointment to see the practitioner of their choice. Specialty care appointments are booked on referral basis. Students must first be evaluated by a practitioner through the primary care appointment system to receive referral. Areas of specialization include: gynecology, orthopedics, internal medicine, dermatology and allergy. 1500 San Pablo St. Los Angeles CA 90033 (888) 700-5700

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Center for Women and Men
The center provides a confidential and welcoming setting for individuals to seek assistance on any issue of concern. Crisis intervention, information and referrals for women and men dealing with gender based harm or abuse such as sexual assault, rape, sexual harassment, domestic or dating violence, battering and stalking. If you are (or have been) a victim of rape, sexual assault or harassment or if you are struggling with sexual identity issues, please consider talking with someone at the Center for Women and Men. All communications with the office is confidential, making it a safe environment to discuss personal matters. YWCA 100 (213) 740-4900
USC International Office in Mexico
Since 2005 USC has had a strong presence in Mexico. We help USC faculty and students make educational connections, meet students and faculty of top Mexican Universities, have international exchanges, and retain all year round internships. Thanks to our database of 400+ Alumni and USC friends we are able to help our Trojan family in any way we can! We are trying to make our database up-to-date so if you will be returning to Mexico or Latin America, please let us know so we can be in contact with you and send you the Trojan Family Magazine and our newsletters! Also if you know of other Trojans in Latin America please let us know so we can keep connected! Please do not hesitate to contact the USC International Office in Mexico if you are planning a project or if you just need a friend to guide you in your adventure!

Prado Sur #140, Tercer Piso, Oficina B, Col. Lomas de Chapultepec. C.P. 11000, Mexico D.F. Mexico
Tel: (011 52 55) 5202-8822 or http://global.usc.edu

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. If you indentify as gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, ally or questioning, or simply interested in our services, then please stop by STU 202B or contact us at (213) 740-7619 or www.usc.edu/lgbt

Services include:
- LGBT Peer Mentoring Program - work with a caring, dynamic peer mentor on your personal, social, academic, career and lifestyle goals. Visit: www.usc.edu/lgbt/mentoring
- University Rap (uRap) - a weekly confidential discussion group (Mondays, 7:30pm, URC 103) for LGBT, questioning and supportive ally students. Meet new people, chat and learn about current LGBT topics.
- Ally Program - 'safe zone' program for Faculty and Staff Allies.
- Speaker's Bureau - a group of LGBT and Ally speakers that can speak about their personal experiences and current topics affecting the LGBT community.
- Generation Queer - an emerging leadership retreat for first year, second year and transfer students.
- Lavender Commencement Celebration - an annual commencement celebration for LGBT & Ally graduates. Visit: www.usc.edu/lgbt/lavender

Center for Engineering Diversity
The Center for Engineering Diversity, is an academic support and student development program which exists to recruit, retain and successfully graduate historically under-represented (African-American, Native American, Latino, and Women) engineering and computer science students. The Center for Engineering Diversity offers a full scope of services such as academic and career counseling, academic and professional development workshops, scholarships, an accelerated summer program to acclimate freshmen students to the rigors of college life and a study center equipped with computers. Please visit their website at http://viterbi.usc.edu/ced/ for updated information. (213) 740-1999

Volunteer Center
Primarily a student-run department within the Division of Student Affairs. Offers opportunities for students, alumni, faculty, and staff to get involved with the community. Each year the Volunteer Center organizes numerous service projects, identifies volunteer opportunities and houses an extensive database of over 200 non-profits and other agencies that offer volunteer opportunities. (213) 740-7012. HSH 100

Student Athlete Academic Services
The SAAS program was established to provide student athletes with the academic support necessary for them to achieve their goal of a USC degree. By providing services through the Athletic Department such as general counseling, advisement and problem solving along with orientation, registration assistance, grade monitoring twice a year, study table and tutors, SAAS helps student athletes fulfill the university's academic expectations for them and also helps each of them achieve their own personal academic goals.

SC Scholars Program
The SCholars Program is a collaborative initiative between the Jack Kent Cook Foundation, the University of Southern California (USC), and local community colleges. The program's primary focus is to identify high-achieving community college students and encourage them to transfer to selective public and private research universities. In addition to assisting students through the transfer process, upon matriculation to USC, this unique program offers a variety of support services designed to meet the academic, emotional, and social needs of transfer students from local community colleges. Through the SCholars Program, the Jack Kent Cook Foundation and the University of Southern California aim to support the continued academic success of each participant, thereby increasing access to the nation's leading colleges and universities for first generation, low- to moderate- income and underrepresented students. Please visit their website at http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SCholars/ (213)740-7667. HSH 211
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.

1. **USC’s Mexican American Alumni Association (MAAA)**
   Provides partial tuition aid grants to U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents that are currently attending or will be incoming students at the University of Southern California. The scholarship is for students pursuing Undergraduate and Graduate (Masters Candidates Only) degrees at USC and who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Latino/Hispanic community. Students must be enrolled as full-time status (Undergraduate 12 units or more and Graduate 8 units or more). Check with office for their deadlines, due in May. [http://sait.usc.edu/maaa/](http://sait.usc.edu/maaa/)

2. **USC’s Norman Topping Student Aid Fund Scholarship (NTSAF)**
   The purpose of the NTSAF is to assist students with high financial need who demonstrate an extraordinary level of community awareness in their pursuit of higher education at USC. First-generation college students and local area applicants are given primary consideration in the selection process. Please note that the scholarship is not limited to these populations; it is available to incoming freshmen, transfer, and graduate students. Due in February. [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ntsaf](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ntsaf)

3. **Tomas Rivera Policy Institute: Latino College Dollars**
   [http://www.latinocolleddollars.org](http://www.latinocolleddollars.org)

4. **USC Fellowship Opportunities**
   [http://www.usc.edu/schools/GraduateSchool/current_fellowships_03.html](http://www.usc.edu/schools/GraduateSchool/current_fellowships_03.html)

5. **FastWEB Scholarship Search**
   [http://www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

6. **The Hispanic Scholarship Fund**
   [http://www.hsfnet.org](http://www.hsfnet.org)

7. **Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)**
   [http://www.alpfa.org](http://www.alpfa.org)

8. **National Scholarships at all levels**

9. **La Unidad Latina Foundation**
   [http://foundation.launidadlatina.org](http://foundation.launidadlatina.org)

10. **Ambassadorial Scholarships**
    [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho)

11. **Accounting Scholarships (Pursuing graduate degree in Accounting)**
    [http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm](http://www.aicpa.org/members/div/career/edu/jlcs.htm)

12. **American Psychological Association (APA) Scholarships and Fellowships**

13. **Minority Scholarships**
    [http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html](http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html)

14. **Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)**
    Law School Scholarship*
    [www.maldef.org/education/law.htm](http://www.maldef.org/education/law.htm)  (Due October)
30. FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid (scholarships)  
http://www.finaid.org

31. USC Town and Gown Scholarship  
http://www.townandgownusc.com

3.2 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute  
www.chci.org

33. League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)  

34. Latino Medical Student Association: "Si Se Puede" Medical School Application Scholarship*  
http://www.lmsa.net/scholarships.html

* Scholarships also available for graduate students.

See El Centro Chicano's Website for updated scholarship information:  
http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro/helpful_links_scholarships.htm

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**Did You Know?**

**Oscar Romero**

A prominent Roman Catholic priest and Archbishop in El Salvador during the 1960s and 1970s, Oscar Romero witnessed numerous violations of human rights and he spoke on behalf of the poor and the victims of El Salvador's long and bloody civil war.
1. Maintain your financial aid eligibility
   Maintain a GPA higher than 2.5 to remain eligible for financial aid. Also, turn in all required documentation to the financial aid office by the deadlines!

2. Time management is everything!
   Although it may seem like a good idea at the time, all-nighters are not the answer to your GPA problems. In fact, studies show that prolonged sleep deprivation causes a decreased attention span and an inability to store information in memory. So study early, hit the sack, and wake up ready to tackle the day. You might even have time to hit that local coffee shop...but not because you had to stay up all night cramming!

3. Ask for help
   If you start to sink academically visit the Center for Academic Support, located in STU 302, they provide free tutoring, or ask your professors for help. And of course visit the El Centro Chicano Office in the United University Church (Third floor) if you need help figuring it out! USC wants you to succeed.

4. Meet with your advisor
   Remember that 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 also with selecting the proper classes to take. They can help you decide on a major, investigate career and internship options as well as develop job search skills. By developing a relationship with your advisor, you'll be well on your way to getting a job or finding a graduate school when the time comes.

5. Maintain a healthy life
   Get some exercise and some sleep. School food can pack on the pounds and too much stress can make you sick. Be careful of the "freshmen 15" because it's not just a myth! Dominos Pizza at 1 a.m. can be really tempting. Take advantage of all the facilities that the Rec Lyon Center offers!

6. Your USCard is literally your key to everything on campus!!!
   So keep it safe and close. It will allow you to buy food, do laundry, get into the library and check out books, access your dorm room, etc. So if you lock yourself out of your room Public Safety will be able to come to the rescue. Always remember to report it lost and go to the USCard Office the next day to get a new one at the cost of $18.

7. Planning to work?
   Try to find an on-campus work-study job. Hours are flexible and if you're on-campus, you don't have to commute. Talk to financial aid for eligibility. Visit the Career Planning and Placement Center (Student Union 110) for job openings and you can always attend the job fairs to get information on job opportunities.

8) Beat home sickness
   Develop a comfort zone by bringing things from home that are familiar or important to you like pictures, pillows, blankets, or a favorite object. Stay in touch with those you love; remember to call, e-mail or visit them.

9. Get Involved!
   Set aside some time to get involved on campus and give yourself a break from studying once in a while. You can look into joining clubs or organizations on campus, the school newspaper, the Greek Society, choir, etc. You can visit El Centro or the USC Volunteer Center to get information on how to get involved.

10. Get to know your professors and T.A.'s
   USC strongly encourages networking and building connections. Make sure you introduce yourself to your professors, go to office hours and build a rapport with them. Remember you will be contacting faculty for research opportunities, letters of recommendations, advice and mentoring!

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Did You Know?

Nicaraguan poet, Ruben Dario, also known as the father of Modernism revolutionized and revived Spanish literature at the end of the 19th century. He exposed Spanish literature to the world. Before him, most literature influences came from Europe.
USC McNair Scholars Program - Research
(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. McNairs Scholars Progam 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.

USC McNair Scholars Program
Phone: (213) 740-8702
Email: mcnairsc@usc.edu

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

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.

Phone: (978) 749-4116
Email: irt@andover.edu

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 using one application. Participation is FREE OF CHARGE to individual students and to the participating institutions!

Phone: (800) 327-4893

Did You Know?

Ellen Ochoa
The first Latina astronaut is Ellen Ochoa; she earned a masters of Science degree and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University.
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 Califorio 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?
Our Alma Mater dear, looks up to you Fight On and win For ‘ol SC Fight On to victory Fight On!"

*Tribute to Troy* is the other popular USC fight song, here also played by the USC Trojan Marching Band.

**Traveler**
USC football games are famous for, among other things, the appearance of Traveler, a noble white steed bearing a "Trojan warrior" into the arena. The Traveler tradition began in 1961 with Traveler I. From 1961 to 1988, USC’s equestrian mascots were selected, trained, and ridden by Richard Saukko. After his death, the Saukko family continued the tradition of raising the famous Trojan horses until 2003, when equestrian manager Joanne Asman took over.

**Trojan Marching Band**
The history of the "Spirit of Troy," the USC marching band, goes back to the inception of the university in 1880. The contemporary Trojan band began in 1970 with the arrival of Dr. Arthur C. Bartner and his unique "drive-it" style of marching. The band has performed at the Academy Awards, the Hollywood Bowl, the Rose Parade, and in numerous film and television productions. In 1979, the Trojan Marching Band recorded the title track for the album "Tusk" with the rock group Fleetwood Mac, which resulted in a platinum album for that song; no other collegiate marching band has ever been so honored.
Organize a trip with all your friends!

**PLACES IN L.A. TO CHECK OUT**

**Latino Cultural Hotspots**

- **33 1/3 BOOKS & GALLERY COLLECTIVE**
  1200 N. Alvarado Blvd.,
  Los Angeles (213) 483-3500

- **BILINGUAL FOUNDATION OF THE ARTS**
  421 N. 19th Avenue,
  Los Angeles (323) 225-4044

- **CASA 0101 TEATRO**
  2009 E. 1st Street
  Los Angeles, California 90033
  (323) 263-7684

- **FRIDA KAHLO TEATRE**
  2332 W. 4th Street,
  Los Angeles (213) 382-8133

- **L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART**
  5905 Wilshire Blvd.,
  Los Angeles (213) 857-6000

- **LIBROS REVOLUCIÓN**
  312 W. 8th Street,
  Los Angeles (213) 488-1303

- **MERCADO PALOMA**
  3655 S. Grand Avenue
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (213) 748-1963

- **MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART**
  250 S. Grand Ave.,
  Los Angeles (213) 626-6222

- **MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ART (MOLAA)**
  628 Alamitos Ave.,
  Long Beach (562) 437-1689

- **ROCK ROSE**
  4108 N. Figueroa,
  Highland Park (323) 222-4740

- **THE GETTY CENTER**
  1200 Getty Center Drive,
  Los Angeles (310) 440-7300

**Reminder:** Check your SCampus (under ‘Exploring L.A.’) for more ideas!

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**Cafés and Desserts**

- **THE DOWNBEAT CAFÉ**
  202 Alvarado St.
  Los Angeles (213) 483-3955

- **COFFEE/DESSERTS**
  Wanna get away? Need a place to study or relax? Are you going to be up all night? Try one of these spots!

- **BOBA LOCA**
  3617 S. Vermont Ave.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (323) 766-BOBA
  www.boba-loca.com

- **Café Corsa**
  2238 S. Figueroa
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  213-746-2604
  www.cafecorsala.com

- **COFFEE FACTORY**
  3014 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (213) 741-6323

- **COLDSTONE CREAMERY**
  3730 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (213) 747-8927
  www.starbucks.com

- **COFFEE/DESSERTS**
  It’s good to know where you can go to grab a burger, sandwich or even a steak.

- **CANTER’S DELI (24h)**
  419 N. Fairfax Ave.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (323) 651-2030
  www.cantersdeli.com

- **MEI’S DRIVE-IN (24h)**
  8585 Sunset Blvd.
  Los Angeles, CA 90069
  (310) 854-7200
  www.meidsdrive-in.com

- **COFFEE FACTORY**
  3014 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (213) 741-6323

- **THE ORIGINAL PANTRY (24h)**
  877 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90017
  (213) 972-9279
  www.pantrycafe.com

- **Viztango Cafe**
  3017 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90007
  (213) 745-8050

**Reminder:** Need clothes for school?

**Restaurants**

- **THE GROVE AT FARMERS MARKET**
  189 The Grove Dr.
  Los Angeles, CA 90036
  (323) 900-8000

- **HOLLYWOOD AND HIGHLAND**
  6801 Hollywood Blvd.
  Los Angeles, CA 90028
  (323) 467-6412

- **JAPANESE VILLAGE PLAZA**
  350 E. 1st St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90012
  213-613-0019

- **MACY’S PLAZA**
  750 W. 7th St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90017
  (213) 624-2891

- **7+ FIG @ ERNST & YOUNG PLAZA**
  725 S. Figueroa St.
  Los Angeles, CA 90017
  (213) 953-7170

- **WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY SHOPPING CENTER**
  10250 Santa Monica Blvd
  Los Angeles, CA 90067
  310-553-3300

- **Westside Pavilion Mall**
  10800 W. Pico Blvd Ste 312
  Los Angeles, CA 90064
  310-475-3850

- **TARGET**
  3535 S. La Cienega Blvd
  Los Angeles, CA 90016
  310-895-1131
**Joint Educational Project**

(213) 740-1837

JEP House

www.usc.edu/jep

The Joint Educational Project (JEP) offers students a unique opportunity to combine academic coursework with the experience found in the ethnically and culturally diverse community surrounding the university. Each year some 1,600 students from approximately 70 courses receive academic credit for their participation in JEP. An additional 400 students serve as non-credit volunteers and share their time and special talents in the project. As a JEP student, you can choose one of several assignments:

- In local schools, you can tutor and befriend children through the mentors program; aid teachers in the classroom as teacher assistants; help other school administrators; and lead mini-course lessons on subjects from earthquakes to health and nutrition.
- In health clinics, hospitals and the coroner’s office, you can work as a physician’s assistant, patient comforter or translator through the Trojan Health Volunteers Program.
- In other community sites, such as a shelter for battered women and children or a neighborhood tutorial center, students can offer help that enhances current educational arts and sports programs.

JEP assignments last from eight to 10 weeks during the semester and provide excellent career preparation, community service and personal growth opportunities for interested students. JEP houses an America Reads/America Counts program, coined USC Readers PLUS, which hires and places work-study students in five of the USC Family Schools on a year-round basis. Readers and math mentors assist neighborhood children with reading and math between eight and 15 hours a week during the academic year and up to 40 hours a week during the summer months. Visit the JEP House at 801 W. 34th St., across from Taper Hall.

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**Need Assistance?**

**COME TO...**

**Student Support and Advocacy!**

We are a friendly office of student advocates - please stop in...

Housed in the Office for the Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Support and Advocacy assists students and families in resolving complex issues which adversely affect a student's academic success and/or collegiate experience. Whether the issues are personal, academic, or financial, we evaluate and present options to students, and facilitate communication and connections with university departments.

**Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs**

University of Southern California

Student Union - Suite 201

(213) 740.2421

http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/programs/ssa/
Homestead Museum
(http://www.homesteadmuseum.org/index.htm)
A century of southern California history awaits you at the Homestead Museum! This six-acre site dates from the era when California was still part of Mexico through the decade of the 1920s when Los Angeles had become a major American city. Located in City of Industry. (626) 968-8492

Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) (http://www.molaa.org)
The Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, California, is the only museum in the Western U.S. to exclusively feature contemporary art from Latin America. Student Admission is only $5.

The Latino Museum
(http://www.thelatinomuseum.com)
The Latino Museum is dedicated to celebrating the diverse history, art, culture and vitality of the Latino heritage. Located in the City of Los Angeles, which has the largest Latino population in the United States, The Latino Museum is a repository of Latino cultural knowledge and legacies.

The Autry Museum of Western Heritage (http://www.autrynationalcenter.org)
The Autry is devoted to preserving and interpreting the rich history and traditions of the American West. With one of the most comprehensive collections of western history and art, its seven permanent galleries and special exhibitions offer material gathered from the many cultures and events that have shaped the legacy of this vast region. Student Admission is $5.

Museum of Tolerance
(http://www.museumoftolerance.com)
The Museum of Tolerance is a high tech, hands-on experiential museum that focuses on two central themes through unique interactive exhibits: the dynamics of racism and prejudice in America and the history of the Holocaust - the ultimate example of man's inhumanity to man.

Did You Know?

Ritchie Valens was the first Latino rock star to appear on a U.S. postage stamp and have his name in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Jaime Escalante

Bolivian educator, Jaime Escalante is famously known for his work at Garfield High School. He taught and motivated a small group of low-income students to take and pass the AP Calculus exam in 1982. The Educational Testing Service, invalidated the scores, believing that the students had cheated. Most of the 18 pupils retook the test and passed, making Escalante an influential educator in our community.

Guatemalan Nobel Laureate, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, has been recognized by people nationally for her work in social justice and speaking for the rights of indigenous people.
Issues of gender and sexuality in Spanish cultural texts have been an enduring feature of mainstream as well as non-traditional literary and iconographic works since the Middle Ages. As the representation of women and desire frequently involves other theoretical concerns, our approach to textual and visual material will also include discussion of race, class, and imperialism or nationalism throughout Spain’s cultural history. In this course we will read and analyze selections from literary and historical texts as well as from visual culture in Spain through illustrations and film. We will begin with medieval works (such as Hispano-Arabic music and poetry) and explore how the themes interconnected to gender and sexuality have evolved during the past thousand years, continuing into the present with films by Spanish directors such as Pedro Almodóvar and Manuel Gómez Pereira. The readings will include: Hispano-Arabic poetry, Las jarchas; Alfonso X, Songs of Holy Mary of Alfonso X, the Wise; A Translation of the Cantigas of Santa María (selections from text and visual images); The Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila (selections from text and visual images); Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote (selections from text and visual images); Catalina de Erauso, Lieutenant Nun. Memoir of a Basque Transvestite in the New World (and selections from film and comic book versions); Emilia Pardo Bazán, “Torn Lace” (short story) and poetry of Ana Rossetti and Garcíaíosa de la Vega. Films will include: Luis Buñuel, Un Chien Andalou [In perrro andaluz]; Federico García Lora, The House of Bernarda Alba: A Drama About Women in Villages of Spain; Pedro Almodóvar, Dark Habits and All About My Mother and Manuel Gómez Pereira: Queens.

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This course is designed to introduce students to written, visual, and activist representations of cultures and peoples in the Americas. Throughout the semester, we look at the cultural formations that together make up the diverse geo-political region of the Americas. The first part of the course examines cultural formations, using the structural context of the ‘Encounter/Conquest,’ Slavery and the African diaspora, the processes of nation building, modernity in Latin America, and U.S. imperialism as our lens for understanding issues of cultural production. The second part of the course focuses on testimonies, music, and film that address the effects of militarization and its aftermath, the rise of identity-based popular movements, and global/transnational effects. Some guiding questions of the course will be: How are representations embedded in relations of power? How do issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and citizenship influence the way we think about and study the cultures of the Americas? What are the dominant representations of Latin American cultures and peoples? What are the advantages and disadvantages to studying Latin America through an intercontinental perspective? Film, video, images, and music, as well as guest lectures will complement weekly topics and readings. Course requirements include section attendance and participation, midterm exam, three response papers, and a final exam.

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This course will cover a broad range of issues and topics to draw connections between the experiences and relationships of the Latino community and American political systems and institutions. Contemporary social, economic, and political issues of importance to the diverse Latina/o community in the United States will be the subject areas covered to conduct our inquiry into Latino politics. We will focus mostly, but not exclusively, on the three largest Spanish-origin populations in the country: Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Cuban Americans. Questions we will address include: Who are Latinos as a population? What difference does it make to be of Latino descent in the United States and are there Latino-specific issues and concerns? How does the political system view and treat Latinos? To what extent do Latinos participate in politics and mobilize to advance their political interests? Course requirements include a midterm exam, a research paper, reading exercises, participation, and a “service-learning” opportunity.

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