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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 7th 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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- HISTORY AND OUR NAME -

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.
El Centro Chicano

Missions 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. 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, and 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.

Programs and Services:
Latino Resource Handbook
The Latino Resource Handbook is printed every summer and is distributed to students during the Latino New Student Symposium and throughout the year. The handbook contains information about El Centro programs, Latino student organizations, Latino faculty/staff, scholarships, tips for new students, and key resources that will assist you in being successful, amongst other information. The handbook is a great resource guide for all new students: freshmen, transfer and graduate students. The Latino Resource Handbook comes in the form of a yearly planner for your convenience and utility!

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, 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 http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/e-newsletter.aspx. El Centro Chicano also provides daily resources and updated information for your continual success and development at USC on our Facebook like page.

Latino New Student Symposium
This program welcomes new Latino students to meet current student leaders, key faculty/staff at Club/Org Resource Fair and attend workshops directly put on by student leaders, faculty and staff on how to continue one’s success from HS/Community College to USC. Freshmen and transfers are invited to attend on Sunday, August 21, 2011 11am-5pm at E.F. Hutton Park.

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. The monthly meetings include discussions and presentations about opportunities and additional resources throughout the university. Parents are also encouraged to come to the Unity Tailgate- a partnership with CBCSA & NTSAF, part of USC’s Trojan Family Weekend taking place on Saturday, October 29th 2011. USC parents and families are encouraged to attend.

Class Reunions (One Stop Shop)
Since 2006 this program focuses on students’ class status, i.e. Freshmen-Senior, Transfer, etc. Each class is offered a One Stop Shop Panel fall semester, which specifically address students’ academic and personal needs through a panel of departments/offices, faculty, alumni and
upperclassmen. This program also encourages networking and helps establish a supportive class identity. During spring semester, The Latino Trojan Family Reunion occurs where all classes, including graduate students are invited to attend. The event consists of alumni and graduate student panel discussing life after USC, key tips about the work environment, graduate opportunities, and finally ending with a network mixer.

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 a big success! We look forward to 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 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. 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. 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 two resident advisors– experienced upperclassmen trained to cater to the needs of first-year students who plan programs and activities during the academic year. In addition, staff/faculty and LF Alumni serve as mentors and additional resources. The Latino Floor is a joint program co-managed by El Centro Chicano and the Office for Residential Education. For more information: http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/programs/latino-floor-el-sol-y-la-luna-special-interest-community.aspx

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 undergraduate 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 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. LHS Members must exemplify excellence in scholarship, demonstrate dedication to service, leadership within our community, and serve as a positive role model.

La Posada: Celebrating Latin American Holiday Traditions and Giving Back
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 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 held to benefit a local non-profit. 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 brings recently admitted Black and Latino freshmen students to USC for a chance to see Trojan Life first hand. Each student is introduced to current USC faculty, staff, and student organizations. They are paired with a current USC student to serve as their host and are provided with dinner, entertainment and USC housing—an opportunity for most to spend the night on the Latino Floor.

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 or 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. A 30 year+ Trojan Tradition!

LSA and ECC Present: L.A. Power Trips
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. Students will get the chance to learn a bit more about El Pueblo de Los Angeles (Olvera Street), the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), and the Non-Profit Homeboy Industries, to name a few. 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 outstanding questions.

LSA and ECC Present: The Latino Speaker Series
This series will span from October to April and will include speakers from a vast array of fields such as entertainment, politics, education and the arts to provide engaging discussions with USC students – particularly the Latino community. LSA launched this series by honoring Ms. Dolores Huerta in November 2010, as well as Diego Luna, Manu Chao, Rosario Dawson, and Maria Teresa Kumar. By having prominent professional Latino leaders on campus our aim is to have an intimate talk with them about their paths to success, the meaning of Latino identity and their thoughts on the future of Latinos in America. Speakers will provide us with insight and wisdom they have gained through the various experiences that have helped them advance both in their profession and life.
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Spanish Undergraduate Student Association

Interested in Spanish or Latin American cultures?

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- Weekly conversation tables
- Guest speakers
- Movie Nights
- Dinners at Latin American restaurants
- Special Events
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For more info and to receive updates on our events, email: susa@usc.edu

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http://careers.usc.edu
One of the main goals of our office is to provide an array of educational enrichment opportunities for students from a variety of backgrounds to succeed in their USC educational experience. We are especially interested in diversifying the recruitment and retention of the USC Dornsife undergraduate student population through specialized programs such as SOAR and SURF undergraduate research, study abroad, and service learning projects. We are also actively involved in strategies to successfully recruit and retain a diverse Ph.D. graduate student population in our graduate programs. Our office also partners with national organizations and foundations to develop special programs and initiatives focused on student access and inclusion.

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Spanish Major and Minor

Why study Spanish?

Spoken by more than 400 million people around the world, Spanish is the principal language of Spain and nineteen countries in Latin America, as well as the second language of Southern California and the United States. Historically, the Spanish-speaking world has been largely defined by contacts between various cultures. The peaceful coexistence of Christians, Jews and Muslims in medieval Spain, or the latest bilingual creations of Latino and Latina writers in Los Angeles, are all elements in the cultural realm of Spanish.

What can I do with a Major or Minor in Spanish?

The major or minor in Spanish will provide the student with the opportunity to become better acquainted with Spanish and Latin American culture, language, and literature. Students with academic preparation in Spanish significantly enhance their career opportunities in such areas as international relations, business, teaching, communications, health, law, and many other areas.

Spanish at USC

Our basic language program is designed to help you acquire intermediate Spanish language skills and then continue with upper division classes in literature, culture, or linguistics. Literature classes will supply you with the necessary tools for analyzing literary texts within their cultural and historical contexts. Linguistics classes include the history of the language, comparative analysis of Spanish dialects in the United States and elsewhere, and applied linguistics.

The Double Major

An increasing number of undergraduates are making their academic plans early, enabling them to combine the study of Spanish with another discipline in the form of a double major. Spanish can be combined with other areas of study, as for example, business, international relations, political science, communications, and the sciences. The double major prepares students for careers where foreign language skills and cultural sensitivity are essential. The double major also provides excellent preparation for graduate work and professional schools, such as law, education, and medicine.

Study Abroad/Summer Programs

During the summer the department offers programs in Spain and Latin America. These programs combine intensive courses in Spanish language, literature and culture with cultural activities such as visits to museums and historical sites. Special courses taught in these programs are applicable towards the major or minor in Spanish.

For additional information or to declare the major or minor, contact Josephine Le, M.Ed., Academic Advisor Office of College Advising Parking Structure D, Suite 101 (213) 740-2534
STUDENT CLUB/ORGANIZATIONS

*Graduate Club/Orgs are identified with an Asterisk

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.

Ballet Folklorico de USC
“Preserving our culture through dance and performance”
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Campus and Community United (CCU)
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Website: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=18371789284&ref=ts

(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 enduring 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. CHE creates support for 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 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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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 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 we fundraise for 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 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. 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 Floors house 32 residents and two 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:
The Latino Floors 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 Floors.

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**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 the only organization at USC devoted to creating a student community within which students can explore what it means to be multiracial and its 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 Spring 2010 HapaSC hosted a one night art exhibition at The Hive Gallery in downtown LA. The show featured live music and art of various mediums submitted by the multiracial community at USC and around Southern California.

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**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 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 more college scholarships and outreach support than any other organization in the country. In its 34 years, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund 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. HSF will achieve the mission by increasing the rate of Hispanics earning a college degree.

The HSF Scholar Chapter Network exists to promote academic success and student engagement among Latino college students, while encouraging them to serve as role models and leaders in their communities.

HSF initiated the Scholar Chapter Network in 2001 with a grant from the Goldman Sachs Foundation. During its first year, the network consisted of five Scholar Chapters. This year there are Scholar Chapters on 28 campuses across the country. Throughout its history, the Network has been supported by sponsorships from Target, The Goldman Sachs Foundation, The Coca-Cola Company, Lumina Foundation of Education, Daniels Fund and Lilly Endowment, Inc.
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.

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 this issue of segregation as much as possible by bringing together diverse groups and creating awareness of the issue and enabling a place for them to bond and co-exist as a united Trojan family.

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

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. LAPPD 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 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.

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 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. LHS is an academic program sponsored and 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.
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, CMSA’s top priority is to retain all Chicano/Latino medical students at the USC School of Medicine, a commitment we now pledge to you. CMSA will make every attempt to make you feel at home in Los Angeles and help you build lifelong friends amongst the CMSA family. By offering peer support, counseling and mentors, CMSA 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, CMSA 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 CMSA 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.

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**Latino/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 Latino/a 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.

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**Latino/o Student Assembly (LSA)**
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The Latina/o Student Assembly is a non-profit umbrella group for Chicana/o, Hispanic/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.
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.

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 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.

Spanish Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA)

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SUSA (Spanish Undergraduate Student Association) was established in 1999 and is an organization that is devoted to immersing its members in Hispanic culture and practicing Spanish. What we are most known for are our Conversation Tables where students (members or not) and Spanish professors come together to speak Spanish. By practicing Spanish with the aid of excellent professors, students are given the opportunity to meet Spanish professors; a key for anyone interested in minoring or majoring in Spanish.

SUSA also hosts movie nights throughout the year, screening movies that are filmed abroad, giving members and non-members alike the opportunity to appreciate Hispanic cinema. SUSA also hosts off campus events that takes advantage of Los Angeles’ diversity of Hispanic cultures SUSA visits various Hispanic restaurants and areas of Hispanic cultural interest to give members a hands-on cultural experience. Past events have included dining in El Mercado de la Paloma and taking in the sights and tasting the foods of Olvera Street. These dinner- outings are typically held on a monthly basis. SUSA is open to anyone interested in joining, regardless if they can speak Spanish or not. SUSA is also always open to anyone with new and interesting ideas that can help improve the club.
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 5th 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 Joshua DeMolta 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: 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.
• LATINO GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Gammas)
“Cultivating leaders, strengthening communities”
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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. For the past three years Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has been recognized as the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization (NALFO)’s Fraternity of the Year.

Event Spotlight:
Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. participates in a nationally sponsored Diabetes Prevention and Awareness Week. Brothers throughout the state work closely with their local American Diabetes Association office to sponsor a series of events, including healthcare workshops, screenings and nutrition classes with the purpose of increasing awareness within our community, which is so gravely affected by this disease. 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.

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
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National Website: http://www.launidadlatina.org/

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:
The 4th Annual Battle of Troy: Step, Stroll, and Salute Exhibition showcased some of the best stepping, strolling, and saluting from around the country, including the New York Tri-State Area, Arizona, and California. Most importantly, all profits from this event were donated to a local high school, Central Los Angeles High School #9. Over $5,000 was raised and contributed to one of the high school’s academic programs. The program will send a number of students to Ireland so they can further explore the performing arts, ultimately contributing to the school’s mission of educating and encouraging the pursuit of higher education through performing arts.

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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.

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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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Website: www.usclambdas.com
National Website: www.lambda1975.org

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 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 next day. The event provides its participants with a real eye opening experience regarding the homeless problem in downtown Los Angeles.

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated –Phi Chapter
“Serving and Educating Through Our Diversity”
“Sirviendo y Educando a Traves 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 and 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 in 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 history to win the community service award at the university’s all council’s Greek awards and the first Greek-lettered organization to be awarded Organization of the Year for the Latino Student Assembly. Our most recent chapter awards 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!
Sigma Delta Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
“Excellentia et Fides Intra Fraternitus”
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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.

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Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.
“Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture”
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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)
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Sigma Lambda Gamma is the largest and fastest growing Latina founded but multicultural based sisterhood. Nationally we represent over 113 nationalities in our 101 chapters. Sigma Lambda Gamma strives to be the premier organization committed to providing a mechanism of empowerment to all women. Our members have recognized the need for togetherness and support among women of all cultures at their universities and colleges. We are determined to contribute the overall success of women in the world. Recognizing our responsibility to the progression of a positive global community, we stress the importance of morals, ethics, and education in our daily lives.

Event Spotlight:
During the Fall semester, the Nu Alpha Chapter at the University of Southern California hosts our signature event, “Check Yourself”. It is an event dedicated to educating the USC community about Breast Cancer and what they can do to support awareness, as well as help out the cause. Every fall, we also volunteer at the AVON Breast Cancer Walk. During the Spring semester, our signature event is “Empowering Women of All Cultures”. This event serves to expose individuals to the stories, accomplishments, and challenges women from different cultural backgrounds have faced.

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www.usc.edu/libraries/subjects/chicano_latino

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USC Latino Alumni Association welcomes all Incoming and Returning Students.

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ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

1) Maintain your financial aid and scholarship eligibility
Maintain a GPA higher than a 2.5 to remain eligible for financial aid. Also turn in all required documentation to the financial aid office by the deadlines! Most scholarships require a GPA of 3.0 or higher as well. Deadlines are very important to keep track of so buy a calendar where you can keep track of what is due and when. And make sure you create your own personal folder and keep records/copies of everything.

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. Plus you will have more stress when you leave things to do until the last minute rather than just getting assignments and studying done with time left over. 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 301, they provide free tutoring, or ask your professors for help. Communication is very beneficial because not only will you feel less stressed knowing that your professors want to help you but it will also show that you are being responsible. 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’. Make these appointments early because “walk-ins” are not as convenient. Advisors will help 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! Subway runs at 1 a.m. can be really tempting. Take advantage of all the facilities that the Lyon Center offers (recreational sports, yoga, dance, etc.)! On the other hand, if you’re one of those people who cannot eat when they are stressed out, make sure to eat!
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. Attach your USCard to your key chain so that you always know exactly where it is. If you lock yourself out of your room the Department of 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 work study eligibility. Visit the Career Planning and Placement Center (Student Union 110) for job openings and attend job fairs to get information on job opportunities. At the beginning of the year there will be a lot of job fairs so make sure to keep an eye out!

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. Everyone gets homesick once and a while but you will find out quickly that SC makes a great home. Come to El Centro if you need anything!

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 television station, etc. The Latino Student Assembly has over 25 clubs and orgs you can join! 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 don’t be shy!
USC strongly encourages networking and building connections with your professors. 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! Professors want to help you succeed!

11) Need a Ride?
You don’t need a bike to get around on campus but if you must make sure to buy a sturdy U-lock. Campus Cruiser runs all week and weekends if you want to reach a place off campus. The Metro station, buses, and a shuttle to L.A. Live are also available, so go explore!

12) STUDY, STUDY, STUDY, STUDY....
Remember, you are here to learn. Don’t forget how you got here and what you are here to do. Nothing is worse than not feeling confident academically. Find a quiet study space with little distractions. Leavey Library is open 24/7; there are rooms at the Campus Center, even a nice spot on the grass. Form study groups so you can share notes and review course work. Most importantly, don’t fall behind on your readings!!!
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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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Web: www.http://viterbi.usc.edu/students/undergrad/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:** School of Public Planning & Development  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday (9am-5pm)  
**Web:** [http://csii.usc.edu/](http://csii.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. Please stop by if you identify as gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, ally or questioning, or simply interested in our services.  
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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.  
**Location:** Student Union (STU) 301  
**Phone Number:** (213) 740-0776  
**Hours:** Monday – Friday (8:30am-5pm)  
**Email:** [study@usc.edu](mailto:study@usc.edu)  
**Web:** [http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/](http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/)

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.  
**Location:** School of Public Planning & Development (PPD) 201  
**Telephone:** (213) 821-5615  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday (8:30am-5pm)  
**Website:** [http://www.trpi.org/index.html](http://www.trpi.org/index.html)
The USC Center for Women & Men
The USC Center for Women & Men 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 gender-related harm. Through its educational programs, the Center fosters a better understanding of feminism, healthy masculinity and gender equity. Above all, The USC Center for Women & Men serves as a haven for students, staff and faculty.
Location: Student Union (STU) 202C
Phone Number: (213) 740-4900
Hours: Monday – Friday (9am-5pm)
Web: http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/cwm/

USC International Office – 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!
Location: Prado Sur 140, Piso 2 Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec C.P. 11000, México, D.F., México
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USC Kortschak Center for Learning and Creativity
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Location: Student Union (STU), Suite 311
Phone Number: 213-740-7884
Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30am-5pm)

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Location: Taper Hall (THH) 321
Phone Number: (213) 740-3691
Web: http://dornsife.usc.edu/writingcenter/
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Communication 2013
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Hey y’all! Although this is only my second year here, I’m currently an active general member of Chicanos for Progressive Education, board member for Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and volunteer for both on-campus TV stations (ATVN and Trojan Vision). Most importantly, I’m an RA for the Latino Floor! Since I lived on the floor my freshman (2010-2011) year (I can honestly say that it was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made), I can answer any questions you have. I’m a very optimistic and friendly person; so don’t hesitate to come up to me! I plan on graduating in three years and I follow an exceptionally healthy lifestyle, so some of my favorite pastimes include running, cooking, and dancing. I also love learning (nerd-status), going to Disneyland (I have an annual pass), watching television (way too much), spending time with my family and friends, and traveling. Fight on!

John Sandoval
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Hello everyone. I was on the Latino Floors 2009-2010. I’m Salvadoran-American and the first generation in college. Yes, I love pupusas but I also enjoy everything edible. I believe in the importance of a well-balanced life so I enjoy activities such as eating well, sleeping well, frequenting the gym, and a strong dedication to academics and community involvement. I love to learn about all types of people and all kinds of backgrounds and believe these are the best experiences anyone can have at USC. This upcoming year I will be involved with the Latino Alumni Association as an outreach coordinator and will be taking a Political Science honors course involving Migration, Citizenship, and Politics of Exclusion in Global Perspective. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. Fight On Trojans!
Student Counseling Services provides a variety of services to help students with stress management; relationship concerns; substance use; eating problems; family stress; changes in functioning (sleep or appetite problems, low energy, low motivation, difficulty attending class, or irritability); and problems with mood. Please call for an appointment to learn about available options for your concerns.

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OUR HISTORY - The Central American Resource Center was founded by a group of Salvadoran refugees whose mission was to secure legal status for the thousands of Central Americans fleeing civil war, CARECEN received 501C(3) status in 1983. Over the past 25 years, CARECEN has transformed itself from a small grassroots group to the largest Central American organization in the country. Its clients have similarly changed from refugees fleeing war, to families who have put down roots in the U.S. and are building vibrant lives for themselves and their children. The two main issues CARECEN continually engages in are the need for national immigration reform and local education reform. CARECEN is committed to a struggle for education reform at the local and district level. We believe that our community is best served by an educational system that is driven by and centered in the community it serves. Visit our website for more information.

Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
http://www.chirla.org/

CHIRLA’s mission is to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees in Los Angeles; promote harmonious multi-ethnic human relations; and through coalition building, advocacy, community education and organization, empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just society. Through CHIRLA there are many opportunities to get involved with the movement towards a just society for immigrants; through volunteer mentor programs, education programs, rallies, and other advocacy events. They also provide undocumented students with resources to scholarships. See their website for more information.

El Pueblo de Los Ángeles
Located in Downtown Los Angeles El Pueblo de Los Angeles is part of the oldest sections of Los Angeles. El Pueblo de Los Angeles was once the center of the city from Spanish and Mexican rule to the early 19th Century. El Pueblo is made up of 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 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 converted into museums and art galleries. http://www.ci.la.ca.us/elp/
La Plaza de Cultura y Artes
(http://lapca.org/)
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League of United Latin American Citizens
http://lulac.org/
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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.
The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), founded in 1929, is the oldest and most widely respected Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States of America. LULAC was created at a time in our country’s history when Hispanics were denied basic civil and human rights, despite contributions to American society. The founders of LULAC created an organization that empowers its members to create and develop opportunities where they are needed most.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
http://www.maldef.org/

MALDEF strives to implement programs that are structured to bring Latinos into the mainstream of American political and socio-economic life, providing better educational opportunities; encouraging participation in all aspects of society, and offering a positive vision for the future. Unique to MALDEF is an approach that combines advocacy, educational outreach, and litigation strategies to achieve socio-economic change. Scholarships are also provided. See their website for more details.

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This is an exciting time for our community. With Latinos constituting the second largest population group in the nation, we are poised to continue shaping the future of our country. Currently, over 6,000 Latinos are providing dynamic leadership to diverse communities by serving in elected or appointed office across all levels of government. We invite you to explore our web site in its entirety and ask you to bookmark us for future reference. Our web site provides NALEO members and interested individuals with information about our community, enhancing the leadership skills of Latino elected and appointed officials, and policy information on political empowerment issues.
Founded in 1968, NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, DC. NCLR’s education component is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities, supporting college-readiness, and promoting equity in outcomes for Latinos. NCLR focuses on areas of acute disparity in Latino educational achievement through a capacity-building, training, and technical assistance model that strengthens the ability of community-based organizations to address barriers to a world-class education. NCLR serves all Hispanic subgroups in all regions of the country and has regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, and San Antonio.

**SACNAS** - “Scientists dedicated to advancing Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in science” ([http://sacnas.org](http://sacnas.org))
SACNAS is a National nonprofit organization made up of individuals interested in quality science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research, teaching, and learning. College students and professionals through SACNAS are able to attain advanced degrees, careers, and leadership positions in science. Their mission is to increase the number of minorities in the advanced degrees of science and teaching careers, to motivate leaders, to create government advancements to increase resources for such minorities.

**Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC)**
Founded in 1971 SPARC is dedicated helping communities and artists find their voices through socially responsible public art. SPARC supports the preservation and the creation of public art that breaks down real and perceived barriers giving a voice to communities. Creating social awareness through city art and preserving the history behind the murals makes SPARC and advocate for the public good and public art. SPARC organizes multiple projects all over the Los Angeles county to preserve historic art. SPARC has an abundance of involvement opportunities including internships, mentor programs and scholarships. See their website for more details.
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United Farm Workers
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National Political Legislative Director

Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers of America is the nation’s first successful and largest farm workers union currently active in 10 states. The UFW continues to organize in major agricultural industries across the nation. Recent years have witnessed dozens of key UFW union contract victories, among them the largest strawberry, rose, winery and mushroom firms in California and the nation. Many recent UFW-sponsored laws and regulations aide farm workers; in California, the first state regulation in the U.S. prevents further heat deaths of farm workers. The UFW is also pushing its historic bipartisan and broadly backed AgJobs immigration reform bill.

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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 Señora Reina de Los Angeles de Porciúncula. 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 Arcángel 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?

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Heritage Square Museum of Los Angeles
(http://www.heritagesquare.org)
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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 the City of Industry. (626) 968-8492.

J.Paul Getty Museums- Getty Center & Getty Villa
(http://www.getty.edu/)
The J. Paul Getty Museums houses a collection of art that is meaningful and attractive to a broad audience. The Getty Center in Los Angeles houses uses European paintings, drawings, sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, decorative arts, European and American photographs, and contemporary art. The Getty Villa, located in Malibu, is home to classical ancient Roman and Greek art. Both museums offer a great educational and entertaining experience that is surely unforgettable.

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.

Los Angeles County Museum (LACMA)
(http://www.lacma.org/)
One of the largest encyclopedic museums west of Chicago, the LACMA houses exhibits and art collections that reflect the many diverse communities of Southern California. There is plenty to do at LACMA from the exhibits, film screenings, to fun for all ages activities that appeal to a broad and diverse visitors.

Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)
(http://www.molaa.org)
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El Salvador Café: 575 E. Pico Blvd (213) 741-2370 $+$ ++ !
La Flor Blanca (Central American): 1279 W. Jefferson Blvd (323) 735-1802 $ +++ !

Miscellaneous/Variety:

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Pollo Campero: 1605 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 251-8594

Bakeries:

Porto’s Bakery: $ ++ !
• 315 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA - (818) 956-5996
• 3614 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA - (818) 846-9100
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Esperanza’s Bakery: 243 W. Adams Blvd (213) 747-4987 $ + !
Panaderia Coatzingo: 4205 S. Broadway (323) 231-1009 $ + !
Rosita’s Panadería y Restaurant: 3806 S Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 733-7978 $ + !
Nortena Panadería: 2605 S San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 747-2953 $ + !
Panadería Cuscatleca: 1566 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 388-6615 $ + !!
Panadería El Salvador: 1901 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 487-1361 $ + !!
Panadería Sabor Latino: 2716 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 734-1535 $ + !!
Panadería La Nueva Estrella: 1900 W 7th St, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 483-5921 $ + !!
Panadería Guerrero: 2411 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 365-1868 $ + !!
Panadería Latina: 2005 James M Wood Blvd # 105, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 387-8482 $ + !!
El Nuevo Santaneco Restaurants y Panadería: 3068 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 734-5101 $ + !!
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Panadería Zacateca: 4600 Compton Ave, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 233-7046 $ + !!
Panadería Oaxaca: 3180 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 735-0403 $ + !!
La Superior Panadería: 2001 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA - (213) 483-8800 $ + !!
Panadería y Pupería Llobas Co: 455 W Florence Ave, Los Angeles, CA - (323) 778-5027 $ + !!
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15 Monday  
**Open Registration:**  
Mon-Fri, August 15-19  

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16 Tuesday  

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17 Wednesday  
**Latino Floor Move-In:**  
La Bienvenida 9am-4pm @ Fluor Tower @ 6th floor (Lounge)  

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18 Thursday  

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**Latino Floor:**  
Beach Retreat @ TBA  

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21 Sunday  
**Black and Latino New Student Symposium:**  
11am-5pm @ E.F. Hutton/Taper Hall  

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22 Monday  Classes Begin

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24 Wednesday  El Centro Chicano (ECC) Fall Open House:
2pm-4pm @ United University Church 300, 3rd floor

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SEPTEMBER 2011

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Brazil Independence
September 7, 1822

Honduras/ Nicaragua/ Guatemala/ El Salvador/ Costa Rica
Independence
September 15, 1821

Mexico Independence
September 16, 1810

28  29  30

AUGUST 2011

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

Chile Independence
September 18, 1810

Laura Esquivel
Birthday
9/30/1950

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

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Laura Esquivel
Birthday
9/30/1950
### 1 Thursday

**Black & Latino New Grad Student Mixer:**  
Hosted by BGSN & LGSA 5p-7p @ DML 240

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### 2 Friday

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### 3 Saturday

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### 31 Wednesday

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### 4 Sunday

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5 Monday    Labor Day

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6 Tuesday

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Urban Community Impact Series: Immigration 6pm-8pm at Fellowship Hall of United University Church (basement level)

7 Wednesday

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9 Friday
Last day to register and add classes for
Last day to drop a class without a mark of "W," except for Monday-only classes, and receive a 100% refund
Last day to change enrollment option to Pass/No Pass or Audit for
Last day to purchase or waive tuition refund insurance for

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Last day to drop a Monday-only class without a mark of “W” and receive a 100% refund or
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22 Thursday

Project ReMiX: Opening Event:
MultiRacial Comedians/Crossing the Line 5:30p-7:30p @TBA

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23 Friday

Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting:
8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, United University Church 300

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24 Saturday

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25 Sunday

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Celia Cruz
Birthday
10/21/1924 – 7/16/2003

TBA Events:
Class Reunion: Freshmen
Class Reunion: Sophomores
26 Monday

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ECC/LSA Presents LA Power Trips:
El Pueblo de Los Angeles & CAM: Dreams Deferred Immigration Reform Exhibit@TBA (co-sponsored by Project ReMiX)

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TBA Events:
Class Reunion/ Grad School Para Mensos:
Junior, Senior & Transfer
Latino Honor Society:
Sophomore Recognition Ceremony:
6:30pm @ UCC Sanctuary

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

Panama Independence
November 3, 1903
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2011

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2 Wednesday  Project ReMiX: Multiraciality and Indigeneity@TBA

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19 Saturday  Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting:
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Thanksgiving: Thurs-Sat, November 24-26
DECEMBER 2011

My Notes

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Rita Moreno Birthday 12/11/1931

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JANUARY 2012

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Diego Rivera Birthday 12/8/1886 – 11/24/1957

Puerto Rico Independence December 10, 1898

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Sandra Cisneros Birthday 12/20/1954

Jamie Escalante Birthday 12/31/1930 - 3/30/2010

Rita Moreno Birthday 12/11/1931

Sandra Cisneros Birthday 12/20/1954

Jamie Escalante Birthday 12/31/1930 - 3/30/2010
28 Monday

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La Posada:
Celebrating Latin American Holiday Traditions & Giving Back 6:30pm @
United University Church Sanctuary

Study Days:
Sat-Tue, December 3-6

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ECC Presents Finals Study Break:
6pm-8pm @ ECC

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7 Wednesday
Exams:
Wed-Wed, December 7-14

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December 2011

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Winter Recess:
Thurs-Sun, December 15- January 8

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Rigoberta Menchu
Birthday
1/9/1959

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

Jose Marti
Birthday
1/28/1853 – 5/19/1895
DECEMBER 2011 - JANUARY 2012

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El Centro Chicano (ECC) Spring Open House:
2pm-4pm @ El Centro Chicano

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Martin Luther King’s Birthday

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**Galapagos Islands Independence**
February 12, 1832

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15 Wednesday  Project ReMiX:
20 Years Later (The LA Uprising) 5:30pm-7:30pm @ TBA

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20 Monday  President's Day

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25 Saturday  The Politics of Memory on Screen: 21st-Century Latin America and Spain @Eileen Norris Cinema Theater (SCA 108)

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26 Sunday

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2012

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27 Monday

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28 Tuesday

| Latino Trojan Family Reunion: |
| Networking for Undergraduate, Graduate, Alumni & Friends |
| 6pm-9pm @ ECC |

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3 Saturday

| Latino Parent Association (LPA) Meeting: |
| 8:30am-11am @ El Centro Chicano, UUC |

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### March 2012

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12 Monday  Spring Recess
Mon-Sat, March 12-17

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23 Friday  Project ReMix: Old School, New School: Mixed Messages
5:30p-7:30pm@TBA

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24 Saturday

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

TBA Events:
Latino Honor Society Induction Ceremony:
6:30pm- 8pm @ United University Church Sanctuary
Black & Latino Overnight Experience @TBA
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**Ellen Lauri Ochoa Birthday**
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**Ritchie Valens Birthday**
5/13/1941 – 2/3/1959

**Paraguay Independence**
May 15, 1811

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ECC Presents Finals Study Break:
6pm-8pm @ECC

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2 Wednesday

Exams
Wed-Wed, May 2-9

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3 Thursday

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4 Friday

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5 Saturday

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10 Thursday

The 32nd Annual Chicano/Latino Graduate Celebration:
8pm @ Howard Jones Field

Notes:

11 Friday

Commencement

Notes:

12 Saturday

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13 Sunday

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14 Monday  
Registration:  
Mon-Tue, May 14-15

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15 Tuesday

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16 Wednesday  
Classes Begin

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**JULY - AUGUST 2012**

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Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. We’d like to introduce or remind you of the Student Conduct Code, which is found in SCampus. The Student Conduct Code outlines the activities and expectations for all USC students.

A few common expected behaviors are listed here:

- **USCard**: Always carry your USCard with you. USCard ID should be presented to any University official upon request.

- Be aware of surroundings and rules whether on or off-campus.

- The University Community is patrolled by our Department of Public Safety (DPS) and includes the University Park Campus and North University Park. DPS works in conjunction with LAPD. Students should comply with any request made of our law enforcement officers.

- Be familiar with the contents of your Housing Contract. You are responsible for your behavior and that of your guest(s).

- Know and abide by the law. Be knowledgeable on California law regarding responsible consumption of alcohol and Federal law on use of marijuana and other narcotic use. USC code does not allow for any paraphernalia to be within the University Community.

- Academic integrity is paramount. All assignments must be original work and students are expected to cite all ideas and work properly and protect their own work. Students will be held accountable for any infraction of academic integrity, regardless of intent.

Avoid stressful situations which may lead to poor decision-making.

- Visit and complete academic integrity tutorial:
  http://usccollege.na4.acrobat.com/academicintegrity
- Visit your faculty member during office hours to discuss and clarify expectations
- Visit SJACS website for additional resources:
  http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS

  The Student Conduct Code has over 35 specific codes that can be viewed on-line.
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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 4th Floor Lounge in the Fall of 2010.

Jose Marti Sculpture
USC’s bronze bust of José Martí, 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 Martí 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. 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 facilities of El Centro Chicano (UUC 300, 3rd fl.).