Somos Rams

Each spring, a group of young Latina/o freshmen embark on a journey with fellow upperclassmen, where they embrace la cultura Hispana.

According to Lorraine Arvizo, who attended Somos Rams the past few years as a participant and facilitator, “Somos Rams was a HUGE success this year! We laughed, we cried, and enjoyed each other’s company. I was fortunate enough to be able to go as a facilitator, and I can truly say that everyone got a lot from the retreat. Everyone was willing to let their guard down and participate in the workshops. It is great to see many of the students coming into the office and calling El Centro their ‘Home Away From Home.’ It is great to see their smiling faces in the office. I am glad that Somos Rams had such a positive impact on everyone that went.”

… For more about SOMOS RAMS, see Graduate Watch

Graduate Watch

Welcome the spring: efforts of research, perseverance and pure ganas. These qualities give you the strength to plow through the fields of academia. I have completed the final pages of my dissertation; now, as I reach for my beanie, I honor those who have completed this journey before me. I want to continue encouraging those still part of the academic process; you need to know that, “YES, YOU CAN!” Life may take a few trials, a few errors, a few tears, and even a few beers, but “YES, YOU CAN!” Believe & have faith in yourself, find your mentor and, above all, ‘hold on’. Phyllis Chacon, M.Ed.; Doctoral Candidate Colorado State University, El Centro Graduate Assistant. A shout out to my friend and mentor Dr. Guadalupe Salazar. “Si Se Puede” Y “Mujeres Valientes” you are as another of my dear champions in social justice always spoke “Walk the street with us into history. Get off the sidewalk.” Dolores Huerta.
The U.S. Census Bureau has launched the Data Dissemination Program by building and leveraging the investment of Partnership and Data Services and the lessons learned from the 2010 Census. I am a Data Dissemination Specialist (DDS) based in the Census Bureau’s New York Regional Office one of twelve regional offices the Bureau operates across the country. I am bilingual and my job is to provide the Latino community and the general public with presentations on Census data and provide technical assistance on how to access and interpret these data. This is what we do the 9 years between the decennial censuses.

Hispanic media outreach activities. I made a presentation on "Measuring Latin America and Latinos in the U.S." for Latina television entrepreneur Mapi Montenegro of Mapitv, who is currently producing groundbreaking ventures in Mexico.

Hispanic education outreach activities. I conducted Census workshops at Hunter College’s Center of Puerto Rican Studies, the Rutgers Latino Information Network, the New Jersey Institute of Technology’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and the Montclair State University Linguistics Department.

Hispanic governmental activities. I am attending New York State’s upcoming Puerto Rican Hispanic Task Force’s 25th Anniversary Somos Conference in Albany, NY later this week, which is chaired by Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz of Brooklyn. Our New York Census team will participate as panelists in the Veterans Workshop as well as presenting on "Measuring Hispanics in New York" during the conference’s "Despedida" breakfast. Technology also allows us to reach a broad spectrum of data users such as the Spanish Census Webinar conducted from New York to a Puerto Rico municipal officials meeting in Washington DC, which was coordinated by William A. Ramos, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA) in Washington DC.

Hispanic business outreach activities. I provided John Sanchez, President of the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County, NJ with statistics on Latino firms in his area. Other Federal Agencies. I will also be coordinating a Puerto Rican event with New York City offices of the National Archives and Records Administration for Census partners in April.

Working with the New York Region of the U.S. Census Bureau is a wonderful experience! I take pride in knowing that my efforts help so many people, not only from my own Latino community, but also from the diverse

“THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON BETWEEN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT AN INDIGENOUS AMERICAN IS. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT A LATINO AMERICAN IS.”
Edward James Olmos

“I CHANGE MYSELF, I CHANGE THE WORLD.”
Gloria Anzaldúa

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**Prison: Unlocked**

GUIDE in conjunction with Lorrain Arvizu, is sponsoring a talk: “Prison: Unlocked.”

The talk will include a Warden from the Colorado Department of Corrections, who will speak about diversity in prison (race, gangs, sexuality, and more).

**When:** April 12th

6:15pm — 8:15pm

**Where:** Red Carpet Room, Durrell Center.
As the 2012 Colorado legislative session passes the halfway point, it is important to understand some of the legislation that has been introduced that will affect Latinos statewide.

Colorado ASSET - Senate Bill 15, a bill that would give undocumented students the opportunity to pay standard rate tuition (in-state tuition without Colorado Opportunity Fund money). This has passed out of the Senate Education Committee and passed the initial Senate vote, 20-13 in favor. The bill is still awaiting its third hearing in the Senate before heading to the House.

Civil Unions - Senate Bill 02, a bill that would allow same sex couples the rights that come with being in a civil union. The bill has passed out of three Senate committee hearings: Judiciary, Finance and Appropriations. The bill is waiting to be heard on the Senate floor.

Fairness in Voting - Senate Bill 147, a bill that would prohibit the intentional dissemination of misinformation about the time, place or manner of an election with the intent of deterring or preventing a person from voting. This has passed out of the Senate, but failed in the House yesterday. This bill would have made it a class 5 felony to carry out such actions within 90 days of an election.

Upcoming Bills:
Bond Conditions When Immigration Detainer Lodged - HB 1316, a bill that attempts to reduce availability of bail bonds for ICE holds.

Colorado Mandatory E-Verify Act - HB 1309, a bill that will require employers to verify the work eligibility status of new employees through the federal electronic verification process.

“If you tremble with indignation at every injustice then you are a comrade of mine.”
-Che Guevara
Affordable Care Act (ACA) and its impact on the Latino Community

On Tuesday, March 20th, in partnership with Clinica Tepeyac, CLLARO hosted the Latino Healthcare Event: The 2nd Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act. Experts in the health field such as Jim Garcia, Executive Director of Clinica Tepeyac and Dr. Urbina, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, spoke on the importance and the impact of the ACA on the Latino community.

Don't forget!

In order to vote in the 2012 primary election, you must be registered by Tuesday, May 29th!

Colorado in Top 10!

The Pew Hispanic just released "New Data and Interactive Maps on the Hispanic Population in U.S. States and Counties"

The 10 states with the largest Hispanic populations are California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois, Arizona, New Jersey, Colorado, New Mexico and Georgia.

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**DRAG SHOW**

“Stop in the Name of Drag”

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**SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS**

A TEACH–IN

Monday, April 23, 2012
Tilt 221
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Peace & Reconciliation Studies
Patria o Muerte: Defending the revolution

It is common knowledge that Gandhi did not lead the guerrilla movement in Cuba in the 1950’s. There was blood, and that made Cuba look like a crazy place during the revolution, and still today. This is not by any means the point to start looking at what socialism or communism is. But, not surprisingly, the blood spilled during this time always comes up when you are talking about the revolution in Cuba.

Here most people share the same opinion, with some varying ideas. First of all, no one I have met denies this violence ever happened. Some think that for every revolution there is a price, and to benefit the lives of most Cubans, some had to go. This can sound very harsh, sometimes even unacceptable. Many Americans dislike the image of Che because of this same reason. After all he killed more people than Fidel himself even thought Che was a doctor. Those Americans might forget how the U.S was formed, and how their government killed innocent people in their rightfully owned lands.

Before the revolution, Batista was in power (a dictator supported by the U.S). His government was corrupted to the point where Cubans were dying because he neglected the needs of his people. I sometimes imagine how I would feel if my people were suffering this much; how far would I go to make sure they live and have rights? Cuba doesn’t sugar-coat their history; they just glorify anything the revolutionaries did - anything. The story after the revolution is even more complicated, and I won’t discuss it here. Everything you can find about the Cuban revolution is biased (in the U.S and in Cuba). So do your intellect a favor and take some time to read about the Cuban Revolution, and maybe that will make this forbidden island not so foreign to you.

"He who has a why to live for can bear with almost any how."
- Friedrich Nietzsche

I'm a first year grad student in the industrial/organizational psychology PhD program. I am originally from Chicago, IL and did my undergrad at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, majoring in psychology with a minor in chemistry. Right now I am interested in studying unemployment and job insecurity and their relationships with work centrality.
Dr. Salazar is the current Director of El Centro at Colorado State University. In this role, she is responsible for developing, implementing and providing direct services to students. These services are inclusive and most often pertain to assisting students adjust to the university environment and develop academic skills that contribute to their graduation from Colorado State. Dr Salazar’s has a life-long passion for learning and this translates to a deeper passion for student’s academic and personal success while enrolled at Colorado State University. Over the past 20 years, she has served as a role model and mentors countless students. Lupe absolutely enjoys and loves serving students at CSU and her role as the Director of El Centro.

Lupe earned two Bachelor’s Degrees (Business Administration and Spanish) from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and her Master of Science and a Ph.D. (Educational Leadership and Human Resources) from Colorado State University.

“Es major morir de pie, que continuar viviendo de rodillas”

Zapata

Phyllis Chacon

I am a Graduate Assistant for El Centro Student Services at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. I approach the final stretch of completing my dissertation in Educational Leadership Renewal & Change; I have received a graduate certification in Peace & Reconciliation studies under the office of International Programs. I am concurrently obtaining my Principal License and completing an internship through Poudre school district. I received a Double Masters degree in Community Counseling and School Counseling K-12 from CSU. My Bachelor degree is in Psychology with a minor in Outdoor Education from USC. I started my education taking classes at the community college of Denver before it was popular while I was still in High school. A week after graduation I was at C.U. Boulder enrolled in a summer program. I managed to stay a year and a half. I left the college campus and returned to Denver where I continued at the community college of Denver, Aurania campus and received an associate degree in Psychology. I managed to work in early childcare, developmental disabilities, social work, recreational facilities and a drug treatment facility living in Arizona and Alaska. I became a mother of two, one of the hardest positions I have ever undertaken. In all positions I moved to middle management working and serving my clients and administration. I was an early childhood teacher, special education teacher, history teacher, school counselor and school administrator.

As a Native American/Latina educator in Colorado, I discovered how the neglect of the changing demographics, on a macro and micro scale in regard to the Native and Latino population, is negatively affecting children culturally, educationally, and socially. Such disregard for this population encouraged me to implement a customized approach to educating Native Americans/Latinos classified at-risk. In my experience with a Native/Latino student population, I took both a family and community structured approach which has proved to be successful, yet controversial. The doctoral journey was a personal one, the most time in my life that I have spent on myself. It has kept me away from family and community a selfish endeavor to meet the criteria set by the dominant culture. I hope to return with tools that I can share to empower the underserved, and underrepresented groups in our societies achieve levels of educational attainment that helps break barriers and improves access to knowledge, power... and ways of doing things for these same groups and classes...then we change the balance of power so that we may all live better lives, with more equity and access to the goods and power in society & tame the many social injustices that envelop our communities. I look forward to the next journey of my life’s path.

“I want to be remembered as the person who helped us restore faith in ourselves”. Wilma Mankiller
My name is Danny Sánchez and I am a senior Health and Exercise Science major with a concentration in Sports Medicine here at CSU; graduating this May! I am a Colorado native; born and raised in Brighton, Colorado. My parents were born and raised in Chihuahua, Mexico. I am a First Generation student here at Colorado State.

I am one of the few people that can say, “I grew up my entire life on the same street.” I could close my eyes and walk from my neighbor’s house to mine without looking. On the other side that doesn’t mean I lived in the same house all my life. My house caught fire on May 13, 2004 because of a natural gas leak. Even though it was a disaster for my family, from those same ashes a new beautiful home was built. From this experience not only did I come to feel more than ever that there is no circumstance that my family cannot endure, but I also realized how much of an important role family plays in my life.

I have two sisters, Sandra and Magaly, and a brother, Javier. I am the youngest of the four siblings. My sister Sandra lives with her family in Houston, Texas and my brother Javier lives with his family in Erie, Colorado. My sister Magaly has finished her studies in teaching and is now teaching at a high school in Houston.

I attended Brighton Collegiate High School and as a sophomore, I began my post-secondary education at Front Range Community College in Brighton as a post-secondary education opportunity student. While I am attending Colorado State University I live off campus with a friend that I grew up with from Fort Lupton, Colorado.

I have a work-study position at El Centro where my title is Peer Resource Leader. I contact incoming freshman that identify as Latino or Hispanic and inform them about resources and opportunities on campus.

I am a very outgoing kind of guy and would have to consider myself to be an extrovert. I am a very kind and extremely friendly person; sometimes too friendly. I have many friends and a few close ones, which I value more. I am not afraid to meet new people or try new things. I am a very spiritual person. I depend a lot on prayer and on my communication with God. I was raised in a very musical and Christian home, which played a big part in the kind of person that I would grow up to become. I have been playing acoustic guitar since I was 13 and have been playing in various Praise & Worship Teams since then and continue to play with a ministry called ‘One’ that has a night of worship here on campus every spring and fall semester.

Upon entering elementary school, the average kindergarten-er will rapidly develop an idea as to who they want to be when they grow up and unsurprisingly, they’ll stand by their choice for years. When asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, drawing a blank was not uncommon for me. Perhaps if I would’ve known about optometry in an earlier stage of my life, it would not have taken me 15 years to discover the simplicity of knowing what you love and sticking by it.

As a sophomore in high school I started working at a local father-and-son optometric practice as an optometric assistant (OA). My primary role at Brighton Eye Associates consisted of prepping patients prior to their full exam with the doctor. Among the many tests I would perform as an OA, acquiring visual acuities, performing auto refraction, and administering visual field tests were part of my daily routine.

After noticing my growing interest for their profession, Dr. Ron G. Fair and Dr. Rodney D. Fair, decided that they would mentor me on the many facets of this dynamic profession. On occasion, Dr. Ron would invite me to join him in the examination room to observe uncommon and interesting procedures. I distinctly remember a time when a patient came in for an emergency office visit. The man was a welder at a local welding shop. Two days prior to his visit, he had gotten a piece of metal on his eye. This was the first time I had heard of a patient with this sort of dilemma. I was amazed to observe a piece of metal embedded on the patient’s cornea and the presence of rust through Dr. Ron’s slit lamp. I felt truly honored to observe a foreign body removal and will remain forever grateful to Dr. Fair for allowing me to partake in the care of this patient for weeks after the procedure.

For approximately one year as an OA at Brighton Eye Associates, I was the only Spanish-speaking employee who could effectively communicate with and translate for Spanish-speaking patients. Throughout this time, I discovered that there are a great number of Hispanic families who are completely oblivious to existence of eye care. Many of the families I met had, at one point or another, assumed that their primary physician was also their optometrist.

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“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” –Aristotle
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The opportunity to work with these families was pivotal in shaping my passion for the field of optometry. I can specifically recall a unique situation that came to be the most rewarding moment of my six years as an OA. Back at the dispensing room, I could feel Norberto’s contagious excitement. At the precise moment that I placed the glasses on his tiny nose, tears began to roll down his cheeks. I was frantic! I immediately removed the glasses from his face and asked him if the nose pads or temples were too tight. Norberto’s response was simple and concise, “¡Nunca pensé que podría ver tan bien!” (I never thought that I could see so well!). When I turned to look at his mother, she too was shedding tears of joy. I can say that the satisfaction this simple service provided to this family was unlike anything I’ve ever felt. In that moment, I knew I had discovered who I wanted to be when I grew up. Due to my friend’s and family’s support, my hard work and effort throughout my undergraduate career, I have been accepted to the University Of Houston College Of Optometry Class of 2016. Houston, Texas will be my new home for the next four years, come August.

Upon successful completion of optometry school, I plan to move back to Colorado. Because Dr. Ron G. Fair recently retired, Dr. Rodney D. Fair has expressed to me his desire that I return to practice with him at Brighton Eye Associates promptly after receiving my degree in optometry. If the opportunity arose for me to take over this practice in the future, I would strive to provide the upmost quality in eye care and maintain Brighton Eye Associates as a well-established, professional practice.

“Fear is the belief that God’s love ends.” –Francis Chan
In March 1990, I was born in Saint Peter’s Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. For the first eight years of my life, I grew up in a small townhouse in NJ. The area was mostly townhouses and double-wide's, and there were a multitude of interesting people. Growing up, even to this day, I meet people from all walks of life, and this is something that has influenced where I am now. My elementary school years were fairly typical. I went to school, where I was a straight-A student, did my school work daily, and trained in Tae Kwon Do and in soccer several times per week. I have always excelled in all subjects, but I always took a special interest in the sciences, mostly aided by my father, who is a chemist. Growing up, he always found it necessary to throw random organic chemistry and calculus problems at me.

Middle school was an awful, awful time for me; one I won’t discuss. However, in high school, it picked up a bit. My school district is composed of six towns, and six high schools. Each high school has a vocational program and an accelerated learning program, of which about 30-40 students were admitted. I was fortunate enough to be admitted into an accelerated learning program entitled International Studies (I wanted to enter the Medical Science program, but my math scores on the entrance exam were not high enough to outcompete some of the others). The International Studies program consisted of college level history, English, along with a few other interesting classes in which were above the academic level offered to the rest of the school. In addition, of course, I was always in the highest math and science courses I was allowed to take. Academics were a big part, but in addition, I was the starting goalie for the soccer team for three years, played in the pit orchestra as second, then as first violin, participated in competitive debates with Junior Statesmen of America, was on National Science League, and found a little time for a social life. High school was an interesting experience, both very good, and very bad.

Growing up in New Jersey my entire life, I needed a change of pace. I applied to college, and was accepted into five schools across the country, but I chose Colorado State because of the excellent Biochemistry research and the environment. Actually, the first time I ever set foot in Colorado was a few months after I accepted admission to attend Freshman orientation. In August, 2008, I began my studies here in Colorado as a Biochemistry major, and now I am set to graduate in May 2012 with a BS in Biochemistry with a concentration in Health and Medical Sciences. These past four years, I have met some amazing people, and I have met some unbelievably awful people. Both groups have shown me things about myself that have helped me grow personally and socially. I have been conducting biochemical research in the Hansen Lab (Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) since my Sophomore year, I held every officer position in the CSU Spanish Club over three years, I began to train in Mixed Martial Arts and

Jiu-Jitsu for the past three years, and have been an active tutor for the Triunfo program for four years. Like I said, both the awesome and terrible people in all of these activities and such have helped to shape me into the person I am today. And I think I am fairly satisfied with what I see in the mirror every morning.

In September of this year, I will be moving again from New Jersey after a well-deserved four-month Summer break to Rousseau, Dominica, West Indies to attend Ross University School of Medicine. I will be spending twenty months on the island of Dominica completing my basic sciences classes. Then for the remaining twenty-four months of medical school, I will be moving back to the states to do my clinical rotations at one of the seventy-four teaching hospitals across the US that Ross University is associated with. Hopefully, it will be one of the hospitals back in either New Jersey or New York so I can be close to my family again. After the roughly four years of medical school education, I am hoping to go into some branch of pediatrics, possibly pediatric cardiology or pediatric neurology, I still have not decided. I could write volumes about my life. I have done and seen a lot in only twenty-one, almost twenty-two, short year, but that is my life in a nut-shell. I hope you enjoyed the read.
SOMOS RAMS is an exciting and instructional weekend that provides participants the chance to be a leader, and connect with others. SOMOS RAMS, a short retreat, was created by El Centro to target freshman at CSU. I felt it was a great experience; it made everyone participating feel that they had a family here at El Centro and a home away from home. The facilitators were caring and top-notch, but the retreat was not all business. They made sure we had fun and got the most out of the retreat; we had academic talks, leadership sessions, saw movies, took walks, learned new dance moves, and much more. The trip was exhilarating; although it was short, I truly felt that we bonded, learned, and had loads of fun in the process.

The trip started Friday afternoon with general niceties, singing, and stories on the drive up to Estes Park. During a “housekeeping” session, it was made clear that individuals would not be judged for honestly expressing themselves. After dinner, we connected on a deeper level and enhanced our budding friendships with some social time (dancing and movies). We did a team-building exercise to learn the “wobble” which is a fun dance; it became a standing joke that you weren’t part of SOMOS RAMS till you could “wobble”. Saturday started bright and early with breakfast, leadership activities and community-building activities that showed us the path of our lives, those that were there at CSU to help us, and the family we had in El Centro. After lunch, we received an amazing and useful academic session given by Carla (a CASA advisor), which informed us about tutoring services, transitional programs, the academic calendar, and helpful workshops on campus.

As we wrapped up the retreat and headed back to Fort Collins, we took a detour into the city of Estes. We took a walk, sharing the great beauty of Estes while enjoying some ice cream. Of course, there is no way to pass through Estes and not stop at the Stanley Hotel; although, no matter how hard we tried, no ghosts were captured by our cameras. The trip ended as it started with singing and an overall excitement for our future. I wish that everyone had the chance to experience this trip and would love to be a facilitator next year! I want to send a great big “thank you” to Rich, Lupe and El Centro who made this experience possible.
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2012 Campaign Development Training!

CLLARO is proud to offer the 3rd annual campaign development training. This program was created to prepare the next generation of Latinos and Latinas interested in running for public office or serving as campaign managers.

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- Nonpartisan outreach and participation
- Build a strong coalition of Latino leaders

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- Close the political leadership gap and work to ensure that Latino's representation continues to increase in all realms of politics
- Develop campaign managers and provide tools for success
- Establish strong, effective cross-training and mentorship for newly-trained candidates and managers

Training Topics:
- Campaign Planning
- Fundraising
- Messaging
- Mobilization

Registration is limited to 25 applicants, so submit your application now. The registration deadline is Monday, May 7, 2012.

There is a $50 registration fee. This covers training, materials and lunches.

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As an Eco-Leader I would like to share these tips with you. Whether you live on campus or Off-Campus take these initiatives to be GREEN

REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE

⇒ Open your curtains and turn the lights off during the day.
⇒ Clean with rags that can be washed and Reused, not paper towels.
⇒ Buy Used books: They are less expensive and you are Reusing.
⇒ Air Dry: Your hair and your Clothes, Save money and Reduce energy usage.
⇒ Recycle in your room and encourage your roommate to do so too.
⇒ Short Showers: Limit them to 10 minutes, that uses up about 15 gallons of water.
⇒ Alternative transportation: Public transportation, biking and walking
⇒ Use a Reusable water bottle.
⇒ Power strips: turn them off to reduce energy drainage.
⇒ Laundry : Wait until you have a full load and wash your clothes with cold water.

By: Lupita Mendoza
Schedule

Friday
5:00 pm: Ground Blessing
7:00 pm: Grand Entry

Saturday
10:00 am: Gourd Dance
1:00 pm: Grand Entry
5:00 pm: Dinner Break
5:30 pm: Gourd Dance
7:00 pm: Grand Entry

Sunday
10:00 am: Gourd Dance
12:00 noon: Grand Entry
7:00 pm: PowWow concludes

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El Centro is one of the seven diversity centers at Colorado State University. A marker of efficacy for a diversity center is student outreach (attendance). On average, El Centro receives 55 students per day. This AMAZING number is evidence of the dedication of the staff and community of El Centro. The El Centro Staff hope to receive even more student engagement… So…

**El Centro Outreach Statistics**

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**April Birthdays**

- 10th  Rebecca
- 11th  Cianna
- 17th  Jannelle
- 25th  Enrique

**May Birthdays**

- 7th   Cecilia
- 14th  Yesenia
- 26th  Claudia

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