Welcome Back to the 2012/2013 School Year

Welcome back sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Let’s give a big shout out to our new incoming FRESHMEN. Make them feel welcome and become a mentor.

We want to hear about your summer adventures. Please send in your stories and pictures to be published in next month’s issue. Send stories and pictures to Ana Lizardo <analaura@rams.colostate.edu>,

Our goal this semester is to make the El Centro focus interactive and we want to hear from you. What are you doing in your classroom? What learning is taking place? What should we be aware of? How can we as a community support each other? If you would like to become a volunteer at El Centro, please stop by and sign up. We have ongoing projects; several events throughout the year. Become part of the El Centro Familia, ‘Your home away from home.’

Stop by and meet our staff:

Ana Karla
Ciana Adam
Enrique Evelyn
David Jose
Lupita Phyllis
Janelle Brandy
Diana Lupe
Danita

Todos Juntos

Todos Juntos is in full swing with “officers” preparing to become a full fledged campus club. As our membership continues to grow we look forward to supporting each other as we pursue our goal towards a graduate degree. Our second purpose is serving and mentoring our young Latino students who will also pursue their graduate degrees. We have had a welcome back BBQ and our first official business meeting was held Monday, August 27, 2012. If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting extension of El Centro please contact- Vanessa Selwyn at vselwyn@rams.colostate.edu or Phyllis Chacon at Phyllis.Chacon@colostate.edu.

"I am trying to teach my children to feel a responsibility for their fellow human beings and a sense of connection with... the world around them."

Gloria Estefan
National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15th-October 15th
LOCAL LATINA(O)’S & ORGANIZATIONS IN COLORADO
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HISTORY:
President Johnson, a man of and for the people, approved Hispanic Heritage Week. It was later expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. On August 17, 1988, it was enacted into law on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively.

Hispanic Heritage month recognizes the many contributions of Hispanic Americans across the generations.

Bibliography;

Colorado State University Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
FORT COLLINS -
♦ Sept. 17 with many on-campus activities from salsa dancing lessons, luncheon discussion panels and Latino stories.
♦ El Centro Student Services will have an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in Room 178 of the Lory Student Center.
♦ Sept. 23: "Hola Amigos! Latino Stories, Puppets and Music" will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fort Collins Library. Ages four and older are encouraged to attend and listen to children's stories reflective of Hispanic Heritage Month.
♦ Sept. 25: "7th Annual Evening of Music, Dance and Fashion" will take place at the Lory Student Center from 7-9 p.m. This event is sponsored by El Centro, Friends of the Library and CIRA LTD.

MUSEO de las TRES COLONIAS
This provides the living history of Hispanic life, the working conditions in the twentieth century. The sugar beet industry and community life for the Latino family. The picture of the adobe home shows the significance and impact of the Hispanic culture. It provides insight to home, religion, work, celebrations, tolerance, intolerance, and social justice of the time then and now.

The Museo del las Tres Colonias
is located at 425 10th Street in Fort Collins, Colorado

Museo tradition of organizing cultural events

Current Events schedule for 2012
Chili Fest: Sept. 15th 12-4 pm
Fundraiser for Bas Bleu: Sept. 19th 6-8 pm
Dia de Los Muertos: Nov. 3rd, 12-3 pm
Las Posadas: Dec. 8th 6-8 pm
Gift distribution: Dec. 15th from 3-5 pm
Posadas: December 9th 6-8 pm
Hello! My name is Jose Gomez. This is my junior year and I am majoring in Health and Exercise Science and in Sociology. I was born in Durango, Mexico, but I grew up mostly in Denver, Colorado. I enjoy playing sports, weight lifting, hanging out with friends and anything else that can keep me entertained or active. I’m a pretty calm and quiet person when it comes to meeting new people, even with my friends. I’m the first one in my family to attend college. I’ve gotten where I am because of some of my teachers in high school who pushed me and got me interested in college, also to some of my friends whom I’ve made. But the person I have to thank for being where I am right now would be my mother, because she never gave up on me. She encouraged me to keep studying even when times were hard. Being in college has been tough and there have been times when I wanted to just drop out. Having a big support from my parents, friends, getting involved with La Raza and being a brother of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc. is what has kept me in college.

“Luck is where preparation meets opportunity”. Randy Pausch

My name is Lupita Mendoza, I am a Junior in the Interior Design Program and also pursuing an Italian minor. I was born in Chicago but have lived in Colorado for 18 years. Being a first generation student has definitely been challenging because I am the first in my family to move out and live on campus. The transition was a great experience and has made me grow as a person. My family always encouraged me to continue to further my education in whatever field I chose. The high school I attended offered dual enrollment with CCD in Denver and by the time I received my diploma I already had my Associate of Science. Although my career plans from high school to now changed, I am very happy with the career I chose. My goal is to become a commercial interior designer who incorporates human psychology into the aspects of my design. I am a member of La Raza, a Peer Resource Leader at El Centro. I greatly enjoy being a resource for first year students on campus. I definitely feel that being so involved on campus has made me a better leader as well as a better student because I have learned to manage my time efficiently. During Spring 2013 I am planning to study abroad in Italy and hopefully acquire an interior design internship overseas. I am looking forward to it and to these next few years here at CSU. I am proud to be a Latina Ram!
Adam Nieto Major: Sociology
September 2012

My name is Adam Nieto, and I am Senior Sociology Major here at Colorado State University. I was born in Denver, Colorado and lived in Chihuahua, Chihuahua for three years where my family is from. I graduated from South High School and I am a proud Rebel. Growing up I played a few different sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. I have grown up being artistic and would always draw and design. Spanish was my first language spoken and I didn’t know any bit of English until I started kindergarten when I was 5 years old. I enjoy staying active and being fit, and being outdoors in general. A hobby I have outside of art would be mountain biking and snowboarding. Not having a father has pushed me to work hard and focus my attention on making my own dreams come true even when times are hard. My mom showed me the value of hard work, and I know that in life you don’t always get what you want but you sure get what you work for.

I am a Peer Resource Leader at El Centro. I am a resource for students and assist in any way possible. I am knowledgeable about campus and what it’s like to be in college. I have learned ways to manage my life and college career with school and working multiple jobs, on top of being involved in the community and campus, while still being a fun loving individual. El Centro has always been my home away from home and my little getaway when I need it and am not able to go home. El Centro has always been a useful support system since I have been utilizing its resources and I enjoy giving back and being the resource that I wanted when I was a freshman in college. People have helped guide me and lead me in the right direction, so it is my goal to give back and be a resource, even a role model to others in the world.

Danita Ordaz Major: Open Option
September 2012

Hey my name is Danita Ordaz and I am an office coordinator at the El Centro Office in the Lory Student Center. This position involves typical office work. I enjoy working at El Centro because I get to meet many students. I am a seventeen year old freshman here at CSU. I am currently an undeclared major because I have too many interests. I am also involved in Key Service. My hometown is Aguilar, Colorado. It is very small community and not many people have heard of it. Fort Collins is a completely different world for me because I have never lived in large city. I am adjusting just fine and I love living here. Even though I come from a small town I come from a very large family, being one of eleven kids. I have traveled around the United States and Mexico performing northern Native American jingle dress dance, fancy dance, traditional dance, and different types of songs. I also perform Aztec dance from originating in Mexico. I have been to almost all of the states for dance performances. In the past I have been involved in organizations such as upward bound, organized youth for empowerment, and student council. In my hometown I have completed many community service projects such as cemetery clean ups, youth mentoring, and raising money for different charities. Some of my hobbies are playing volleyball, listening to music, and socializing with friends. I was highly involved in my volleyball team being a Libero position and co-captain. One of my main goals in life is to help people, mainly children in poverty stricken areas.

I am a very friendly person and I encourage anyone to stop by the El Centro office to say hello.

Favorite quote:
"Live for the moment, live like it’s a dying day"
-Tech N9ne
Hi, my name is Diana Delacruz and I am a sophomore studying Social Work with an interest in Criminal Justice for a minor. I’m thinking about working with juveniles in the future for my major. I’m originally from Greeley and I decided that I wanted to attend CSU from the time I first got to visit this campus back in my freshman year. I am thankful to be able to attend such a great university where I have met so many awesome individuals and to be able to experience being part of organizations and school events. My parents have been my biggest inspiration in life due to the struggles I have seen them go through to provide my brothers and me with everything we needed. Education is very important to me knowing that my parents could not obtain that same opportunity and it is why I am able to be attending CSU in order to help my family out. Some things about myself; I like to let people know is that I love to laugh and make others laugh as well. I’m a very friendly person and I try to be as outgoing as I possibly can. Some of my hobbies include playing tennis, listening to music, and dancing. Dancing has to definitely be my favorite, especially when I just need to get away from reality. Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to be over, it’s about learning to dance in the rain. This quote has to definitely be my favorite because it defines the concept of living every day like it’s your last and not letting any obstacles bring you down in life.

“A Corazon Abierto (An Open Heart).”

Alejandro Fernandez

My name is Evelyn Asuming. I am a second year student at Colorado State University. My major was initially Biology; however I changed it to Human Development and Family Studies this semester. I am from Ghana and moved to the Bronx, New York when I was 11 years old. Five years later, my family and I moved to Denver, Colorado in 2009. I am the oldest among my sister and a first generation college student. My sister is a senior in high school and she is thinking of coming to Colorado State University. I aspire to become a therapist and nurse in the future. I chose this as my career because I enjoy helping troubled individuals in guiding them to achieving happiness and tranquility. I believe helping people comes first before anything in this world. I don’t do it for the money, the biggest reward is being able to change lives for the better. It has always been an important aspect in my life to help others since I was very young. I like to venture out and find organizations that have a goal to help others and I make sure I join in any opportunity that I get to serve them in the community. In my free time I listen to music, read books, and skype my family and friends. An Interesting fact about me is that I saw snow for the first time when I was 11 years old. One goal I have for this class and semester is for me and my mentee to create and maintain connections for years to come.
David Gonzalez
Major: Junior—Environmental Health with Food Science minor
Graduation Date: December of 2014
After Graduation I will be going off to grad. school in either public health or in epidemiology
Career Goals: Get into the EPA or WHO or FDA
I got into Environmental Health because of my mom and what she does in the FDA. I like what she does and want to get in that same field of work.

I would say to you that Americans of Hispanic descent want desperately to give their children the chances they never had.
Marco Rubio

Brandy graduated from Colorado State University in May 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree a double-major in Communications and Ethnic Studies with a 3.4 GPA.
She is now the Program Coordinator at El Centro. Congratulations Brandy!
Lory Student Center 50th Anniversary Party
Colorado State University Homecoming & Family Weekend

FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 2016
6 pm, Lory Student Center Ballroom
*Tributes to each decade
*1987 and 2062 time capsules
*Renovation preview
*Surprise announcement

Hors d’oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

Special guests include past and present vice presidents for Student Affairs (Jim Banning, Blanche Hughes, Rex Kellums, Linda Kuk, Keith Miser, and Grant Sherwood) and Lory Student Center staff (Bob Brookover, Manny Cunard, Mike Ellis, Bill Weddel, and many more!).

Register by Oct. 1 at Homecoming.colostate.edu, or call (877) 487-7787.

Mims Harris and Barb Kistler
Co-Chairs, LSC 50th Celebration

*Mission Statement*
It is our mission as a student organization to focus on celebrating Mexican culture and gaining a better understanding of our history. By empowering students of Mexican descent at Colorado State University and throughout Colorado, we will emphasize the importance of attaining a higher education in hopes of helping diminish the increasing dropout rate of minority students. It is our goal to develop a close relationship with members of the community with the purpose of bridging the large gap between university students and the Latino community. We wish to serve as a secondary family to university students of Mexican descent in facilitating the transition to the University setting. Lastly, we will address oppression and other social issues preventing our academic, social, financial, and professional success.

*Es mejor morir de pie, que vivir siempre arro-dillado ~Emiliano Zapata*
El Grito September 14th, LSC Plaza
Noche Latina October 6th, LSC Theater
El Centro Outreach Statistics

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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...

Don’t be shy. Stop on by!

"We criticize and separate ourselves from the process. We've got to jump right in there with both feet."

Dolores Huerta

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