Latino Community Dinner

The Latino Cultural Center (LCC) prides itself in having a tight-knit community of individuals who care about each other and who are there to support one another. Now more than ever, we feel it is important to remind everyone that there do exist communities here at MIT that are willing to take time out of their daily routine to make sure everyone is okay.

The LCC executive board is having a dinner on Wednesday, March 18th, from 4-6 PM for our community members in the Mezzanine Lounge (W20-307). The purpose of the dinner is to create an environment where, as a community, we can gather and reflect on the recent events that have impacted us all. We hope to see you there.

Mes Latino 2015

The Latino Cultural Center continues its yearly celebration of Mes Latino with the theme: “Exceeding Our Vision: Nuevos Horizontes”. Throughout the month of April, the Latino Cultural Center and its affiliated organizations will hold a variety of events to celebrate and promote the Latino community at MIT. General body meetings, joint events, mixers, and other exciting events fill up the entirety of next month.

The LCC lounge, the space where students come together to study, socialize, and relax will be undergoing renovations this month, and its grand re-opening will kick off Mes Latino. This year’s theme represents a new era in the LCC, a time where we are not only featuring a new lounge, but also looking toward the future of the Latino community at MIT. In particular, we invite you to attend the two biggest events of Mes Latino: Gala Sabrosura on April 10th and Festival de Las Americas on April 24th. Join us in this month-long celebration of Latino culture and heritage, where we highlight the diverse Latino cultures at MIT and the student groups that reflect them.

LATIN@ Spotlight!

LCC Renovations Committee

On February 21st, the LCC held its annual Spring Retreat. A big part of this retreat was a competition to redesign the LCC lounge space. Great ideas were proposed, and the excitement about this project led to the creation of the LCC Renovations Committee, which has since been working hard to make these ideas a reality. Their current plan is to work on renovations during Spring Break, March 21-29. The Grand Re-opening of the LCC Lounge is happening on Monday, March 30, as a way to kick off Mes Latino. Changes to the space include a new layout, color scheme for the walls, and furniture. The committee consists of LCC members Roseannie Langomas, Aleksya Aguirre, Kevin Benitez, Alyssa Boros, and Raul Rojas.
MIT Winter ECCSF

The East Coast Chicano Forum (ECCSF) was hosted by MIT’s LUCHA this past January 31st. ECCSF is held three times a year and brings together students from schools throughout the East Coast to discuss issues relevant to the Chicano and Latino communities. The theme of MIT’s conference was “Latinos and Entrepreneurship: Making Dreams a Reality.” It placed its focus on how Latinos have contributed to the business world, and how attendees can do the same by developing the skills to take their start-up from an idea to a business plan. The conference brought together bright minds from the business world and featured Jason Rosado, Founder and CEO of corporate philanthropy company Givkwik, and Lisa Morales-Hellebo, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the New York Fashion Tech Lab, a fashion tech accelerator. Conference attendees participated in several workshops and a collaborative business pitch competition. The next ECCSF will be hosted by College of the Holy Cross on April 25th with the theme “Rekindling el Movimiento.”

Mes Latino Shirts

If you are interested in buying a Mes Latino shirt, make sure to fill out this form. They will be sold for $7.

Executive Action (Continued)

Last November, President Obama issued executive actions to provide temporary relief from deportation and work permits to undocumented parents of American citizens and permanent residents, to expand eligibility requirements for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and to improve immigrant visa programs. These actions would affect as many as 5 million undocumented immigrants, including many who are a part of the MIT community or their families. However, these actions have been met with resistance from Republicans. A federal court order by federal judge Andrew Hanen from Texas has blocked President Obama's actions, and Congressional Republicans have unsuccessfully tried to use the Department of Homeland Security funding bill to reverse the President's actions. The U.S. Department of Justice has since filed an appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to lift Judge Hanen's injunction, and President Obama is prepared to take this issue to Supreme Court if necessary. Until then, eligible immigrants must wait even longer for the relief promised last November.

Our mission is to promote and support Latino culture at MIT by providing a bridge between Latino organizations in order to build a stronger community within the institute.