



February 8, 2012

La Casa Newsletter

ARCH Building 3601 Locust Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19104



Message from the Director

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Message from Director
- 2 Events and Programs
- 3 Events and Programs
- 4 Events and Programs
- 5 Internships and Scholarships
- 6 Internships and Scholarships

* NEW ITEMS

*"Everyone has a Latino
inside them"*

Hello Everyone

Saludos, once again from the staff of La Casa Latina. I know that things are beginning to get busy for all, but remember to pace yourselves and stay healthy. I have had the pleasure of meeting with a few of the newly elected student group Board Members and I greatly appreciate you reaching out to me/us and getting to know each other better. I invite other groups to please contact me so that we can meet and catch up.

Like always, I/we are interested in supporting your mission as much as we can. Soon Festival Latino will be approaching and we look forward to working in partnership with all of you on your planned events. Let me/us know if we can help in identifying particular speakers and/or presenters.

It is very important that you start early with fundraising, completing contracts with presenters and or making any travel and hotel arrangements necessary so please contact us with enough time to move this process forward in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, take care and best wishes always,

Johnny Irizarry
Director
Center for Hispanic Excellence: La Casa Latina
University of Pennsylvania
ARCH Building, Suite 123
3601 Locust Walk
Philadelphia, PA. 19104-6224
Tel. [215-746-6044](tel:215-746-6044)
Fax. [215-746-6045](tel:215-746-6045)
johnnyi@upenn.edu
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lacasa>



"Latinos must be proud"

Events and Programs



* THE EZRA POUND AWARD FOR LITERARY TRANSLATION

The Creative Writing Program is sponsoring the following contest this spring for Penn undergraduates and graduates:
THE EZRA POUND AWARD FOR LITERARY TRANSLATION (first prize \$400)

Submit two copies of up to 3 pp. of verse or 5 pp. of prose translated to English from any language; include two copies of the original text.

Entries may be left in the designated box at the Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing (CPCW), 3808 Walnut St. Entries should bear: student's name, school, year, address, & email address.

This year's deadline: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, NOON

* Building Relationships between Penn Alumni and Students

DATE: February 22, 2012

TIME: 8:00 - 9:30pm EST

In this virtual speed-networking session, students and alumni will be randomly matched and given 6 minutes to chat and learn about this new connection and their experiences. At the end of those 6 minutes, each participant will be paired immediately with a new match. At the end of the event, each student and alumnus will have made 10 new connections. Penn Alumni Relations and Career Services are excited to invite you to participate in this online networking event!

To register visit <http://www.brazencareerist.com/network-roulette/penn-alum-and-students-in-media-feb-22>

Questions? Contact Shannon Kelly (shakelly@upenn.edu).

Women of Color at Penn (WOCAP) - Annual Conference & Awards Luncheon

The Annual Conference and Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012 at the University Sheraton, 36th and Chestnut Streets. An integral part of the annual event is the awards luncheon. The recognition of the outstanding service women of color students, graduate and/or professional, and undergraduate, perform in the Penn and surrounding community is worthy of acknowledgement. If you know of an undergraduate or graduate and/or professional student whose accomplishments are noteworthy and deserving of honor and praise, please recommend her for recognition during the luncheon. I have attached a copy of the nominations form for your convenience to this email along with a description of the criteria from the WOCAP website (listed below).

For additional details on the Annual Conference and Awards Luncheon, please visit the WOCAP website <http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/wocap/>.

The Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project in the Middle East

The Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project in the Middle East, sponsored by the Ibrahim Family Foundation (IFF) and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), provides an opportunity for high-achieving U.S. undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds and faiths to develop their leadership skills and gain first-hand experience with dialogue efforts in the Middle East. Following an orientation session in Washington, DC, students engage in a two-week study-tour in three Middle Eastern countries where they meet with leaders and organizations representing a range of viewpoints. A unique aspect of this program is the emphasis on the post-program Impact Plan. Students are expected to incorporate this experience into their academic and surrounding communities by engaging their peers in activities, projects, and events, which support the foundation of a more peaceful and prosperous shared future.

Events and Programs

Health Professions Advisory Board (HPAB) Workshops for Medical/Dental Applicants

Any undergraduate considering applying to medical or dental school for matriculation in 2013 must attend one of the mandatory applicant workshops this spring. The workshop will provide information about the application process and the steps you must take in order to receive a Committee (HPAB) Letter from Penn, as is expected by medical and dental schools. If you are unable to attend an appropriate workshop, contact Peter Stokes at stokespm@upenn.edu as soon as possible.

The full list of workshops to choose among is as follows:

Medical School:

Friday, February 17, 2.00-3.30pm, Irvine Auditorium: Amado Recital Hall.

Tuesday, February 28, 12.00-1.30pm, Houston Hall: Class of '49 Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 21, 5.00-6.30pm, Cohen Hall: Terrace Room

Dental School:

Thursday, February 9, 4.30-6.00pm, Houston Hall: Golkin Room

SEA Volunteers Needed

EEJust would like to invite you to participate in the second session of Science Education Academy (SEA). This growing initiative has been running four years now as a collaboration between EEJust and the White Rock Baptist Church Ministry to Youth and Children (5238 Chestnut Street). Our mission statement is to support grade school students from West Philly in their science education with hands-on exposure and experience with scientific method and inquiry. We will meet on Saturday mornings to engage students in grades 2 through 5 in scientific experiments in order to support and strengthen their grasp on the School District of Philadelphia science curriculum.

If interested in this very rewarding experience, please contact us at: eejust@mail.med.upenn.edu.

Are you interested in pursuing a Ph.D.?

Penn's McNair Scholars Program is currently accepting applications from eligible sophomores for its 2012 cohort. McNair Scholars are academically talented undergraduates with an expressed commitment to pursuing a research Ph.D. who are from groups traditionally underrepresented in doctoral programs: low-income, first-generation college students, and/or students who are members of ethnic or racial groups currently underrepresented in graduate education (African American/black, Hispanic/Latino/a, Native American/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and Native Pacific Islander). The program provides research training, early scholarly experiences, and preparation for the graduate school application process and doctoral study. Penn undergraduates from all majors and schools are eligible to apply. If you are interested in applying, please visit the McNair Scholars website at <http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/mcnair> for complete eligibility guidelines and application materials. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2012.

Crossing Borders Uniting Hearts English Camp

Become a volunteer the English instructor for the 2012 IYF English Camp Mission Trip to Monterrey, Mexico. For more information visit www.goodnewscorps.org

PENN MEDICIENE

There are only 4 short weeks until the application deadline! We are especially reaching out at this time to students who are female and who come from underrepresented backgrounds including disabled students, low income students, and ethnic and racial minority students. We would also encourage you to forward this announcement to your classmates, colleagues and professors.

For undergrads interested in cutting edge research, the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst might be for you. The ten week lab-and-learning experience will give you a head start on a career that is truly at the forefront of knowledge--nanotechnology! Please forward this announcement on to all those who might be interested. Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Space is limited so apply today! - Ten week program: May 28 - August 4, 2012 - Free housing in our newest dorms- Free travel to and from campus- Competitive stipend (\$3600-\$5000) - Application deadline is Feb 29, 2012 (<http://www.umass.edu/massnanotech/SURE.htm>)

Events and Programs

Multicultural Meeting of the Minds

Friday, February 10, 2012 from 11am-4pm: This short retreat will provide an opportunity for each constituency to bring its counterparts up to speed, to assess Penn's current multicultural landscape, and to create action steps for strengthening each program and for working together. In order for this think-tank to be successful, we need a strong La Casa Latina presence, including key student leaders. I hope I can count on you all to attend. I could also use your help in identifying which student leaders should attend.

Graduate Students in the Hispanic Studies Department

The Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Group at the University of Pennsylvania is a student-run organization that helps organize, promote, and publicize events taking place in the Hispanic Studies Department and within pertinent academic fields. Graduate students within the department are encouraged to propose and lead events, such as: inviting speakers to discuss different topics regarding the research interests in our community; hosting movie screenings and discussions; presenting their work as part of our "Works in Progress" workshops; publicizing and participating in relevant academic conferences; and joining the community in extracurricular and social events.

Please see the link below to access our blog or email us at: gshispanicstudies@gmail.com

Blog: <http://gshispanicstudiesupenn.blogspot.com/>

The History Department presents: Ana Minian (Ph.D, Yale University, 2011)

Mexican Migration and Welfare States: The Rise of Undocumented Migration from 1965 to 1986

DATE: Tuesday, February 7th

TIME: 4:30 PM

LOCATION: College Hall 209

Minian's dissertation is entitled, "Undocumented Lives: A History of Mexico-U.S. Migration, 1965-1986."

For more information, please contact Nari Baughman at nlinette@sas.upenn.edu.

Valentine's Rose Sale

Every year Wharton Latino holds its major fundraiser, the Valentine's Rose Sale, to support projects promoting education in low resource regions of Latin America. This year, we are donating all our proceedings to Nuestra Casita, an organization that provides the basic necessities to underprivileged children in Mexico. The Rose Sale is just around the corner! We invite you to support our cause by buying roses for all those special people in your lives. To make this process easier for all of you, we are now offering pre-sales online at www.whartonlatino.com. Just go to the link, enter your information, the number of roses you would like, and your preferred pick-up date and location - It's a quick, easy, and secure process. This year, we are offering free delivery on Monday, February 13th from 6 pm to 8 pm. This option can also be selected through the form in our website.

Prices: One Rose \$3 Three Roses \$8 Six Roses \$15 Dozen \$30 More information about selling spots can be found in our FB Event. https://www.facebook.com/events/358425864175321/#!/events/358425864175321/?notif_t=event_photo_change

Teaching Performance Art for Cross-Cultural Education!

EDUC 539 / THAR 539 - TPACE (Fall 2012) Mondays 4PM - 7PM Graduate level seminar course (open to all Penn Students)

Address issues of cultural awareness through the arts Learn how to turn theatrical forms and narrative into educational tools

Foster intercultural understanding Create spaces for open discussion of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, and more NO

EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Application is due April 20th, and is available here: www.vpul.upenn.edu/gic/tpaceapp.php

Internship and Scholarships

* Columbia University - Summer Public Health Scholars Program (SPHSP)

The program is designed for minority and underrepresented undergraduates in their sophomore or junior year, and recent baccalaureate degree students, who are undecided about their career goals and who have a minimal GPA of 2.5. The program includes Public Health course work at Columbia University; hands-on field experience and immersion in a diverse, economically disadvantaged urban environment; seminars and lectures with public health leaders, and mentoring by faculty members, ensuring students exposure to the breadth and importance of public health as a career option.

Program and application info can be found at the link below. Application deadline is February 14, 2012. For more information visit http://www.oda-ps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html

Philip G. Hubbard Prep Program

2012 Program: June 4 - June 29, 2012

The University of Iowa College of Law is pleased to offer the Philip G. Hubbard Law School Preparation Program. This program seeks to support diversity in the legal profession by inspiring students from groups historically under-represented in the law to become lawyers and by providing them with the skills and assistance that will strengthen their preparation for law school. Whether students are interested in the University of Iowa College of Law or in learning more about legal careers and the law school experience, the Philip G. Hubbard Law School Preparation Program is an opportunity worth considering. To find out more information on the Hubbard Program, you may visit <http://www.law.uiowa.edu/prospective/pre-law/hubbard.php>.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Marathon Oil Corporation have partnered to provide financial resources to an outstanding African-American/Black, Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American/Latino undergraduate students with scholarships of up to \$15,000 and paid internship opportunities !

This program is for students who will be entering the 2011-2012 academic year as a Sophomore or will be graduating in May or June of 2014, and are majoring in one of the following majors: chemical engineering, accounting, computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, geology, information technology, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering. And supply chain management.

Likewise, Seniors with plans to enroll in Master's Program for Petroleum Engineering or Geology/Geosciences scholarships are eligible to apply and encouraged to apply!

For more information visit: www.hsf.net

HSF/Honda Scholarship Program

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and Honda have partnered to provide financial resources to an outstanding Latino undergraduate students with scholarships of up to \$5,000! This program is for Latino/Hispanic students who will be entering the 2012-2013 academic year as a Junior or Senior at a four-year institution.

Students should be majoring in Business Administration (includes Procurement and Supply Chain Management), Chemical Engineering , Electrical Engineering , Engineering , Industrial Engineering/Technology or Mechanical Engineering.

For more information visit: www.hsf.net

HACU National Internship Program

Early application deadlines are set for internships that require a security clearance, an extensive interview process, or drug testing in order to participate. These include corporate positions and positions within the US intelligence community. If you are not selected for one of these internships, you will still be considered for the additional summer internships available.

<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp>

AAHHE Fellowships

The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Inc., is now accepting applications for two Fellowship Programs: (1) The AAHHE Graduate Student Fellows Program (GSFP) and (2) The AAHHE Junior Faculty Fellows Program. Graduate and Faculty Fellows will attend the 2012 AAHHE National Conference: "*Acknowledging our Similarities, Uniting Our Differences,*" which will be held March 8-10, 2012, at the Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel in Costa Mesa, CA. Participation in both fellowship programs will begin on Tuesday March 6th, continue throughout the conference, and end on the evening of Saturday March 10th. For more information visit <http://www.aahhe.org/>.

Internship and Scholarships

ATID

ATID: Mentoring for the Future! Volunteer to be a mentor for a student at University City High School, and help him or her think about colleges, prepare for the PSAT's and SAT's, understand the college experience, and map out his or her future. In addition to bonding with your mentee, you will have the opportunity to reflect and connect with other Penn mentors. This new program addresses an important community need and will be a rewarding experience for everyone involved! If you're interested in hearing more about ATID, contact Shayna Golkow at shaynago@sas.upenn.edu.

Blue Engine

Introducing Blue Engine, an urban education fellowship year in New York City designed for talented recent college graduates to connect with small numbers of students in a different way—not as teachers, but as full-time teaching assistants. During one year terms of service, Blue Engine Teaching Assistants (BETAs) lead small group instruction (4-5 students per period) alongside experienced classroom teachers, working in teams from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to help entire grade levels make dramatic, measurable gains in Math and English / Language Arts.

Right now, throughout the country, we are looking for a small number of top-notch candidates to help build Blue Engine from the ground up. The admissions process will be competitive, with our next class of approximately 50 BETAs set to begin service in New York City in August of 2012.

For more information: http://www.blueengine.org/letter/?utm_source=Recruitment&utm_medium=110922&utm_campaign=2

Penn Program for Public Service Summer Internship

Application Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2012

The Penn Program for Public Service Internship Program is a 12-week multi-faceted summer program that immerses approximately 15 undergraduates in real-world problem solving in the West Philadelphia-Penn community. At the core of the internship is an action-oriented, Academically Based Community Service seminar, "Faculty-Student Collaborative Seminar on Community Based Problem-Solving, Research, Teaching, and Learning: West Philadelphia and Penn as an Experiment in Progress," led by the director of the Netter Center for Community Partnerships at Penn, Dr. Ira Harkavy. Each undergraduate in the seminar works collaboratively to help solve a strategic "ill-structured" problem of his or her choosing in West Philadelphia. <http://upenn.edu/ccp/ppps>

HACEMOS Scholarship Program

2012 - 2013 Application deadline March 1, 2012 The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 HACEMOS scholarship program until March 1, 2012 at www.hispanicfund.org/CCI. Scholarships will be based on both need and merit, and awards will range from \$500 - \$2,000. In addition, scholars will be enrolled into HCF's College and Career Institute where they will receive financial, social and career support. LOFT Network: <http://loftnetwork.org>

2012 Real Arts@PENN internships - the fourth summer of this innovative project

This program is intended to support creative Penn undergraduates doing art in the realm of practice. This year, Real Arts is sponsoring ten paid ten internships: Viacom Creative Services Rolling Stone Magazine Brooklyn Films Philadelphia Magazine Original Film David Stern and Stuart Gibbs, Writers The Philadelphia Inquirer Nickelodeon Animation Studios Shore Fire Media The Jewish Museum Yes, Real Arts will pay you a stipend to work in such venues. This summer's stipends will be \$4000. (We're happy to emphasize that Real Arts internships and programs are open to students in all four undergraduate schools.) Why are we doing this? What other projects will we sponsor? How do you apply? When is the deadline? Go here: <http://www.writing.upenn.edu/realarts> to find out more!

Internship and Scholarships

Summer Internship Programs in Public Health

Both programs are hosted by the University of Michigan - School of Public Health Application deadline is February 10, 2012
 The Summer Enrichment Program in Health Management and Policy (SEP)
 Designed to familiarize undergraduate students with how management and policy can combine to combat inequalities in health care that confront low-income communities across the United State via practical work experience.
 Interns are placed in hospitals, community health centers, and other health care organizations in the Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint area.

The MIDAS, Summer Premedical Academic Enrichment Program, Summer Undergraduate Research Program

Summer Undergraduate Research Program will be held May 21 – July 27, 2012, Application Deadline: March 2, 2012. See www.midas.pitt.edu/srp. For questions, contact Dr. Phillip Palmer, php9@pitt.edu, (412) 624-6597. Will be held June 4 – July 21, 2012, Application Deadline: March 1, 2012. See http://www.medschool.pitt.edu/future/future_03_spaep.asp. For questions, contact Dr. Chenits Pettigrew, cpettigrew@medschool.pitt.edu, (412) 648-8987. Will be held Monday, May 21 through Friday, July 28, 2012, Application Deadline: March 1, 2012 (rolling admissions begin April 1). See http://www.gradbiomed.pitt.edu/summer_surp.aspx. For questions, contact Ms. Carol Williams, cawillia@medschool.pitt.edu, (412) 648-9003.

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

PREP is a seven week summer academic enrichment program that targets students from educationally and financially disadvantaged/underrepresented backgrounds. The postmark deadline for submission of all required material is March 1, 2012. Applications and further program information are available at: <http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/prep.cfm>. SMDEP is a six-week summer academic enrichment program that targets educationally and financially disadvantaged freshman and sophomore college students by providing intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. Deadline for applying is March 1, 2012. Application and further information can be found at the following websites: www.smdep.org <http://www.medsch.ucla.edu/smdep/> uclasmdep@mednet.ucla.edu. RAP is post baccalaureate program. The eleven-month program is conducted in two sessions, summer and academic year. Deadline is May 15, 2012. <https://meded-postbac.ucsd.edu> www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/rap.cfm

Pre-Professional Student

I am writing to make you aware of the Robert L. Mayock Student Research Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (see below). This fellowship provides opportunities for medical students and exceptional undergraduate students after their junior year to work full-time for 8-10 weeks during the summer or fall in one of the research laboratories of the Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Division of the University of Pennsylvania. Students from the University of Pennsylvania, as well from other institutions are eligible to apply. Accepted applicants will receive a stipend of \$3500 and will be reimbursed up to \$1500 to cover travel-related expenses to attend a scientific meeting to present their research. An application is attached. (The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 2012). More information can be obtained at www.uphs.upenn.edu/lungctr or by contacting me at delisser@mail.med.upenn.edu.