¡Colegas!

Boooo! It's that time of year again where the leafs begin to fall, green begins turning to red, orange, and brown, and people are wearing their Uggs again. You can't forget about apple pies, pumpkin spice everything, and recognizing *los muertos en su dia* (recognizing the dead on their day). That also means we are two months away from *tamales* season. That made our mouths water.

By now, all colleges and universities should be well underway into the fall semester/quarter. With October being Student Affairs month and Hispanic/Latinx/a/o heritage month, let us all share memories and appreciate for all that we accomplish in our society. We would like to highlight your experiences and accomplishments. Share with us why you chose the field of Student Affairs/Higher Education or something meaningful about our heritage. We'll share it on our social media and next newsletter.

Please send any items to the LKC Communications Team, Leonel Diaz (ladiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco (hancor@stjohns.edu) and we will feature your information in next month's newsletter. Monthly submission deadlines are at the end of each month. Newsletters go out during the beginning of each month.

This month we feature:

- Awards Nominations & Scholarships
- Consejos y Consuelos
- EISJ Division LKC Representative
- Job Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Scholar's Corner
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- Why I: Tania Velazquez

Make sure to scroll through the entire newsletter for all the updates for the Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community.

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- Facebook: NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community
- LinkedIn: NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community
- Instagram: lkc_naspa

The Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community

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AWARD NOMINATIONS

I would like to remind folks that we are currently seeking nominations for the 2020 Annual Mena-Valdez Awards and applications for the 2020 Alex Gonzalez Scholarships.

The awards ceremony to take place during the 2020 Annual NASPA National Conference in Austin, TX. Recipients of the Alex Gonzalez scholarships will not only be able to attend the LKC Pre-Conference Session at the National Conference at no cost, but will also be acknowledged at the awards ceremony.

To nominate someone for an award, please fill out a nomination by going through our awards website here. You will be asked to submit a nomination letter along with the nominee's current resume or CV.

To learn more about the Alex Gonzalez scholarship and to submit an application, please click here.

Award nominations and scholarship applications are due Monday, October 7th

We are also looking for members to help us with the selection of our award winners.

To learn more about this opportunity or if you have any other questions, please email me at cabala@wit.edu.

We look forward to your submissions!

Sincerely,

Alex Cabal
Awards Chair

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CONSEJOS Y CONSUELOS

We are just one month away! Season 3 is here! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 1, 2019 at 2 PM EST/ 11 AM PST. This season will include an emphasis on research. Stay tuned!

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EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (EISJ) DIVISION LKC REPRESENTATIVE

The EISJ Division Knowledge Community/Constituent Group (KC/CG) Representatives serve the collective efforts of their Knowledge Community/Constituent Group and NASPA to advance equity, inclusion, and social justice. KC/CG Representatives fill a key liaison role between their KCs and the EISJ Division.

EISJ Division KC/CG Representatives are responsible for the following duties:

- Serve on the EISJ Division and assist with achieving Division goals by:
  - participating actively in monthly meetings via phone or videoconference,
  - working to increase NASPA members' understanding of the Division's role
  - serving on the Division's standing and *ad hoc* committees,
  - contributing to planning and implementation of Division events and programs
  - reporting Division issues, decisions, and outcomes on a regular basis to the KC/CG, and
  - evaluating Annual Conference program proposals submitted for Division sponsorship.
- Understand issues of importance to the KC/CG in order to share with the Division during monthly meetings or through communication with the Division Director and/or EISJ staff.

EISJ Division KC/CG Representatives may or may not sit on the KC/CG national leadership team; this is determined by the National KC/CG Chair(s), who are responsible for ensuring that the Division representative has a platform to share Division outcomes and decisions with the KC/CG on a regular basis. Division representatives serve two-year terms. Division representatives' terms are renewable up to one time, for a maximum period of four years of consecutive service.

Title: Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community Liaison to EISJ Division

Application Link: https://apps.naspa.org/engage/post_detail_page.cfm?vpostid=2377

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The University at Buffalo is searching for **two** assistant professors in higher education. We're particularly interested in folx who study minoritized students' activism and/or college success as well as the ways that student affairs divisions might support these students. If you know of any interested candidates, please share the attached announcement with them. They are also welcome to email me with questions. Review of applications will begin October 15th.

http://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/postings/21522

For questions, contact Margaret W. Salle at mwsallee@buffalo.edu.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have graphic design, photography, video, social media, or any other creative talents? The LKC Communication's team is looking for committee members! Participate in the promotion of LKC activities. We are looking for creative individuals to helps us in supporting the marketing and promotion of the LKC.

Please contact Leonel Diaz Jr (ladiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco (hancor@stjohns.edu) to get involved and for questions. We look forward to working with you!

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SCHOLAR'S CORNER

A Letter from a #LATINAMAMISCHOLAR: Dear Younger Me

To best depict how my identity as a Latina-mami-scholar has evolved, I have to start at the beginning of graduate school. Five years ago when I enrolled at UT-Austin to pursue a career in academia, I had no idea how these interconnected identities would shape the person I am today. In an effort to share my journey with you, I wrote the following letter to an enthusiastic and optimistic younger me. The young woman to whom I write this letter had just moved to Austin ready to make a change in the world. Instead, the greatest change would actually take place inside of her.

Continue reading the blog post: https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/scholars-corner-a-letter-from-a-latinamamischolar-dear-younger-me

Read last month's post: https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/scholars-corner-an-open-call-for-allyship-and-advocacy-supporting-latinamam

The NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community (LKC) strives to support the research and share stories of colleagues who are engaged in scholastic work, especially those who focus on Latinx/a/o educational issues. This year, the LKC co-chairs are highlighting the strength, resiliency, and tenacious nature of mujeres in the field who deliberately and wholeheartedly embrace both motherhood and their professional roles as scholars (#LatinaMamiScholar). We would love to feature your story on the NASPA LKC Scholars Corner!

If you would like to share with our *communidad*, please contact LKC Research and Scholarship co-chairs Claudia García-Louis (claudia.garcia-louis@utsa.edu) and/or Tracy Arámbula Ballysingh (tracy.ballysingh@uvm.edu).

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SHOUT-OUTS

The LKC would like to give a shout out to our entire community for all the hard work we do to make the beginning of every semester welcoming to all students and their families. Without you, the college/university experience would not be as fun and memorable. We appreciate all the work you do!

Is it someone's birthday? Did you get promoted? Did you make it past the comprehensive exam? Defended a thesis? Know someone that deserves a shout out for the amazing work they do? Let's celebrate what we do. Share a shout out! Contact the Co-Communication chairs, Leonel Diaz Jr (ladiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco (hancor@stjohns.edu), to share one!

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UBUNTU INSTITUTE

The mission of the NASPA Region I Ubuntu Institute is to be a leadership development opportunity designed for student affairs professionals of color. The Institute will inspire emerging professionals, ranging from graduate students through mid-level professionals, to reach their full potential and serve as a pathway to leadership within institutions and associations through a cohort based model. The goals of the institute are to aid participants in navigating the complexity of higher education as professionals of color through the lenses of strength, empowerment, resiliency & authenticity.

This institute is cohort based and is made to serve professional who identify as Latinx/a/o as well as QTLatinx. This year's Latinx/a/o leaders will be Dr. Luis Paredes and Yanille Baez from region I.

I invite you to check out our website: **https://www.naspa.org/events/19R1-Ubuntu-Institute**

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WHY I: TANIA VELAZQUEZ

In this month's "Why I," Tania shares with us how she ended up working with college students and her alternative career path. Find out: https://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/posts/why-i...tania-velazquez

Recommend a colleague!

The NASPA Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community is showcasing the LKC leadership team and all members of the Latinx/a/o community in this series that we call, "Why I." We want to share with our Latinx/a/o community who members of the LKC leadership team and membership are, our roles, and what inspired us to follow our career paths. Our goal is to increase the visibility of not just the LKC, but to the leaders who make the LKC what is to us all. For questions regarding the "Why I" series, please contact the Communication Co-Chairs, Leonel Diaz Jr (ladiaz@unm.edu) and Rosa Hanco

(hancor@stjohns.edu). To be featured on “Why I,” fill out this form: https://goo.gl/forms/gptkaS3tr6YdL17M2

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