# LATINO/A FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION



**Staff Association** 

February 6, 2018

### LFSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT!



Raquel Jiménez, MSW Assistant Director for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

Raquel has been part of the College Assistance Migrant Program since her first year of college at MSU Denver. As a CAMP Alumna, she felt empowered and motivated to serve her community, so after graduating in 2014, she joined the CAMP Team. MSU Denver continues to be a special place to Raquel because of the student population and the incredible staff and faculty.

#### What types of philosophy guides the work that you do?

"I am a chronic social worker; therefore, I aspire to set forth the ideals of social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. I am constantly inspired by our students' stories and resilience and I believe they are the main ingredient to create change."

#### What are you involved with on campus?

"I am a member of the <u>Hispanic Serving Institution</u> (HSI) Implementation Team, working group 5, which focuses on advocacy and policy development. In addition, I am part of <u>Roadrunners First</u> Committee, a group of wonderful people created this advocacy group to bring visibility to the invisible first generation identity. We facilitate trainings during the semester for faculty and staff."



## LFSA SPRING SOCIAL: SPRINGHILL SUITES DENVER DOWNTOWN AT MSU DENVER

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2018 4:30-6:30PM

#### **RSVP Today!**

Come network with other Latino/a Faculty and Staff on campus. The reception will take place at the Springhill Suites Hotel, in the beautiful pre-function space on the hotel side which has floor to ceiling windows and stunning views of downtown Denver. If you have not had the chance to see the hotel, this would be a great opportunity! LFSA will

provide hors d'oeuvres featuring vegetarian empanadas, vegetarian spring rolls, and chicken quesadillas. The bar will feature Green Chili Margaritas for purchase as well as other bar drinks. You are encouraged to bring guests!

#### WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

With LFSA executive board elections just around the corner, we want to hear your feedback. Be on the lookout later this week for an e-mail invitation to provide feedback about the association and how you would like to see it grow in this upcoming year.



#### LFSA ALL-MEMBER MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ONCE A MONTH

All members-regardless of dues-paying status, are invited to attend our monthly member meetings. The dates of our next meeting will be on *February 15 3:30-4:30pm in SSB 33oC*.

RSVP for our February meeting at: <a href="https://msudenver.edu/lfsa/upcomingevents/">https://msudenver.edu/lfsa/upcomingevents/</a>

If you can only join us at 4pm, that is okay! Please note that the timing of the meetings was purposely planned to allow members to spend some time socializing on or off campus after the meeting.

#### LFSA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

If you are interested in supporting the LFSA scholarship, please follow this link to make a one-time donation. Our scholarship is entirely member funded, so the amount that we are able to give each year is dependent on how much we put in as staff and faculty. <a href="https://msudenver.edu/lfsa/scholarship">https://msudenver.edu/lfsa/scholarship</a>

If you know of a student with a commitment to serving the Latino/a community on campus, please share the short blurb below with them to encourage them to apply. We encourage you to add to the blurb to help students understand why you think they'd be an excellent candidate.



"Did you know you can earn scholarship money for your work supporting the Latino/a community? Each year LFSA gives out a small number of scholarships ranging from \$300-\$500 for students that demonstrate an established commitment to the Latino/a community. All that is required to apply is a brief essay explaining how you serve the community, and two letters of recommendation. Simply search the word "Latino" in the MSU Denver scholarship portal and select Latino Faculty and Staff Association scholarship to see the requirements and submit your materials!"

#### SHOUT OUT TO CARLOS FRESQUEZ: SANGRE COLORADO

The <u>Center for Visual Art</u> is now hosting <u>Carlos Frésquez: Sangre Colorado</u>, a gloriously over-the-top survey dedicated to the artist. The ambitious retrospective is very large, filling all the formal galleries with scores of pieces ranging from drawings and paintings to sculptures and installations. Yet even with all these works on view, the selections represent only a fraction of what Frésquez has done during his long career.

Carlos Frésquez: Sangre Colorado is going through March 24 at the MSU Denver Center for Visual Art, 965 Santa Fe Drive



Carlos Frésquez: Artist Talk Wednesday, March 7 5:30pm

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



JCPenney in Stapleton has offered to host a shopping event exclusively for MSU Denver students, offering business attire at a significant discount. The Office of Career Services need volunteers to help with shopping and directing students to the various departments. The event will take place at the JCPenney store located at 8568 E. 49th Ave, Denver, CO

80238 on Sunday, February 25th from 6:30-9:30.

If you or anyone you know might would be interested in volunteering, please complete the following survey to let them know what times you are available: <a href="https://msudenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV">https://msudenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV</a> 56ggPJoq7mY2KKp

#### HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HACU) INTERNSHIPS

This is a wonderful opportunity for students! Info Session for the HACU National Internship Program will be hosted on February 14 12:30pm-2pm in SSB 111 (tour room). This info session is sponsored by The Office of Career Services, Excel Program, Center for Multicultural Excellence & Inclusion, Center for Equity & Student Achievement (CESA) and Immigrant Services. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp">https://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp</a>

#### **UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON CAMPUS**

#### Latinx Leadership Summit-March 29, 2018

The summit is a great way to engage students and staff alike in activism surrounding the needs of the Latinx community. This year's keynote speaker Jennicet Gutierrez is a transgender and immigrant rights activist, well-known for her protest at the white house challenging president Obama's immigration policies. The summit will soon be reaching out for nominations to award students on campus for their activism and efforts in supporting the Latinx community. Any questions? E-mail LFSA secretary Eric Silva.

#### **Higher Education Diversity Summit-April 5-6 2018**

Submit a proposal by January 28th, 2018

For more information visit: <a href="http://heds365.org/summit/">http://heds365.org/summit/</a>

For HR Professional Development & Trainings, visit: <a href="https://www.msudenver.edu/hr/training/">https://www.msudenver.edu/hr/training/</a>

Do you have opportunities or events that you would like to share with LFSA?

E-mail the information to Evelynn Guzman at

