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As director for the Center for Latino Arts and Culture (CLAC) at Rutgers it gives me great pleasure to extend to you a very warm welcome to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey!

Established in 1992, the CLAC’s mission is to research, document, interpret and promote Latino, Hispanic, Caribbean, and Latin American arts and culture. The CLAC accomplishes these goals through co-curricular and extracurricular activities such as artist performances, workshops and short-term residencies; film discussions and exhibitions; and scholarly lectures. Our student development programs are geared to support student leadership, experiential learning, and positive inter-group relations, while our public service programs build on local efforts to utilize the arts and culture as a an educational tool that improves the quality of life in New Brunswick and among surrounding communities.

The Center’s staff—including Sandra Rocio Castro, Silismar Suriel, Carla Ortiz, and I—are dedicated to building a creative space where the Rutgers community can discover and critically explore what it means to be a Latino and Latina in the United States. CLAC staff advises Latino student organizations and sponsors programs that help build student leadership and organizational capacity. Every year we support student programs that raise awareness about Latino arts and culture and help create bridges of understanding across difference. Our facility—located at 122 College Avenue (next to Au Bon Pain and the Rutgers Student Center) hosts over three-hundred student led activities per year.

We are committed to multicultural education, diversity, and bias prevention, and welcome ideas for programs that promote social justice and positive intergroup relations. We strongly believe in providing a supportive environment where a person’s identity and expression are respected and valued.

Please feel free to visit the CLAC and meet with me and members of my staff. We are open weekly from 9 to 5 PM. To learn more about our programs and services, please call us at 848-932-1263, or visit our website at clac.rutgers.edu.

Sincerely,

Carlos Fernandez, Ph.D
Director
The Center for Latino Arts and Culture (CLAC) was established in 1992 by a committee of Latino faculty, staff, and students from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The Center for Latino Arts and Culture’s mission is to research, document, interpret and promote Latino/a, Hispanic, Caribbean, and Latin American arts and culture. The CLAC presents arts and humanities programs university-wide for faculty, students, staff, and the broader community beyond the University. Programs are designed to advance academic excellence, support Latino/a artists, further documentation of Latino/a scholarship and foster cross-cultural affiliations. CLAC accomplishes this through research, publications and presentation of artists’ productions and humanities scholarship. CLAC programs consist of: visual art exhibitions, music and theater productions, scholarly lectures, conferences, literary symposia, community education, cultural events & leadership programs. Through its programming and publications, CLAC emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to the exploration of arts and culture.

Yearly Events: Casa Abierta/Open House, Dialogo Series, Latino Leadership Training
Contact: Silismar Suriel, 848-932-1263, silismar@rci.rutgers.edu, http://clac.rutgers.edu

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) is an organizational home for scholarship and pedagogy on the Latin American region at Rutgers University. The mission of CLAS is to promote pedagogy, research, and service in and about the broader region known as Las Américas. We aim to educate undergraduate and graduate students about the region, through courses, programs of study, and extracurricular events, so as to increase awareness and understanding of Latin America in the US, and of the many ways in which these two regions are deeply conjoined. 

Rutgers Latin American Studies (RULAS) offers a major (36 credits) and a minor (18 credits) that provide strong grounding in Latin American history, culture, economics and languages. Courses are offered by affiliated faculty from the departments of Spanish and Portuguese, Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies, Africana Studies, History, Political Science, Economics, Music and Sociology among others.

**Study Abroad in Bolivia Program:**
Bolivia, named after independence fighter Simon Bolivar, has the largest indigenous population (by percentage) in the world. The city of Cochabamba boasts the world’s largest statue of Jesus Christ, the Cristo de la Concordia, at 33m tall. Website: http://www.rulas.rutgers.edu/
For more information contact Dan Goldstein at dgoldstein@anthropology.rutgers.edu
Puerto Rican Studies was established at Rutgers University in the fall of 1970, as a result of demands by 16 Livingston Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) students in the summer of 1969. In 2006 the department became the Department of Latino & Hispanic Caribbean Studies to better reflect the department’s current course offerings, mission, student body, and faculty scholarship.

The department seeks to promote hemispheric and transnational approaches that more adequately consider the ways in which both U.S. Latino and Caribbean populations are transformed by globalization, while maintaining deeply localized historical legacies. As such, courses are organized around five themes: Historical and Political Studies; Migration, Society and Community; Race, Ethnicity and Identity; Cultural Studies and Cultural Production; Gender and Sexuality studies. Both an undergraduate major and minor options are offered.

For more information contact visit the department's website at [http://latcar.rutgers.edu/](http://latcar.rutgers.edu/), or contact Dr. Aldo Lauria Santiago, department chair, at alauria@rci.rutgers.edu.

The Department of Spanish & Portuguese offers majors in Literary and Cultural Studies and Spanish Linguistics, an undergraduate major and a graduate degree in Spanish Interpretation & Translation, and a Spanish Minor.

The department also offers certificates in Spanish-English Translation & Interpretation, interdisciplinary Global Studies (with options in Hispanic World, Luso-Brazilian World, Latin America, and Iberian Peninsula), and a Teacher's Certificate.

For more information, visit the departmental website at [http://span-port.rutgers.edu/](http://span-port.rutgers.edu/) or contact undergraduate director, Dr. Camilla Stevens at cstevens@spanport.rutgers.edu.
**Latino Information Network at Rutgers**

The Latino Information Network @ Rutgers (LIN@R) will leverage Rutgers' unique strengths to establish the most comprehensive collection of web-accessible materials about Latino life in the United States. Description Over the next three to five years, Rutgers' contributions in this arena will be to focus primarily on providing a more complete understanding of Latinos in the U.S. LIN@R will function as an impartial, fact-based repository of information and ideas that illuminate the many dimensions of Latino life.

Among the Network's ongoing and planned projects include establishing and maintaining an archive with the most comprehensive collection in the United States of materials relevant to Latinos in the U.S.; a central repository for all scholarship at Rutgers engaging the Latino experience; and a collection of both current and archived news stories, surveys, studies, books, art, music, and all forms of digital media from reputable news organizations, academics, and think tanks pertaining to Latinos.

Contact Robert Montemayor at rmontemayor@rci.rutgers.edu

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**Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting**

ALPFA is a not-for-profit entity registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is the proud successor of the American Association of Hispanic Certified Public Accountants (AAHCPA), the first national Latino professional association in the United States. Established in 1972, this Association continues to build upon our proud legacy of shared values and guiding principles. ALPFA advances into the 21st century as an experienced professional association dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos in the accounting, finance and related professions. As a student chapter of this professional business association, we shall strive to participate in the professional chapter’s events, build professional relationships and network with other business students and corporate professionals.

We welcome everyone with an interest in finance, accounting, economics, marketing, and related fields of business. Come join us and maximize your chances of landing that dream corporate job after life at Rutgers. If you're serious in business, ALPFA is right for you! ALPFA creates opportunities, adds value, builds relationships for its members, the community and its business partners while expanding leadership in the global workforce. Similarly, our shared values with the professional ALPFA chapter include professional growth, relationship building, inclusiveness, service, integrity and culture.

Email: Alpfa_nb@gmail.com
Website: [http://alpfanb.wix.com/alpfa-rutgers-nb](http://alpfanb.wix.com/alpfa-rutgers-nb)

Meetings are Wednesdays at Scott Hall Room 110 9:10pm-10:40pm
BVCL is a student run paper aimed at voicing the opinions and showcasing the writing talents of the Black and Latino community of Rutgers University in order to "Break the Chains of Ignorance."

The History of BVCL
The Black Voice/Carta Latina began in 1969 as separate newsletters, the Black Voice and Carta Boricua. The two newsletters merged in 1974 to form the Black Voice/Carta Boricua newspaper. In 1985, BVCB became the BVCL in order to become more inclusive. Our journal preserves tradition which grew out of our predecessors' insistence on voicing the concerns and issues facing the Black and Latino communities.

BVCL Mission Statement
The Black Voice/Carta Latina is dedicated to "Breaking the Chains of Ignorance" by showcasing the achievements, talents, and creativity of African Americans and Latinos in the Rutgers community as well as the greater community. In addition, the Black Voice/Carta Latina shall voice the concerns and issues facing the Black and Latino Communities. The Black Voice Carta Latina will remain a student publication.

Contact: marie011@eden.rutgers.edu

C.A.F.E De Colombia
(Culture, Art, Food, & Entertainment de Colombia)

The purpose of the organization is to serve and inform the Rutgers University community through educational, social and political initiatives about issues being faced by the Republic of Colombia as well as working with the Rutgers community to bring about change in these issues.

Email: juan102488@yahoo.com

General Body Meetings: Tuesdays 9:15PM Frelinghuysen
Mission: The purpose of the Central And South American Alliance, C.A.S.A.A., shall be to establish an alliance between the people of Central and South America in the Rutgers community. To promote the awareness of the socio-economic, political, and social aspects of the regions that we represent. To become the voice of our concerns the Latin American people in our Rutgers community, in the United States, and in Latin America. To work with and support our fellow Latino organizations and departments thus contributing our Latino unity and empowerment.

Annual Events: Spanish Rock Concert (Spring), El Reencuentro, Political Film Festival, Latino Jeopardy (Fall)

Contact: Heidi Mestanza, CASAA.Pres@gmail.com
Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.

History: Corazones Unidos Siempre, ♥ ΧΥΣ
♥ Chi Upsilon Sigma, National Latin Sorority, Incorporated has been in existence since April 29, 1980, incepted on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers - the State University of New Jersey. The Sorority was officially added to the Rutgers University Greek community on March 11, 1981.

We are a Sisterhood of ALL ethnicities and cultures. Our common calling is a respect for one another and the ideals of our Founding Mothers, rooted in individuality, loyalty, pride, Womanhood, and appreciation of our cultures and all its aspects.

We pride ourselves in our mission to educate, not only ourselves, but the community as well. One of our organizational goals is the promotion of ♥POLITICAL, ♥EDUCATIONAL, ♥CULTURAL, AND ♥SOCIAL AWARENESS. Another is a dedication to servicing the community and those in need. We accomplish these goals through programming, philanthropies and hands-on community service. Annual Events: Annual King of Hearts, Annual Batting for Success. Proceeds go towards our National Philanthropy the I have a Dream Foundation.

Contact: taiji_cus@yahoo.com
www.justbecus.org

Haitian Association at Rutgers University

We invite you to learn of the Haitian culture. Learn the dances and language, taste the savory foods, and immerse yourself in these wonderful traditions. We hold weekly meetings where we discuss the latest news and topics about Haiti and beyond. You do not have to be of Haitian background to be a member; we welcome all.

During the year we hold events such as Kompa Kraze, Evening in the Heart of Haiti, Apollo Night and much more. We also do community service for the New Brunswick area and donate to charities in Haiti.

Add our FaceBook Group to receive notifications on events: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=23468959469

For More Information: disaac1224@gmail.com
Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.

Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. was founded on September 29, 1990 by 13 inspiring women from SUNY Albany, SUNY Stony-Brook, SUNY New Paltz, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We strive to travel through new channels of involvement in the Latino community while reinforcing our commitment to our philanthropies. This is a precious and rare organization; SIA is more than a sorority...we are a family and network of professional, strong and dedicated women leaders. Our founders set out to create an organization that would meet their needs, help their communities, unite all women, and uphold a set of distinct goals. The Goals of our precious and rare organization are as follows:

1. To constantly strive towards increased awareness of Latino cultures.
2. To promote sisterhood and leadership among ourselves.
3. To serve as models of excellence in academics and achievements among women.

The Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation shall focus its efforts in three enterprise areas: education, professional development and social progress.

The Foundation shall aspire to empower the growth of Latinos as educated professionals and multi-faceted contributors to the global society. Specifically, the Foundation shall provide scholarships and grants to undergraduate students of color seeking to enhance their educational and/or professional development. The Foundation awards a yearly scholarship to a deserving high school/college student to assist in his or her academic development. Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance and community involvement among other criteria.

For more information contact Louchavel Rivera lrivera8@eden.rutgers.edu
http://www.hermandad-sia.org/
Rutgers_sia@yahoo.com

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

Since its inception in 1982, La Unidad Latina has remained on the vanguard of political and community empowerment by developing influential leaders that strive to exert knowledge and power into its peers in order to attain mutual success. We commit ourselves to academic excellence, leadership development and cultural enlightenment, enhanced by a diverse cognizant membership. La Hermandad strives to preserve and promote an inclusive intellectual environment for its members, in addition to the general community. In the execution of its conceived mission, La Unidad Latina will:

- Provide Latino students with the academic, cultural & social support necessary to excel in institutions of higher learning
- Increase opportunities for Latino children & adolescents to achieve in elementary & secondary schools
- Develop leaders that shall provide, develop and implement the tools for community empowerment
- Inspire ethnic pride and cultural awareness in the Latino community
- Support the efforts to enhance the growth and well-being of the Latino community
- Collaborate with individuals, organizations and institutions that will join our efforts to improve the conditions of the Latino community.

Annual Events: Noche Dorada, Step & Stroll Show Contact:: Ramon Peña
Ramon.Peña21@gmail.com
http://www.eden.rutgers.edu/~lul/
http://www.launidadlatina.org
In the fall of 1987, Lambda Theta Alpha welcomed its fifth chapter into the sisterhood. On the night of November 15, 1987, nine women became founding sisters of Epsilon Chapter at Rutgers University on Latin Images. Since then, the sisters at Rutgers have taken great pride not only in their academic excellence and professionalism, but also in the community projects and educational programming in which they are involved with each year. Since it’s existence, Epsilon chapter has been a strong prevalent force within Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. and within the Rutgers University community. Epsilon chapter’s main goals are academic excellence, social and political awareness, and above all, service to the community.

The purpose of Lambda Theta Alpha shall be to provide a sisterhood based on Unity, Love, & Respect. To develop strong Leaders who will then provide and practice political, social and cultural activities. To promote Latino Unity through charitable and educational programs. To maintain a high standard of learning and serve as a voice for all Latino students.

Annual Events: Annual Play, Dance Marathon
Contact: Stephanie.iring@yahoo.com – www.lambdalady.org

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

History: Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc., also known as the Lambdas, was founded on December 1, 1975 at Kean University in Union, New Jersey. Lambdas are the first and largest nationally recognized Greek-letter organization founded as a Latin Fraternity. The membership of Lambda is open to all college men who support its values of scholarship, respect for all culture, community service, and the advancement and fair treatment of Latinos. Lambdas were the first Latin Fraternity to be recognized by the North-American Inter-Fraternity Conference (NIC), is a member of NALFO, and has over 90 chapters and colonies, Rutgers University being the 2nd establishment of Lambda Theta Phi.

Since Dec. 11, 1978, the chapter has dedicated itself to academics, leadership, and service to the community.

Mission: Lambda Theta Phi was born to promote the spirit of brotherhood, to protect the rights of Latino students in his/her quest for an education, to promote the rich Latino culture, and to maximize leadership potentials to provide guidance to our community.

Annual Events: Annual Christmas Toy Drive, Study with the Lambdas, Y Todo Comenzo Bailando
Contact: john.alvarado1@yahoo.com http://originallambdas.com/chapters/beta http://www.lambda1975.org
**Latin American Student Organization**

Our mission: To create a bridge to eliminate the diversity gap within our community in order to give rise to the voices of strong, dedicated, and united individuals through EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, and CULTURAL PROGRAMMING.

SLOGAN: Cherish the moments with being united and diverse!

General meetings: every Monday night @ 9pm in the MVA Room in the CCC!

We are open to new ideas to make this year successful and fun for everyone. Get involved in creating diversity UNIDOS, UNITED!

Everyone is welcome! Latinos and non-Latinos from different campuses, ethnic backgrounds, cultures, and interests are all welcome! Make an effort to reach out and support.

Annual: Latin American Festival, Battle For a Cause, Thanksgiving Unity Dinner

Contact: RULASO.president@gmail.com  http://www.laso.weebly.com

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**Latin Images Special Interest Section**

In 1977, the Latin Image Special Interest Section was founded as a result of efforts put forth by the Latino community of Rutgers College. In order to meet the special needs of the minority community, Latin Images provides a “home away from home” environment for its student members. Latin Images has identified educational achievement and cultural awareness as its primary goals.

The first mission Latin Images has recognized is to provide an atmosphere conducive towards academic excellence. Therefore, it will actively assist first year students to achieve a successful transition from high school to college. In addition, there will be expectations of high academic performance by first year students as well as the upper class student members. The second goal Latin Images has recognized is to stimulate interest in Latino culture and history. This will be accomplished through educational, cultural, and social events developed by the Executive Board. The purpose is to provide an environment for the learning and experiencing of the beauty the Latino culture holds.

(Located on Frelinghuysen Hall on the College Avenue Campus)

Contact: LatinImages_77@yahoo.com  http://housing.rutgers.edu

Meetings are Sundays at 10:00pm
Latin American Womyn’s Organization

Latin American Womyn’s Organization was founded in 1969 by 5 Puerto Rican women during a time of ethnic consciousness. The organization, which was established at Douglass College and named Douglass Puerto Rican Students, changed its name to Latin American Womyn’s Organization to reflect the diversity of women who were active within the organization and on campus. In 1992, L.A.W.O. obtained university wide status in an effort to encompass the women of all campuses at Rutgers University - New Brunswick. Today, L.A.W.O. is a strong voice as well as a powerful force in the Latina/o community at Rutgers University. We are empowered students who strive for unity and equality for all. Our commitment to succeed as an organization stems from our mission statement.

L.A.W.O.’s mission statement: To create a coalition and support system for the advancement and empowerment of Latin American Women; to enhance the richness and diversity of the Latin American women and to establish networks with all women’s organizations.

General Body Meetings are Wednesdays 9:00pm at the CLAC

Email: lawo.publicrelationschair@gmail.com

Latino Student Council

The Latino Student Council serves as a representative body of Latino organizations within the Rutgers University and/or any organization that will benefit and drive for the success of the Latino community at large. The four main objectives of the Latino Student Council are as follows:

1. To increase the recruitment of Latinos at Rutgers University.
2. To retain and graduate all Latinos at Rutgers University.
3. To secure, expand and empower the Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies Department and the Latin American Studies.
4. To promote the well-being of the Latino community and other communities university-wide through unified action.

Yearly Events: Opening and Closing Ceremonies for Latino Heritage Month, Visiones Training, Manifestaciones Retreat

Contact: lsc.co chairs@gmail.com
**Latinos Unidos En Poder**

In 1969, Latinos Unidos En Poder (L.U.E.P) was founded by a group of Puerto Rican students at Livingston College. L.U.E.P was the first minority organization founded at Rutgers University. As a pioneer of civil rights history, it opened the doors for other Latino organizations on campus. L.U.E.P.’s mission has always remained the same: to promote and encourage the growth and success of the Latino community at Rutgers University and beyond. We motivate students to become leaders in our society.

We as a community strive for the improvement of the educational, economic, social and cultural conditions of Latinos within the university and community at large.

Yearly Events: Latino Film Festival, AIDS Benefit Banquet, High School Outreach

Contact: Silismar Sriel
Silismar@echo.rutgers.edu
Meeting times: Tuesdays 9:15pm, Livingston Student Center room 201A

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**Latinos Siempre Unidos, Lambda Sigma Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.**

On April 5th, 1979, Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Social Fellowship, Inc. was established. The official motto of the fellowship was "Latinos Siempre Unidos" (Latinos Always United), thus the acronym "LSU". In the Fall of 1987 the brothers finally agreed to change the designation to fraternity, thus the name Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. was adopted.

Mission: We, the brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., strongly believe that many individual and collective successes can be achieved through the efforts of a culturally diverse brotherhood of college and university men who, through close association with each other, maintain honesty, commitment, respect, and trust. The maintenance of these qualities is nurtured in large part through the diversity of culture and through self-awareness and self-respect. Among the results of actions taken in these states of being are the promotion of friendship and Brotherhood, the development of individual character, the advancement of justice and opportunity, and the acquisition of soundness and excellence in education.

Contact: Taino.lsu@gmail.com - www.lsu79.org
LLEGO (The LGBTQIA People of Color Organization at Rutgers University-NB) was founded in 1997. The organization examines social, economic, political and educational issues based on ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity which affect the lives and well being of LGBTQIA students of color. Additionally, LLEGO offers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students of all colors a forum to advocate for themselves and others through positive and provocative programming. Above all, LLEGO prides itself in being a small, close knit community that serves as a family for any and all people of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex & Ally community. Yearly Events: Queer People of Color Reception, Queer Ball, Coming Out Day. Monthly Movie Nights, Queer Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Contact:
llego.ru@gmail.com
Meetings are Tuesdays 8:30pm at the CLAC

The purpose of LEGAL shall be to further promote higher education by unifying all, but not limited to, Latino students throughout Rutgers University on the New Brunswick/Piscataway Campus who wish to pursue a career in government and/or law.

LEGAL shall serve as a facilitator for prospective undergraduate students entering the fields of law and politics by providing, but not limited to, networking events and resources, preparation for LSAT exams, pertinent information on programs, internships etc., resources for which to finance graduate school expenses, etc.

LEGAL values the prospective future of lawyers, politicians and all other careers in the fields of law and government and hopes to utilize the potential in these students along with provided resources in order to integrate as many Latino students into the aforementioned fields as possible.

For More information:
legal_president@ymail.com
Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Omega Phi Beta was founded on March 15, 1989 as a non-profit organization at SUNY Albany. We are a Latina-oriented sorority dedicated to serving our community and providing a rich sisterhood. Our membership comprises of women from various ancestries throughout the world including: Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as parts in Africa, Europe and Asia. Our diversity is not only limited to our ethnicity but also to the various characteristics and talents that we bring as individuals that come together as a unit to make Omega Phi Beta a successful, prosperous and advancing organization.

The purpose of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated is to Serve and Educate people of diverse backgrounds through sisterhood, leadership, and guidance. As positive role models, we promote unity of all cultures, focus on the empowerment of our gender and raise the standards of excellence in our academic, social, and personal endeavors.

Annual Events: Lupus Awareness, Lupus Banquet, Café Soleil, Philanthropy Fair, Domestic Violence Awareness

Contact: Kimberly Flete, miraj1.fall11@gmail.com
http://www.eden.rutgers.edu/~ruopb/

LUSO Brazilian Club

To create an environment where all persons interested in the organization can express their views freely while developing an understanding and appreciation of the many cultural branches influenced by the Portuguese language.

This will be achieved through talk sessions, lectures, music, food, dance, cinema, art, as well as other forms of cultural events.

For More Information contact: Priscilla Cunha pricunha@eden.rutgers.edu
Come join us every Monday night at the College Avenue annex gym on the College Avenue Campus from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm for salsa lessons. Everyone is welcome! These weekly lessons are an opportunity for people of all levels: beginner, intermediate, or advanced, to share their common interest in salsa dancing. It is the perfect time to meet new people and learn some impressive salsa moves. No experience or partner is needed to participate in the lessons. Just come out and be ready to dance!

Yearly Event: RU Salsa Project, formerly known as Bailamos which is our annual salsa social.

Contact: jseda12@eden.rutgers.edu. Or check out our websites: salsa.sportclubs.rutgers.edu or facebook

Phi Iota Alpha Latino Fraternity Inc.

Phi Iota Alpha's mission is to develop leaders, & create innovative ways to unite the Latino community. Our fraternity's roots extend from the late 19th century to the first Latino fraternity, & the first Latino student organization in the United States.

Our brotherhood is composed of university, & professional men committed towards the empowerment of the Latin American community. We do this by providing social, cultural programs & activities geared towards the appreciation, promotion & preservation of Latin American culture.

For More Information: Jesse Farfan

farfan@eden.rutgers.edu http://www.phiota.info/
Rutgers Capoeira Club is proud to add to the richness of this university. Established in 1993, the Rutgers Capoeira Club is one of the first collegiate capoeira clubs run by students in the Northeast. Instructed by Professor Maranhão, the club was formerly a part of Grupo Liberdade de Capoeira led by Mestre Cigano, bringing us this beautiful and poetic martial art from its traditional Afro-Brazilian roots. At our club, we practice a contemporary style of capoeira, inclusive of both "Angola" and "Regional" styles, and is immersed in Brazilian culture through traditional songs as well as dances such as Samba de Roda and Maculele.

Annual Event: Annual Batizado (Graduating Ceremony of Capoeira)
Website: capoeira.rutgers.edu
- Contact: James E. Green jamesegreen3@gmail.com

Rutgers Union Estudiantil Puertorriqueña

The mission of this organization shall be to develop and strengthen the social, cultural, and political consciousness of Latino issues throughout the Rutgers University community and the community at large. A second intent is to create support systems that will address the retention of Latino students at Rutgers University.

Yearly Programs: Huepa, La Marcha, Semana Boriqueña
Meetings: RSC, cap & Skull, Tuesdays at 9PM

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http://www.facebook/group.php?gid=110642173764&ref=ts
Rutgers University Multicultural Dance Organization

History: Dedicado was formed in Spring 08 when a group of Rutgers students felt a strong connection to each other and to the spirit of dancing.

They came together to form Dedicado. This is the one dance team that stays connected to one another and of course to dancing. They come hard with Hip Hop, sexy with the Merengue & Bachata, and even sexier with the Salsa!

Mission: The mission of this dance team shall be able to develop social and multicultural awareness through various dance styles to the Rutgers University Community and the community at large. A second intent is to create a multicultural system that will address issues and promote awareness of the diversity of students at Rutgers University, while focusing on the fusion and retention of multicultural groups and systems within the Rutgers University Community through the performing arts.

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Rutgers Union of Cuban American Students

The Rutgers Union of Cuban American Students was founded at Rutgers University in 1993. We are currently working on teaching Rutgers about Cuban culture through fun and educational programs and activities. General Body Meetings are Mondays at 9:00pm at the Rutgers Student Center room 411.

Yearly Programs: Cuban Expo, Fiesta Caribeña

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Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Incorporated, is an organization which emphasizes brotherhood, intellectual excellence, service, leadership and cultural awareness. The Fraternity was established on April 4, 1986 at the University of Iowa by 18 men. The Founding Fathers saw the need and feasibility for creating a Latino organization to disseminate and promote the rich Latino culture which we all share, in order to enhance the understanding of one another and advance the general welfare of the Latino population. The Fraternity's motto is "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture". The Fraternity's colors are royal Purple and pure White and its mascot is a White Stallion Mustang. Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. is a young and growing organization which has accomplished a great deal in its existence. Yearly programs: Nuyorican Poets Café, Spoken Word Contest/Program http://sigmalambdabeta.com/nj/ Email: RazonTA38@yahoo.com

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

Mission Statement: Sigma Lambda Gamma strives to be the premier organization committed to providing a mechanism of empowerment to all women. Through a network of close to 89 collegiate chapters, and over 13 colonies and alumnae associations located across the United States, we promote academic excellence and higher education for all women via a dedication and incorporation of the sorority principles – Academics, Community Service, Cultural Awareness, Morals & Ethics, and Social Interaction – in our daily lives so that we serve the needs of our neighbors through a mutual respect and understanding of our varying cultures. Contact: Bmonge4@eden.rutgers.edu, http://www.sigmalambdagamma.com
The Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHE) at Rutgers University was founded in 1984 by a group of Hispanic engineers who saw the need for an organization where Hispanic Engineering students could meet to address their cultural concerns. The Rutgers chapter was recognized as the first Society of Hispanic Professional Engineer (SHPE) chapter to be founded in the East Coast. The society was founded with the motto "recruit, retain, and graduate minority students majoring in engineering, math, or science." In 1988 SHE became a recognized chapter of SHPE. The society is run according to the constitution established by our founding members and according to Rutgers and SHPE guidelines. We also have an advisor, Dr. Ilene Rosen, Ed. D., who ensure the society succeeds and follows all rules and regulations. An Executive Board composed of the President, External Vice President, Internal Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Members run the society. The purpose of this student organization is to unite and organize Hispanic and other minority students based on their needs, issues and concerns, and to promote professional as well as cultural awareness by means of social and intellectual interaction. More specifically, the society promotes the advancement of Hispanics and other minorities in engineering and other science-related fields. Contact: Jose Fernandez josefer@eden.rutgers.edu http://rushe.rutgers.edu Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Established in 1992, the purpose of SED is to promote, preserve, and advance Dominican and Latino culture amongst the Rutgers community. To promote academic excellence, service to the community and cultural awareness of Dominican students at Rutgers University.

Annual Events: Latin Gala, Dominoes with Dominoes, Semana Dominicana, Carnaval

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The mission of SLAM shall be to promote academic excellence, political and cultural awareness through addressing the obstacles that face Latino men both in college and at all ages. This organization will strive to be a support system dedicated to the betterment of Latinos. SLAM will promote the characteristics and goals of family, honor, respect, and success through various programming, community service, and social events. SLAM’s main purpose is to encourage retention and promotion of Latino men at Rutgers University.

Annual Program: Café Soleil

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Women of Color Initiatives

The WOCI is a series of programs that serves to outreach and connect women of color at Rutgers to create a supportive, empowering and educative environment. The programs include the following:

Annual symposium & Retreat

Latina Focus Group and Black S.T.A.R.S. are empowerment groups dedicated to developing and strengthening the social, cultural, and political consciousness of Latina and black women undergraduates at Rutgers. It's All about the L.A.D.I.E.S Symposium is a highly successful 1-day program that brings together students, faculty and administrators to discuss issues salient to the experiences and success of women of color.

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Look Out for……

Diverse/Multicultural Organizations: (getinvolved.rutgers.edu)

Diversity WORKS
FUSION: The Rutgers Union of Mixed People
Global Thought Society at Rutgers
International Student Association
NAACP
Minority Association for Pre Health Students
International Student Association

CLAC Collaborators:

Asian American Cultural Center
Asian American Student Council
United Black Council
Multicultural Student Involvement
Institute for Research on Women
Center for Social Justice Education & LGBT Communities

Paul Robeson Cultural Center
Black Student Union
Center for Race and Ethnicity
Multicultural Engagement
Health Outreach Promotion Education

Note From the Editor:

I have the pleasure to everyday work with students leaders who are passionate about their ethnic, racial, and cultural identities. Leaders who uplift the community by educating, serving and celebrating what being Latin@ means to them. If you are interested in getting involved with the Latino community at Rutgers University stop by the Center for Latino Arts and Culture (CLAC) and we will help you find the right organization for you. If we don’t have what you are looking we can help you start a new organization. This publication is dedicated to all the student leaders that I have had the pleasure to work with in the past 15 years and the ones I have yet to know....

Sincerely, Silis

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