Dear Lions,

Wow! Another successful semester under wraps! Thank you so much for taking the time to read our Hispanic Outreach Newsletter. We hope you consider this publication as a valuable and informational resource. Our staff hopes to bring you updates and key details on important topics such as financial aid, scholarships, academic services and other cultural and campus life topics. This issue is no different, you will find various scholarship opportunities and learn about the valuable work that our office and student volunteers and organizations have done this Fall 2012 semester to help us carry out the mission of the Hispanic Outreach and Student Programs office. As we close this semester we want to thank for your support, congratulate you on successfully completing another semester with us, perhaps your first, and celebrate the accomplishments of our Latino community such as that achieved by those graduating at our December 15 commencement ceremonies. We wish you the best and hope you have a safe and joyful holiday season in the company of your family and loved ones.

See you in the new year!

Luis Franco

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Financial Aid: Updates
Important Resources for FAFSA and TASFA

We know financial matters and college costs are very important and critical to make your college dreams successful. Therefore, our office will seek to provide you with the latest updates and details regarding financial aid, scholarships and other opportunities. Be sure to check out this section for the latest information on FAFSA and TASFA.

Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Texas A&M University-Commerce is a great resource of information for FAFSA. They recommend that you fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible beginning January 1st. Individuals who wish to receive financial aid for the upcoming academic year must complete the FAFSA each year. You may find additional FAFSA information at the following website: FAFSA.

Texas Application for State Financial Aid (SB 1528) (TASFA)

According to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website on TASFA, in 2001, legislation was passed by the State of Texas to allow undocumented students to meet state requirements for residency. This classification enables students to pay resident tuition and fee rates while attending public institutions of higher education in Texas in addition to meeting residency requirements for some state financial aid programs. To receive this classification, you must be able to meet certain criteria as mentioned on the link above.

For students who qualify for TASFA, The Office of Hispanic Outreach recommends that you fill out the application as soon as possible beginning January 1st, since funds are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. This form is now available at the following link: TASFA Application. Individuals who wish to be considered for financial support for the upcoming academic year must complete the TASFA each year.

NOTE: The Office of Hispanic Outreach and Student Programs encourages you to apply as soon as possible as funding is limited, and please let us know if you have any questions or if we can assist you with the process.
Outside Scholarships and Great Opportunities

This section includes details and updates on scholarships available via outside organizations. Please check this page on regular basis for the most updated information on outside scholarships available to you.

Psychological Effects of Horror Films Scholarship

Award Amount: $1,000

Deadline: January 1, 2013

Full details and guidelines can be found at http://www.specialcabledeals.com/best-cable-promotions.html
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PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLES OF TEXAS
FLORENCE TERRY GRISWOLD SCHOLARSHIP I

Eligibility: Graduate female student who is a citizen of a Pan American country (U.S. citizen is not applicable)
Student must hold a bachelor's or equivalent degree and be pursuing a Master's program. Preference will be given to an applicant who will return to her native country and put her U.S. study and training to use in her native country after completion of her graduate degree.
Award Amount: $2,500

Application Deadline: January 31, 2013
Full details and guidelines can be found at http://www.partt.org/scholarships_details.html

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with their scholarship program for the 6th year
Award Amount: $1,000
Deadline: June 14, 2013
Process: Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page: http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm
Full details are available at the site.

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Thank you to everyone who made it out to the H.S.A Potluck this November 29, 2012. We had over 100 students and parents in attendance. The food was amazing!
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Inc.

On Wednesday, November 3rd the Kappa Delta Chi active members organized the Pie a Greek program. The purpose of this program was to bring out Gloria (the wooden cutout penguin in the picture to your right) to raise money for Alpha Xi. The idea was to have Greek leaders from student organization to place their face in the center of Gloria’s head, and then get a pie in their face. Of course, donations were taken from students wishing to “pie a greek.” The event was considered fun, creative, successful and those who participated sure did enjoy it. We sure hope Gloria can start coming to more events for us.
-Guadalupe Martinez-

PIE A GREEK

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Texas A&M University-Commerce Colony of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Great work during the Fall 2012 recruitment!

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Fusion Dance Crew

Fusion Dance Crew is a multicultural organization that focuses on implementing different dance beats from around the world. **Fusion’s last performance was during El Dia de los Muertos Festival at Texas A&M University-Commerce.** El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), a Mexican celebration, is a day to celebrate, remember and prepare special foods in honor of those who have departed. As shown in the pictures below, students enjoyed this celebration with a series of arts and crafts activities such as papel picado, paper flowers, face painting, and decorating sugar calaveras (skulls). Nonetheless, one of the highlights of the event was Fusion’s performance.

You may also enjoy the following links:
- [Dia de los Muertos Pictures](Dia de los Muertos Pictures)
- [Dia de los Muertos Video](Dia de los Muertos Video)

Like our page!
The world is celebrating fifty years of a movement that revolted the literary panorama of the twentieth century; an utmost important literary movement that originated in Latin America. In the nineteen-sixties and seventies a group of Latin American writers gave birth to what is now called The Latin American Literary Boom, building a unique narrative whereby the sense of being Latin American was substantial and fundamental. These writers explored and developed a distinctive style in all literary genres; they were artistic accomplices in a movement that would transform social reality through literature. They had digested writers such as Joyce, Faulkner and Kafka and exploited their localism but their literature was the product of their own political and social commitment and realities. Unsurprisingly, among this group of outstanding fabulists are two Literature Nobel Prize Winners: the Colombian, Gabriel García Márquez in 1982, and most recently in 2010, Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa.

Gabriel García Márquez, Carlos Fuentes, Julio Cortázar, Mario Vargas Llosa among other genius writers of this generation were crafted narrators and artists of fiction. Their stories not only illuminated and amplified their readers’ sense of the “normal” as a concept, but also gave birth to creative and erudite readers. This group of gifted authors lived integrated in their own moral net of sophisticated revelry made of language and style, but also made them ingrained in the modernity of the western novel without any kind of self-consciousness or inferiority complex. Cortázar, as one of the authors of this generation, stated that the revolution of things should start with the revolution of words. Without an imagination purely literary, in other words, it would not be imagination at all in a “New Globalized World”.

Get Plugged In

Check out these great Academic, Social, and Cultural Programs held during the Fall 2012

Sept. 12: Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off /Hispanic Outreach Open House

The Spanish Department hosting a booth.

Prominent leader recognition.

Sept. 18: Sabor Latino, Latino Flavor

Virtual Tostada Competition.
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Sept. 18: Sabor Latino, Latino Flavor

Annual piñata outside the RSC.
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Sept. 25: Salsa Night

*Click on the image below to watch the Official 2012 Salsa Night video
The office of Hispanic Outreach and Student Programs hosted a bilingual session during the Fall 2012 Mane Event Preview Day. Students and parents attended this session to learn more about admissions, financial aid and scholarships, residential living, and college life in general.
Hispanic Student Association, Alpha Phi, and Honors College Volunteers attended a press conference for the establishment of a literacy, community center at the Dallas West Branch Library. This community center is a product of the partnership between the Dallas Public Library System, the City of Dallas, Atmos Energy, and Texas A&M University-Commerce. Student volunteers pose for this picture with Ms. Sandy Doyle (far left). Ms. Doyle is the Director of Public Affairs for Atmos Energy, and a Texas A&M-Commerce graduate.
Fall 2012 Outreach Program

A Special Thank You! The Office of Hispanic Outreach and Student Programs sends a special thank you to all individuals who volunteered for the Fall 2012 outreach events.

Gilbert Hernandez, the Coordinator of Hispanic Outreach, and the student volunteers in this picture led the “Familia Feud: The Building Blocks of College Life” panel presentation and friendly competition at this Fall’s 2012 Las Llaves del Exito. It was one of the best attended sessions of the program!
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Uplift College Road Trip Visit to Texas A&M University-Commerce.
Hispanic Student Association and First Year Leadership Class members certainly made a positive impact at the 2nd Annual Sulphur Springs ISD “Fiesta de Wildcats,” Hispanic parent night. The purpose of the program was to introduce students and parents to the overall admissions and financial aid process for college.
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Mr. Fred Fuentes along with student volunteers, and Gilbert Hernandez are in this picture below with a representative from Hector P. Garcia Middle School. Great job for making a difference in the lives of students at this Dallas ISD school located in Oak Cliff, Texas.
Congratulations to Gilbert Hernandez for the Fall 2012 President’s Meritorious Service Award, in recognition of service and dedication to our university.

Pictured left to right: Mr. Luis Franco, Gilbert Hernandez, and President Dan Jones
Congratulations to the Fall 2012 Graduates!

Pictured left to right: Mr. Luis Franco, Luis Suarez del Rio, Ana Brenda Briones, Franklin Hernandez, and Gilbert Hernandez
Congratulations to the Fall 2012 Graduates!

Pictured left to right: Mr. Luis Franco, Julian Sanchez and Gilbert Hernandez