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*Espacio Cultural Latinx*

END OF YEAR ISSUE



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2020 ESPACIO CULTURAL LATINX - END OF YEAR REVIEW  
JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA - LATINX STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR



## A WORD FROM OUR COORDINATOR JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA



Hello! My name is Juan Jaimes Costilla, I am the Latinx Student Support Coordinator for Berea College, I also manage and coordinate the Espacio Cultural Latinx(ECL). Quite the year we've had, I hope you have been able to hold strong during the many challenges this year has brought upon us.

While programming has been limited due to social distancing and sanitation protocol, we have done our best to adapt and continue supporting our Berea College students during this time of need.

Working at Berea College has been a splendid opportunity to meet and interact with amazing students from all backgrounds. While my time at Berea has just started, I am committed to developing the ECL as a safe space for the Latinx students and the broader community. I envision the ECL as place where students can find resources to foster their growth and success. My work here will focus on creating a long-term, sustainable space for the Latinx community, secondly looking into how we can play a role in creating a strong and diverse Berea College community.

In this End of Year Review you will find a summary of our work with students and how we've approached programming during my time here in Berea. As always, let me know if there's anything that I can do for you.



## UN MENSAJE DE NUESTRO COORDINADOR JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA



¡Hola! Mi nombre es Juan Jaimes Costilla, soy el Coordinador de Apoyo Estudiantil Latinx de Berea College. Administro y coordino el Espacio Cultural Latinx (ECL)! Espero que hayan podido mantenerse firme durante los obstáculos que este año nos ha traído.

La programación ha sido limitada debido al protocolo de distanciamiento social, hemos hecho todo lo posible para adaptarnos y continuar apoyando a nuestros estudiantes de Berea College durante este momento de necesidad.

Trabajar en Berea College ha sido una oportunidad espléndida para conocer e interactuar con estudiantes increíbles de todos orígenes. Mi tiempo en Berea acaba de comenzar, estoy comprometido con el desarrollo del ECL como un espacio seguro para los estudiantes latinx y la comunidad en general. Visualizo el ECL como un lugar donde los estudiantes puedan encontrar recursos para apoyar su crecimiento y éxito. Mi trabajo aquí se centrará en la creación de un espacio sostenible a largo plazo para la comunidad Latinx, y en segundo lugar analizará cómo podemos desempeñar un papel en la creación de una comunidad de Berea College sólida y diversa.

En esta revisión de fin de año, encontrará un resumen de nuestro trabajo con los estudiantes de Berea College. Como siempre, avíseme si hay algo que pueda hacer por ustedes.



DR. GWENDOLYN FERRETI  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LATINX STUDIES IN  
THE PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES  
DEPARTMENT

¡Saludos Bereanos/as/x! Greetings Bereans! My name is Dr. Gwendolyn Ferreti and I am the Latinx Studies Professor at Berea College, DACA Coordinator, and Latino Male Initiative Coordinator. I am excited to collaborate with the Espacio Cultural Latinx to grow Latinx student and Latinx Studies programming and see the ECL become a permanent fixture on campus.

As I reach the midway point of my second year at Berea, I am filled with the certainty that, despite facing pain, sorrow and precarity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and continued social and political unrest, we choose to share joy and love and prove our resilience as we educate and serve the student body and uplift Latinx, Latin American, and DACA/immigrant students on campus. As a faculty, my work to build Latinx Studies at Berea College has gone hand in hand with supporting Latinx, Latin American, and DACA/immigrant student's academic and student lives.

The Espacio Cultural Latinx is a Latinx student affinity and safe space that serves to affirm Latinx and Latin American students' presence on campus, strengthen their sense of belonging to Berea College, and provide a space for all Bereans to congregate, study, build comradery, and immerse themselves in Latinx and Latin American culture through carefully curated programming. As the ECL approaches its second year come April 2021, I celebrate that this initiative has taken new shape under the warm and determined management of Juan Jaimes Costilla, our new Latinx Student Support Coordinator.

## A Word From Dr. Gwendolyn Ferreti

The Espacio Cultural Latinx has grown out of the work and vision of many people, some of whom are no longer on campus. 2020 was a year of many transitions, so I would like to thank President Lyle Roelofs and former Provost Linda Strong Leek for their support in creating the ECL. I would also like recognize former AmeriCorps VISTA Latinx Outreach Coordinators Alondra Barrera García and Evelyne Rivera Pérez, who laid the groundwork for the ECL to flourish. Interim Provosts Scott Steele and Steve Gowler, Vice President of Student Life, Channell Barbour, Associate Dean of Student Life Collis Robinson, and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Teri Thompson have all continuously supported the ECL this year by providing the institutional means and resources to continue the vital work of the ECL. Ann Butwell and Kye Anderson from the Center for International Education deserve a huge shout out for supporting DACA and Latin American students and for collaborating on programming.

On a personal note, I also truly appreciate the support and backing of colleagues such as Dr. Jakeya Carruthers, Chair of the African and African American Studies Department, Dr. Shadee Malaklou, Director of the Women's and Gender Non-Conforming Center, and Dr. Jessica Klanderud from the Carter G. Woodson Center for Interracial Education who have supported the growth of Latinx Studies and Latinx student programming on campus. Last but certainly not least: none of it is possible without the many students and alumni who have given their time and efforts to make the ECL shine even in the darkest of times.

It may sound unusual to begin a tradition with an ending, but this inaugural End of Year Review issue proves how unprecedented 2020 has been and how we at Berea College work together to make good even in the worst circumstances. Please join us in celebration of this year's accomplishments and the many achievements to come!

## Espacio Cultural Latinx

### CELEBRATE OUR LATINX COMMUNITY DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Sept 15th to October 15th

Many Latin American countries celebrate their independence day during this time frame! Here are the countries that we are celebrating in September!

#### September the 15th

Costa Rica



El Salvador



Guatemala



Honduras



Nicaragua



#### September the 16th

Mexico



#### September the 18th

Chile



#### September the 21st

Belize



Let's share this to create awareness of how rich and diverse our Latinx Community is!

# STARTING THE SEMESTER!



Follow us!

WE STARTED THE SEMESTER BY DOING INTRODUCTIONS AND LETTING EVERYONE KNOW WHERE THE ECL IS LOCATED.

OF COURSE, LIKE MANY OTHER AWESOME SPACES, WE HAVE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND WE TRY OUR BEST TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS UPDATED WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE TIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER THE 15TH AND OCTOBER THE 15TH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE LATINX COMMUNITY. MANY LATINX COUNTRIES CELEBRATE THEIR DAY OF INDEPENDENCE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.

THE ECL USES THEIR INSTAGRAM PAGE TO PROMOTE AND BRING AWARENESS TO MANY TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE LATINX COMMUNITY AT BERA COLLEGE.

## Espacio Cultural Latinx



Call me Juan! I am the LatinX Student Support Coordinator. Along with that, I will be managing the Espacio Cultural LatinX (ECL)!



### Where am I located ?

Fairchild Hall Room 10

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

[Jaimescostillaj@bera.edu](mailto:Jaimescostillaj@bera.edu)

859-985-3601

The ECL is open and available for students to use. The space will be open at later hours per student request! Come visit me! Walk in or set up a meeting!



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# Study Time!

YES, THE ECL HAS BEEN STRUCTURED TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR BUSY COLLEGE STUDENTS. WE PROMOTE A SAFE SPACE AND A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL STUDENTS CAN FEEL PRODUCTIVE AND SEE THEIR COMMUNITY.

DURING TIMES OF EXAMS AND MIDTERMS/FINALS, WE DO OUR BEST TO EXTEND OUR HOURS TO HELP STUDENTS FIND A SPACE WHERE THEY CAN CONTINUE THEIR FOCUSED STUDY.

OF COURSE, WE LIKE DOING FLYERS AND DESIGNS TO SHOWCASE WHAT WE DO AT THE ECL.

THE ECL CHANGES WITH THE MANY THINGS THAT HAPPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!



The ECL will hold extended hours to assist our students during finals week. We will also be open on Saturday and Sunday (September 26th and 27th) to provide space for studies!

Friday Sept 25th	9:00 am to 8pm
Saturday Sept 26th	10:00 am to 8pm
Sunday Sept 27th	10:00 am to 8pm
Monday Sept 28th	9:00 am to 8pm
Tuesday Sept 29th	9:00 am to 8pm
Wednesday Sept 30th	9:00 am to 8pm
Thursday October 1st	9:00 am to 8pm





# WHAT ABOUT SNACKS?



YES, THE ECL STRIVES TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH MORNING BEVERAGES IN ORDER TO HELP KICK-OFF THEIR DAY.



WE TAKE CONSTANT FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH CULTURALLY RELEVANT SNACKS AND PROGRAMMING TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.



HERE'S A FEW OF THE THINGS WE PROVIDE DURING THE YEAR.







FESTIVE DAYS

# HALLOWEEN



THE ECL PROVIDES ALL STUDENTS WITH FESTIVE VIBES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WE WERE BUSY PUTTING UP HAND-MADE DECORATIONS TO FIT IN WITH THE STUDENT'S ENERGY AND WANTS.

TAKE A LOOK AT HALLOWEEN!





# CHRISTMAS



WHILE NOT ALL STUDENTS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS REQUESTED THAT THE ECL BE DECORATED TOWARDS CHRISTMAS TIME.



# ECL PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMMING IS A LARGE COMPONENT OF THE WORK THE LATINX STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR AND THE ECL DO FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE BEREA COLLEGE LATINX STUDENTS AND THE BROADER STUDENT BODY.

## LET'S DANCE!

DID SOMEONE SAY DANCE? YES, THE ECL HOSTED SOCIAL DISTANCED, BASIC LATINX DANCE SESSIONS.

DURING THE SESSION, STUDENTS LEARNED BASIC MERENGUE, BACHATA, AND THE POPULAR PAYASO DE RODEO LINE DANCE. SESSION 1 AND SESSION 2 RESPECTFULLY.



## ECL TABLING

WE HELD A TABLING SESSION OUTSIDE OF FAIRCHILD HALL IN ORDER TO GIVE AWAY AWESOME PRIZES.

THESE INCLUDED SHIRTS, LANYARDS, CHARGERS, MASKS, AND CANDY! SEE NEXT PAGE FOR OUR WINNERS. WE DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING MORE OF THESE IN THE NEAR FUTURE!





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# ECL Information Session and Tabling Event

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SHIRT WINNERS!

DURING OUR TABLING SESSION  
WE GAVE OUT SHIRTS AS PRIZES!

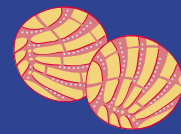
HUGE THANKS TO OUR BERA  
COLLEGE STUDENT LIFE  
DEPARTMENT FOR SPONSORING  
THE SHIRTS!

WE HOPE OUR STUDENTS  
CONTINUE BEING AWESOME!





# ECL Pan Dulce, Chocolatito, and Movie Night!



THE ECL HOSTED A MOVIE NIGHT TO GO ALONG WITH THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, CLOSER TO HALLOWEEN.

WE HAD AN AWESOME TURN OUT. SOCIAL DISTANCING SPACES WERE PROVIDED TO OUR STUDENTS.

THEIR CHOICES OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PAN DULCE AND HOT CHOCOLATE WERE GIVEN DURING THE MOVIE.



yes



## Espacio Cultural Latinx Presents: ECL Pan Dulce, Chocolatito, and Movie Night! (RSVP!)

Bring your Blanket and Pillow!  
Social Distancing Areas Will be Provided

Come to the ECL to reserve your seat and choose your snacks!

### What You will Get:

- Pan Dulce
- A bag of Popcorn
- A Drink of Your Choice

October 30th, 2020  
Alumni Building – Baird Lounge

Lounge Opens at 7:30pm to get your snacks and drinks.

Movie Starts at 8:15pm!



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# SUNDAY FUNDAY

OUR STUDENTS WORK VERY HARD AND WE LIKE TO GIVE THEM A SPACE TO RELAX AND ENJOY A SNACK.

ONCE A MONTH, THE ECL WILL HOST A SUNDAY FUNDAY, WHERE STUDENTS CAN COME AND CHAT AND CATCH UP WITH THEIR FELLOW PEERS. THIS IS DONE TO CONTINUOUSLY BUILD COMMUNITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING WITHIN THE BEREA COLLEGE CAMPUS.



## PICNIC TIME

STUDENT HAVE ACCESS TO A VARIETY OF RESOURCES, INCLUDING PICNIC BLANKETS FOR WHEN THE DAY IS NICE AND SUNNY!

## SOCCER CHALLENGE

WE CHALLENGED OUR STUDENTS TO SEE WHO COULD COMPLETE OUR SOCCER OBSTACLE COURSE THE FASTEST. OUR THREE WINNERS GOT A SOCCER PRIZE, EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED RECEIVED A SMALL SOCCER KEYCHAIN.



There are 2 Impostors among us



# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS DAY OF THE DEAD



**THIS YEAR THE ECL COLLABORATED WITH CELTS-HOP AND K-TAL RESIDENCE HALL TO CREATE DAY OF THE DEAD ALTARS.**

**THE CELEBRATION BEGINS OCTOBER THE 31ST AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 2ND. FAMILIES BUILD AN ALTAR WITH PAN DE MUERTO AND MANY OF THEIR LOVED ONE'S FAVORITE FOOD ITEMS.**

**DAY OF THE DEAD IS NOT HALLOWEEN. THE DAY OF THE DEAD IS A SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE, NOT A MORBID RESPONSE TO DEATH.**



# GRADUATE SCHOOL



# PRESENTATION

THE BLACK CULTURAL CENTER AND THE ECL COLLABORATED TO BRING STUDENTS A PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON BEING A PERSON OF COLOR AT A GRADUATE PROGRAM.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT WAS TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST STUDENTS IN TAKING THAT NEXT STEP INTO THEIR CAREERS AS THEY PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES.

THE PRESENTATION WAS FACILITATED BY BCC DIRECTOR - KRISTINA GAMBLE AND THE LATINX STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR - JUAN JAIMES.



# GIFT WRAPPING 101

WE ENJOY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK. WE WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT OUR GIFT WRAPPING SESSION. OUR STUDENTS DID A PHENOMENAL JOB AT WRAPPING FOR THIS YEARS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.



## GRADUATE SCHOOL

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Join the Espacio Cultural Latinx(ECL) & The Black Cultural Center (BCC) for a presentation about all things Graduate School:



The application process



Finances



Personal Grad School Stories





# DEBATE AND ELECTION NIGHT "THE WATCHING"



OUR STUDENTS TAKE PRIDE IN BEING INFORMED AND TAKING THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT DECISIONS.

THE ECL COLLABORATED WITH LATINX STUDIES TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN WATCH AND DISCUSS DEBATES AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.



## JULIO SALGADO COLLABORATIVE

THE LATINX STUDIES AND WOMEN'S AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING CENTER BROUGHT JULIO SALGADO TO ONE OF THIS YEAR'S CONVOCATIONS. JULIO SALGADO IS A QUEER ARTIST OF COLOR WHOSE WORK EXPLORES THEMES OF IMMIGRATION AND QUEERNESS.

THE ECL COLLABORATED IN HOSTING A WORKSHOP LEAD BY JULIO SALGADO AND DR. GWENDOLYN FERRETI.

WGS + Latinx Studies + Convocations present

### JULIO SALGADO: UNDOCUMENTED + QUEER

Challenging Legalities of Immigration  
and Queerness Through Art



Visual artist **Julio Salgado** is a queer artist of color whose work explores themes of immigration and queerness. As an undocumented and queer artist living in times of crisis, he uses his art to deal with anti-immigrant narratives. His lecture is a journey that takes a look behind the pieces he has created in the past decade to celebrate undocuqueer identities.

12 November 2020 @ 7PM via Zoom

BEREA COLLEGE  
Learners and Leaders Together

# COFFEE, PONCHE, AND BAGELS BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK.



AS OUR STUDENTS PREPARED TO DEPART FOR THE WINTER BREAK, THE ECL WANTED TO SEND THEM OFF WITH GOOD VIBES!

STUDENT COULD COME PICK UP INDIVIDUALLY SERVED BAGELS, HOMEMADE PONCHE (NON-ALCOHOLIC TRADITIONAL BEVERAGE), AND COFFEE TO FINISH THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE SEMESTER.



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## ECL TRAVEL CARE PACKAGES.



WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE A LONG WAY BACK HOME, THEREFORE THE ECL DECIDED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TRAVEL CARE PACKAGES TO HELP THEM GET HOME SAFELY.

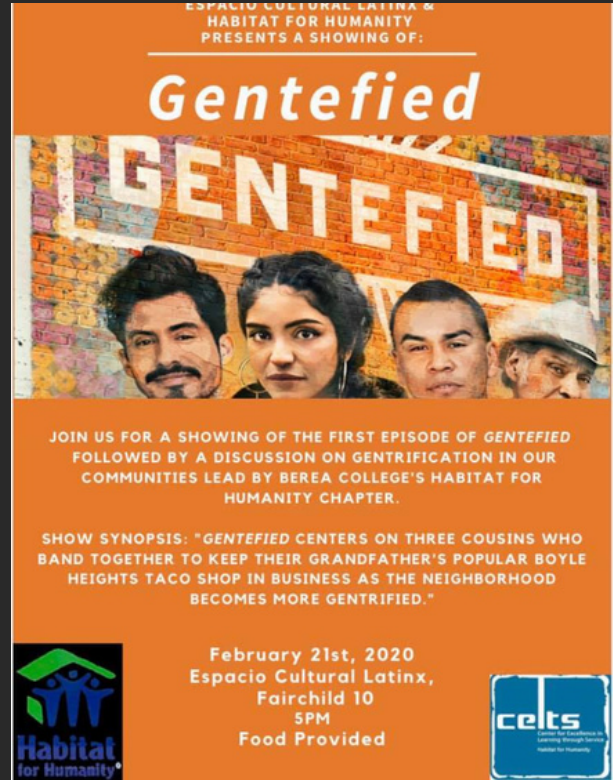
WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE 95+ ECL CARE PACKAGES FOR BEREA COLLEGE STUDENTS!



# SPRING 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



SPRING 2020  
GRADUATE CELEBRATION



GENTEFIED SHOWING AT ECL



"WHAT IS NO MORE WITH US: A REFLECTION ON TONI MORRISON" EVENT ORGANIZED BY AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

# A LETTER TO OUR GRADUATES

DEAR GRADUATES,

2020 HAS NOT BEEN A EASY YEAR, FAR FROM IT. YOU HAVE OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES, INCLUDING SWITCHING MOSTLY TO ONLINE COURSES. YOU HAVE PERSEVERED AND COMPLETED ONE OF THE MOST RIGOROUS YEARS IN HISTORY. THERE MAY BE MANY EMOTIONS GOING THROUGH YOUR MIND AS YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS IN YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO BREATHE AND REST AFTER COMPLETING YOUR COLLEGE YEARS. EVERYONE'S COLLEGE EXPERIENCE LOOKS VASTLY DIFFERENT, HOWEVER, YOU ALL SHARE THE BEREA EXPERIENCE WHICH MANY OF YOU SHARED TOGETHER. THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE WORLD MAKE IT SEEM DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW WE WILL MOVE FORWARD, BUT DON'T LET THIS STOP YOU FROM PURSUING YOUR PASSIONS AND FOLLOWING YOUR DREAMS.

THIS SHALL PASS AND YOU WILL FIND YOU PATH. I WISH YOU THE BEST OF OPPORTUNITIES AND THAT EVERY LESSON LEARNED SERVES AS A STEPPING STONE TOWARDS YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS.

DO REMEMBER THIS, THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER AND SOMETIMES AN ACTION MAY NOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT IT CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

SINCERELY,  
JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA  
LATINX STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR

# UNA CARTA A NUESTROS GRADUADOS

ESTIMADOS GRADUADOS,

2020 NO HA SIDO UN AÑO FÁCIL, NADA FÁCIL. USTEDES HAN SUPERADO MUCHOS OBSTÁCULOS, INCLUYENDO EL CAMBIO A CURSOS EN LÍNEA. HAN PERSEVERADO Y COMPLETADO UNO DE LOS AÑOS MÁS RIGUROSOS QUE SE HAN PRESENTADO ANTE NOSOTROS. EXISTEN MUCHAS PALABRAS PARA DESCRIBIR LAS EMOCIONES DE NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES SOBRE LOS PRÓXIMOS PASOS EN SU CARRERA.

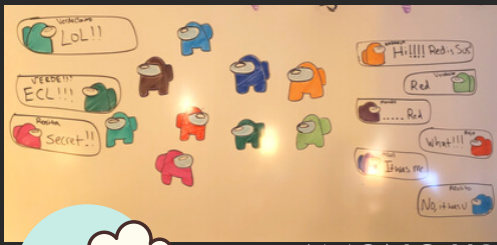
PERMÍTANSE UN MOMENTO PARA RESPIRAR Y DESCANSAR DESPUÉS DE COMPLETAR SUS AÑOS UNIVERSITARIOS. LA EXPERIENCIA UNIVERSITARIA DE TODOS SE VE MUY DIFERENTE, SIN EMBARGO, TODOS COMPARTEN LA EXPERIENCIA DE BEREÁ. LAS CIRCUNSTANCIAS ACTUALES DEL MUNDO HACEN QUE PAREZCA DIFÍCIL VER CÓMO AVANZAREMOS, PERO NO DEJEN QUE ESTO LOS IMPIDA SEGUIR SUS PASIONES Y SUS SUEÑOS. ESTO PASARÁ Y ENCONTRARÁN SU CAMINO. LES DESEO LA MEJOR DE LAS OPORTUNIDADES Y QUE CADA LECCIÓN APRENDIDA SEA UTILIZADA PARA LOGRAR SUS SUEÑOS.

RECUERDEN ESTO, LAS COSAS PEQUEÑAS IMPORTAN, A VECES UNA ACCIÓN NO CAMBIARA EL MUNDO, PERO PUEDE QUE HAGA UNA GRAN DIFERENCIA.

SINCERAMENTE,  
JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA  
COORDINADOR DE APOYO ESTUDIANTIL LATINX

# END OF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

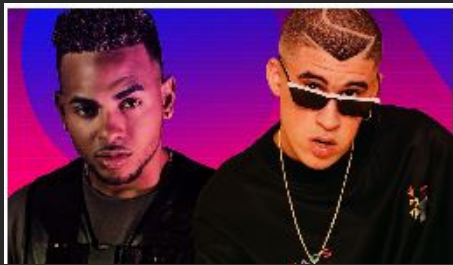
A HUGE HIGHLIGHT TO ALL OF OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS WHO HAVE HELPED KEEP US GOING. THE ECL THANKS YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU CONTINUE DOING FOR US!



AMONG US  
AS A POPULAR GAME



THE JBALVIN MEAL - MCDONALD'S



2020 BILLBOARD LATIN MUSIC AWARDS FINALISTS; BAD BUNNY AND OZUNA LEAD WITH 14 MENTIONS EACH." -BILLBOARD



SHAKIRA AND JENNIFER LOPEZ - 2020 SUPER BOWL  
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BABY YODA MEMES



BEST CUMBIA DANCE  
LA CUMBIA DEL MYERS



LUCY THE SPIDER  
BEST HALLOWEEN PROP

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