




Espacio Cultural Latinx

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A WORD FROM OUR COORDINATOR JUAN JAIMES COSTILLA

Hello! My name is Juan Jaimes Costilla, I am the Latinx Student Support Coordinator and the direct supervisor of the Espacio Cultural Latinx (ECL). I hope you have enjoyed all the programs and activities the ECL has hosted throughout the year.

I am grateful to be here with you to share all the great work our students have put into the ECL and to highlight some of their achievements. I am proud to announce that we have hired a great team of students to oversee the ECL and to provide additional support to our community here at Berea College.

In this End of Year Review, you will see a quick glimpse at what we do here at Berea and how our students are supported through engagement and cultural programming.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has supported us and who continues to be an advocate for our Latinx community.

Our ECL Team!



We are grateful to have students who are passionate and dedicated to the work of the ECL. Thanks to them we are able to coordinate events and activities for our community. We want to thank Dr. Ferreti for their tremendous support to our community!



The Latino Male Initiative



Dr. Gwendolyn Ferreti
Assistant Professor
of Latinx Studies
Latino Male Initiative (LMI)



The Latino Male Initiative has been a significant support and collaborator with the work and initiatives the ECL has undertaken. Thanks to the leadership and guidance of Dr. Gwendolyn Ferreti, we have grown into a safe space and a centralized location for the needs of our Latinx students. Dr. Ferreti currently teaches the Latino Masculinities and College Life course and oversees the management of the LMI program.

ECL TEAM BONDING



We believe teamwork is important and intentional building activities make an impact in the long run. The ECL provides our team with opportunities to strengthen our foundation and maintain the ECL a fun and educational place to work and build community.



Spring 2021



Espacio Cultural Latinx

Warm Spring Vibes

Events and Activities

De Colores



A collaborative effort with residence life to host a drawing session for students. It's nice to have a little break, listen to music, and have some guided drawing with one of our Area Coordinators.



A Gift from the Heart



Our students had the opportunity to create a gift box for someone who was special to them. The room was filled with gratitude and a sense of appreciation for those close to us! HEART and the ECL collaborate on this event once a year, look for us during Valentine's day weekend.

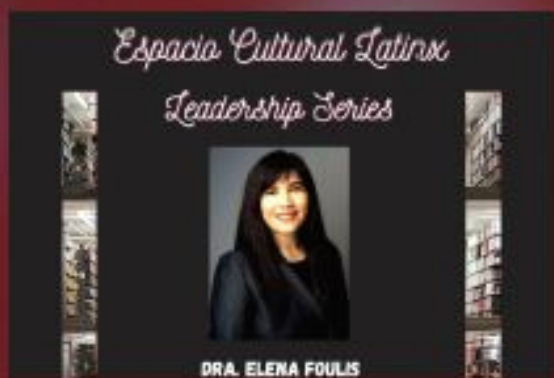


Latinx Leadership Series

The ECL hosted a series of online presenters who spoke to us about their experience in their respective fields. The students got to ask important career questions along with any comments or concerns related to the speaker's area of expertise.



Marble Karuu
The Path to their Tech Career



Dr. Elena Foulis
The Pathway to a Ph.D. Degree



Carlos Robles-Shanahan
Their Pathway to Consulting



Rebeca Ontiveros-Chavez
Their Pathway to Law

Loteria: Mystery Box



Loteria is a popular game that can be played with large groups. Prizes are always a must for this activity. We added a twist to the evening with hidden prizes.



Cooking with Katie



Over the course of the spring semester we partnered with Katie, our campus dietitian. We hosted three separate sessions to promote proper nutrition and to create educational awareness while making tasty snacks.



Our Athletes!



During the semester, our students take part of various activities including sports. Whether they are on the field or on the stands cheering their peers on, we are proud of how well our students represent us on and off the field. Congratulations on your respective seasons!





The Latinx Assembly



The ECL hosted our first annual Latinx assembly where we invite all students who identify as Latinx to join us in community building activities and to get to know one another. This year we had a food truck that specializes in Colombian food and cultural snacks.



ECL's 2 Year Anniversary



The ECL celebrated its two year anniversary on April of 2021. We hosted a celebration to honor all the work and effort that has gone into making the ECL what it is today. We look forward to being able to continue celebrating our accomplishments with the Berea College Latinx community!

Fall 2021



Espacio Cultural Latinx
Season of the Lights

Events and Activities



Summer Bridge Dinners



Near the end of the summer, the ECL hosted two Bridge dinners, with sponsorship from the Office of Student Success and Transition, to help welcome first year students who took college courses in preparation for the fall semester. We enjoyed being one of the first areas to get to know them.



Campus Life Training



The Espacio Cultural Latinx (ECL) is housed within the Campus Life Department, this provides opportunities to participate in professional and educational training. This year, the ECL staff joined as part as the Campus Life staff training for students. A very fun and creative way to start off the Fall 2021 semester!



Welcome Back Reception



We like to start off the semester by having a welcome back reception where we greet both our new and returning students back to campus. Students and staff have the opportunity to interact with us in a fun and entertaining manner.



Latinx Heritage Month



From September the 15th to October the 15th, we celebrate Latinx Heritage Month (Hispanic Heritage Month) to honor the contributions made throughout history by our Latinx community. This is also a time when many of our countries celebrate their independence. Here at Berea College we celebrate our community by hosting events and activities to engage and create awareness for all students. A huge thanks to the Latino Male Initiative (LMI) and Dr. Gwendolyn Ferreti for their support and sponsorship and to the Black Cultural Center (BCC) and Director Kristina Gamble for collaborating with us during this important month.

Community Talks: Afro Latinidad



To kickstart our Latinx Heritage Month we hosted Rosanna Napoleon to talk about her experience and work in the area of Afro Latinidad. Our students enjoyed listening to our speakers, including Kristina Gamble, director of the Black Cultural Center (BCC).



Loteria Night



Movie Night: Dora the Explorer



Myths and Legends of Latin America Exhibit



Across Latin America there are stories of various myths and legends that have been passed on through generations. During our exhibit we presented photos and documents to expand on the importance of these stories. Our students did a great job on getting this set up. We would like to thank Elvira and Axel for the amazing work they did to organize this.

Salsa Night with The Salsa Center in Lexington



Our last event for Latinx Heritage Month included a salsa studio from Lexington who gave various dance sessions. We concluded the night with an open dance floor for those who attended our workshops.

Mountain Day



Mountain Day is a yearly event organized by Berea College's Campus Life Department. Students are given the day to come together as a community and enjoy many of the activities available to them. Here are some of our students participating and enjoying Berea College's 145th Mountain Day Celebration.





Research Symposium



The Berea Undergraduate Research Symposium (BURS) is hosted every year by the Chemistry department and other campus partners. This symposium is available to all students to host talks and presentations from various fields across campus.





Dia De Los Muertos



Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) is a holiday that reunites the living and dead. It is custom to create an "ofrenda" to honor those who have passed away. Traditionally, the ofrendas are decorated with marigold flowers, photos of those who are being remembered, their favorite foods, and things that they cherished. Here at Berea, the ECL provides students with an opportunity to remember their loved ones and take part in an educational program to share some of our students' culture.



LinkedIn Training with The Office of Internships and Career Development



Carter G. Woodson Truth Talks



True Racial Understanding through Honest (Truth) talks are events where you can ask questions, share stories, and come together as a community. The ECL is honored to have collaborated with Dr. Jessica Klanderud in the fall semester's TRUTH talks featuring the "Native American Identity and Erasure" as well as "Tensions in the Diaspora" .



Berea College Homecoming





Congratulations Graduates!





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