

LATINO SUMMER PROGRAM IN NATION'S CAPITAL DEVELOPS LEADERS

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In late July, five students from the University of Arizona participated in a special program of the Latino Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) that took place at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Every year, the LLOP's summer institute offers high-achieving undergraduate Latino students the opportunity to participate in this special program, which also pays for their travel, room and board. During the five-day institute in the nation's capital, students meet with national leaders and organizations involved in policy development.

One of the strongest components of the program involves meeting with members of Congress and various public policy organizations, at which time the students have the opportunity to address important issues affecting the Latino community. This year, students met with, among others, U.S. Representatives Raúl Grijalva (Ariz.) and Linda Sánchez (Calif.), and visited the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, the National Center for Latino Research, and the Center for Community Change.

Students presented the findings of research projects that they had conducted at their home institutions, and, owing to the fact that they come from all parts the country, also had the opportunity to explore the commonalities and differences within the Latino "familia." LLOP participants also visited sites rich in history and art, including the National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of American History, and the U.S. National Holocaust Museum.

Schools participating in this year's LLOP were the University of Arizona; the University of California, Davis; the University of Massachusetts, Boston; and the University of Notre Dame.

The LLOP is sponsored by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), a consortium of 18 Latino research

centers, including the MASRC, based at major universities across the country. The IUPLR mission is to bring together scholars from a wide variety of disciplines to conduct policy-relevant research on Latinos. Its home office is at the University of Notre Dame, and its website address is: www.nd.edu/~iuplr.



U.S. Rep. Raúl Grijalva (Dist. 7, Ariz.), in center wearing tie, is flanked by UA students from the Latino Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) at his office in the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Pictured above, from left to right, are Nick Lucero, Erica Teece, UA LLOP Coordinator Julieta González, Grijalva, Irma Bravo, Rosalinda Vasquez, and José Clifton. The UA LLOP is sponsored by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) and the MASRC. Those attending were the top five students in the MASRC Latino Leadership class.



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FACULTY NEWS

The Center welcomes new faculty members **Julio Cammarota** and **Lydia Otero**, both of whom are joining the Center this fall after being chosen from a field of well-qualified candidates.

Cammarota is a 2001 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies in Education. His dissertation, "First Jobs: the Perceptions and Experiences of Work for Latino Youth," was the result of years of ethnographic research in Oakland, California. Earlier this year, he was awarded an Annie E. Casey Social Justice and Youth Research Grant to research Latino youth and problems of social inequalities in and beyond their school. He will split his time between the MASRC and the UA Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, where he has been a research associate since May 2002. He will be an assistant professor at the MASRC and BARA, teaching courses for each unit.

Otero, a Tucson native, is a historian and received her doctorate from the UA Department of History in the summer. Her dissertation is titled "Conflicting Visions: Urban Renewal, Historical Preservation, and the Politics of Saving a Mexican Past." In it she analyzes the issues involved in the destruction of Tucson's Barrio Libre in the late 1960s that was done in the name of revitalizing the downtown area. This fall Otero will teach the undergraduate class Mexican American Culture, as well as Mexican American Cultural Perspectives in the graduate program.

ECONOMICS BUILDING RENAMED IN HONOR OF CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

The University of Arizona has renamed the building that houses the MASRC and the Chicano/Hispano Resource Center in honor of César Chávez, who championed civil rights and improved working conditions for migrant farm workers.

On September 1, the Economics Building will officially become the César E. Chávez Building. MASRC Director Antonio Estrada, and Socorro Carrizosa, director of Chicano/Hispano Student Affairs, first sent the proposal to UA President Peter Likins and the Naming Advisory Committee last April.

On August 11, Likins approved the proposal. "We feel strongly that this is a positive course of action for the University to take to acknowledge our Hispanic community in a positive way," Likins said in a letter to the Board of Regents.

The Chávez Building, along with

the Martin Luther King Jr. Building, are the only ones on campus named for individuals who have no direct connection to the UA, or who have not made financial contributions to the university.

In 1962, Chávez founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW) union. He was born in Yuma, Arizona, where his parents owned a small farm, on

March 31, 1927. He died on April 23, 1993.

The building will serve as a symbol of the school's commitment to its minority population and recognize a minority leader who strongly advocated education, Carrizosa, told the *Tucson Citizen*.

Estrada told the *Arizona Daily Star* that Likins' support of the proposal is "an honor for César Chávez and his contributions to society. I think it's great news and it will help in President Likins' goal to raise recruitment of Hispanic students at the UA."



The César E. Chávez Building at the University of Arizona was built in 1951 as the Business and Public Administration Building. It is home to the Mexican American Studies & Research Center, the Chicano/Hispano Resource Center, and Agricultural and Resource Economics.

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