

PRESS RELEASE: Ferris State University Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month Betsy L Musolf to: Archive 09/16/2013

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Good afternoon!

Here is a press release about Hispanic Heritage Month activities planned at Ferris State University. Questions can be addressed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, (231) 591-2021 or sandygholston@ferris.edu.



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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will hold a series of events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, from dance and comedy performances to an exhibit of Oaxacan art and discussions on cultural issues.

"Cultural events such as the Hispanic Heritage Celebration benefit Ferris, because they serve as an opportunity of learning and engagement for members of our campus community," said Michael Wade, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Student Services. "We are hosting some internationally known artists and topics on campus, thus providing the university great exposure in how we promote efforts that are centered around diversity and inclusion."

The calendar of events includes:

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, Interdisciplinary Resource Center, Room 120 – "Finding Cultural Identity through Involvement and Leadership," featuring guest speaker Roberto Garcia, assistant director of Multicultural Services at Saginaw Valley State University

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, IRC, Room 131 – "Walk Out," the 2006 HBO film based on the true story of a significant moment in the history of the Latino community in East Los Angeles.

9 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 20, West Campus Community Center – "Baile!" is an opportunity to learn to dance Merengue, Salsa and Bachata while listening to the band Cabildo.

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, The Rock Café – "Viva La Laughter" will showcase a night of mature comedy.

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, IRC, Room 131 – "Two Cultures, One Struggle," a student-run discussion will touch on a variety of issues and create solutions. The discussion will be run by students from the Hispanic Student Organization and Black Leaders Aspiring Critical

Knowledge.

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, Williams Auditorium - "Who's Got Talent" competition hosted by internationally known Chicano/Mexicano playwright, poet, actor, emcee, and artist Michael Reyes.

11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, IRC, Room 120 – "50 Years Forward: The Continuing Fight for Civil Rights in Michigan and Beyond" is a panel discussion featuring representatives from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights on the accomplishments, challenges and opportunities ahead for civil rights.

Hispanic Heritage Month events are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit: <u>http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/minority/</u>

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