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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Features Authentic Festivities

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services is presenting five authentic events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month during September.

Events include "Africaribe," the Ferris Hispanic Festival, Hispanic cuisine day, a student panel: "The Minority Vote in 2008" and "Latin Night Club." Activities are free and open to the public.

"Our goal this year is to educate, engage and entertain the campus," OMSS Special Program Director Michael Wade said. "Ferris has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month for the past 15 to 20 years. We encourage everyone to join the campus for this celebration."

"Africaribe," a dance group from Chicago, kicks off the celebration by featuring a live presentation with dance and lecture about the African influence in the Caribbean at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Rankin Student Center Dome Room.

The Ferris Hispanic Festival will showcase traditional dances by the group Tarasco. Students also can make crafts, and enjoy authentic Mexican food and beverages from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Campus Quad Sept. 24.

Hispanic cuisine, from soups and to main dishes, will be available at The Rock Café and Westview Dining Center from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 30.

A student panel discussion: "The Minority Vote in 2008," will discuss the effects of the presidential election on minorities in the United States. Students, faculty and staff are invited to have an open panel about the expectations of the country regarding minorities and the next administration. The panel will be moderated by associate professor Tony Baker, professor Rick Griffin and special guest Jose Reyma, along with a diverse panel of Ferris students. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in Interdisciplinary Resource Center Auditorium 120.

"Latin Night Club" caps off festivities on Oct. 2 as professional dance instructors will be providing students the opportunity to learn how to salsa and meringue. The event starts at 7 p.m. in the Brophy/McNerney Residence Hall lobby.



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