El Paso Community College & Diversity Programs Present the

13th Annual
Hispanic Heritage Celebration
Mentor’s Dinner

Restoration:
Bridging Culture, Life, and Future
A Celebration of Borderland Hispanic Heritage
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Administrative Services Center
9050 Viscount Blvd.

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Dear Distinguished Guests and Colleagues:

It hardly seems possible that we are celebrating 13 years of success as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at El Paso Community College.

I would like to acknowledge all the dedication, support and hard work that everyone has given during all of these years sharing their talents, energy, and hard work. And the ultimate satisfaction concludes each year during this traditional evening event, where we honor our distinguished mentors. All of them are icons and embodiments of success for this community, leaders for so many and role-models that will have an impact on a multitude of generations. To tell each story would take an eternity to share this special moment but will radiate for a lifetime. We salute you and your memories!

My story is simple. As a long-standing employee of almost 40 years, I thank you for allowing me to lead the way in providing an opportunity for students, staff and the community to learn, participate and live the richness of their culture. We continue to pave roads and capture many of the highlights of our events. But the history that we have captured in our videos are unmistakably clear that we have made a mark by leaving a legacy for this institution.

My role model is my 101 year-old mother who has lived the heartaches and the triumphs of an entire century. She has shared throughout my life that the knowledge, love and richness of our surroundings is meaningless if we do not share it with someone.

Thank you Honorees for sharing your life memories with us!

Adelante.

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Diversity Programs and the Hispanic Heritage Committee Present:

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6:00  Social Hour: El Paso Community College Mariachi Real de El Paso

6:45  Dinner
Dinner provided by Super Chef Catering and Cuisine
Entertainment by Lily and Hugo, Cortes Mas Romanticos que Nunca

8:00  Master of Ceremonies
Karla Mariscal, Telemundo

Color Guard
El Paso High School JROTC

Nation Anthem
Jackie J. Gaines

Introductory Remarks
Olga C. Chavez, District Director, Diversity Programs
Welcome Dr. William Serrata, El Paso Community College President

2014 Mentors

Lucy G. Acosta: First female EPCC Board Member, Co-founder and Developer of Project Amistad. Acosta was elected to The Women’s Hall of Fame in 1987.

Honorable Paul C. Moreno: Longest serving Hispanic legislator, outspoken advocate for the poor, the disabled, the disenfranchised, and education.

Dr. Lucy Scarbrough: Musician in Residence at EPCC, outstanding performer, composer, and master teacher, and founder of the Chopin Music Festival.

Denise Chávez: Author, playwright, stage director, actor and teacher, presents workshops for multi-cultural and multi-generational groups.

Special Dedication:
B.J. Pando and Maria Esther Martinez

9:00  Entertainment:
La J. G. De Juarez Hugo and Lily Cortes
Ballet Folklorico Orgullo de Mi Tierra, Professora Ellena Vargas

Thank You Southwest For Donating Two Airline Tickets!
El Paso Community College Diversity Program celebrates the political, artistic, and cultural contributions of Latinos/Latinas to our local and national communities. We recognize members of the community who have contributed to the mentorship of our area’s Hispanic community. Please join us in celebrating the life and work of Lucy G. Acosta, Dr. Lucy Scarbrough, the Honorable Paul C. Moreno, and Denise Chávez. Their selfless contributions have made the Borderland region a better place.

Lucy Acosta’s civic involvement dedicated to the advancement of women, Hispanics, and youth. She was recognized as one of the state’s most active and effective leaders in the area of civil and human rights. Acosta and Ladies LULAC Council #335 were instrumental in raising and assisting numerous people in generating campaign funds. The most notable person she campaigned for was Raymond Telles, the first Mexican-American Mayor of El Paso. As a result of this successful political activity Acosta became more involved in politics. She was appointed to many committees during Telles’ tenure. For 29 years Mrs. Acosta served every El Paso Mayor in a position of civil leadership.

Mrs. Acosta served as a local, state and national leader in the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAX). In 1963 and 1973 she was selected Outstanding LULAC National Woman of the Year and Outstanding LULAC Woman for the State of Texas, respectively.

She was the first woman and layperson in the history of the Texas Bar Association to be appointed to the 17th District Bar Association of Law Examiners; the First woman to be elected to the El Paso Community College Board of Trustees; and the First woman in the history of El Paso to be appointed civil service commissioner. In 1982, she became the city’s first recipient of the United Way’s annual volunteer service award. The Lucy G. Acosta Humanitarian Awards were named in her honor in 1993. The awards have been presented ever since. She was inducted into the Texas Women’s Hall of Fame in 1987. She is also a member of the El Paso Women’s Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Acosta co-founded, developed and served as Executive Director of Project Amistad, a social service program vital to the community, elderly and disabled. She was also instrumental in the development of a scholarship program that provides in caring for the educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Known as an outstanding performer, composer, and master teacher, Dr. Lucy Scarbrough is the Musician in Residence at the El Paso Community College, teaching private voice and piano. Her career with EPCC began at the Logan Heights Campus Ft. Bliss long before the current campuses existed. Starting out with only one course, "Music Appreciation", she went on to build the music program, and designed and implemented EPCC’s Associate degree in Music.

A noted pianist, composer, educator, and leader in her field, Scarbrough has been hailed by El Paso Times critic John Prestwood for her “stellar performance exhibiting exceptional technique and deep sensitivity.” She served as one of three adjudicators on the Selection Jury for both the 7th and the 8th U.S. National Chopin Piano Competitions, in 2005 and 2010, respectively.

In 1978, she founded and served for many years as the director of the El Paso Civic Orchestra. In 1995, she founded the El Paso Chopin Piano Festival which brings talented pianists from around the world to perform in El Paso. She continues to serve as the Festival's President and Artistic Director.

Lucy Scarbrough’s numerous awards include the coveted Texas statewide Minnie Stevens Piper Higher Education Award, the Burlington Foundation Teaching Award, the National Teaching Excellence Award of
U.T. Austin, and the USO Grand Prix for Best Musical Production in Tokyo, Japan. Recently, she was inducted into the El Paso Women’s Hall of Fame, received the YWCA Reach Award for the Arts, the Hidalgo Award, the Hominage Mujer Award for service to the community of El Paso-Juarez, and the U.S. President’s Award for Service to the Cultural Arts Community.

Rep. Paul C. Moreno, grew up in “El Segundo Barrio” of El Paso. After high school, he served six years in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a combat veteran of the Korea conflict. He then received his BBA from the University of Texas El Paso and his JD from the University of Texas at Austin.

Rep. Moreno first won election to the Texas House in 1967 and served until 2009. He has the distinction of being the longest serving Hispanic elected official in the country.

Committed to the beliefs that everyone is entitled to sound legal representation and that all voices should be heard, he is a cofounder of El Paso Legal Assistance and a founding member of the Tejano Democrats.

He has been a passionate and outspoken advocate for the poor, the disabled, the disenfranchised, and education advancement. In his role as a legislator, he proudly represents constituencies whose voices are not always among the most powerful. Many people consider Mr. Moreno the “Conscience of the House”.

Denise Chávez is an American author, playwright, and stage director. She was born to an Hispanic family in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and graduated from Madonna High School in Mesilla. She received her Bachelor's from New Mexico State University and Master's degrees in Dramatic Arts from Trinity University. While in college, she became interested and began writing dramatic works. Upon graduation, she worked at the Dallas Theater Center while continuing her studies in drama and writing. She then entered the MFA program at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and earned her Masters of Fine Arts degree in writing.

In 1986, she published her first collection of short stories, called The Last of the Menu Girls. She received several awards, including the American Book Award, the Premio Aztlán Literary Prize, the Mesilla Valley Author of the Year Award, and the 2003 Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature. Chavez was offered a professorship in creative writing at UNM, during which time she wrote the novel Loving Pedro Infante, which earned her critical acclaim. She left the University, however, to work at a rape crisis center. She is the founder of the Border Book Festival that is held every year in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She also serves as Executive Director of the Cultural Center de Mesilla, and manages its book, music and arts store.

Hispanic Heritage Mentors Past Recipients

2008: Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., Carlos A. Gutierrez, M.D., Josefina Lujan, Ph.D., R.N.
2009: Mayor Ken Miyagishima (Las Cruces), Carmela Morales, M.D., John C. Padalino, MG Bromberg for Ft. Bliss, TX
2010: Joe Olvera, Pedro Villagran, Daniel Villanueva, Diana Washington-Valdez
2011: Jose Antonio Burciaga, Rosa Guerrero, Luis A. Jiménez, Ramon Renteria
2012: Alicia R. Chaon, Dr. Alfredo G. De Los Santos Jr., Pete Duarte, Angela Kocherga, Eliot Shapleigh
2013: Carlos Marentes. Lupe De La Vega, Jose Luis Garcia, Dolores Huerta (keynote)
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Discussion Panels

Culture: Chicano Literature, September 16, 2014

Left to Right
Daniel Chacon, UTEP, Creative Writing
Tim Z. Hernandez, UTEP, Creative Writing
Yasmin Ramirez, EPCC, English Department
Sergio Troncoso, Author, Resident Faculty Yale
Minerva Laveaga, EPCC, English Department
Roberto A. Santos, EPCC, English Department

Life: Borderland Immigration Issues, September 22, 2014

Left to Right
Ramiro Cordero, U.S. Border Patrol
Veronica Escobar, El Paso County Judge
Carlos Spector, Attorney
Angela Kocherga, KHOU 11 News, Border Bureau Chief
Benjamine Carry Huffman, Deputy Chief, El Paso Sector
Vanessa Ramirez, U.S. Border Patrol

Future: Borderland Education Excellence, September 29, 2014

Left to Right
Mr. Juan Cabrera, Superintendent, EPISD
Dr. Xavier De La Torre, Superintendent, YISD
Dr. Pedro Galaviz, Superintendent, Canutillo-ISD
Dr. Carina Ramirez, El Paso Community College
Dr. Armando Aguirre, Executive Director, Region XIX
Dr. Jose Espinoza, Socorro, Superintendent, SISD

Future: Borderland Economic Development, October 1, 2014

Left to Right
Jose Arturo Ramos Andujo, Prisma Consulting Group
Roberto Tinajero, UTEP, Institute for Policy and Economic Development
Cortney Niland, Mayor Pro Tem, City Rep. District 8
Matthew McElroy, City Development Director
Col. Thomas E. Munsey, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander
Richard E. Dayoub, El Paso Chamber of Commerce
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