

UFMC NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

MARCH IS...

WOMEN'S History MONTH

Celebrations of Women's History began in March of 1978 when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status Of Women created a "Women's History Week". The celebration was accepted with enthusiasm, and soon similar programs developed across the country. In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand these celebrations across the entire month of March. Currently, a President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in History in America is working to preserve important sites of Women's History. The National Women's History Project works with schools and communities to provide resources and education in an effort to celebrate Women's History all year! During Women's History Month, make a special effort to visit the

Women's Center (UC 116) to learn what women have accomplished. The Women's center will be co-sponsoring the International Woman's Day Breakfast on Friday, March 7th, and will be screening "Running in High Heels", a documentary about women in politics. Continuing in this theme, the women's center will host the Women In Politics Summit on Friday, March 28th. Be sure to check out these important events!



SIGN UP NOW FOR Chicano/a Grad!

The Chicano/a and Latino/a Graduate Recognition Ceremony (also known as Chicano/a Grad) is a celebration for graduating students of Chicano/a and Latino/a heritage, but also includes students from all backgrounds. This year, Chicano/a Grad takes place on May 24, 2008 at 7pm. The ceremony takes place in Shiley Theater, and dinner will be served in Main Dining. Applications, fees,

photos, and music are due no later than March 28th.

There will be an info session to answer any remaining questions on March 6th at 6pm (location TBA).

Please visit:

www.sandiego.edu/unitedfront/chicanograd/ for more information, or stop by the UF.

UPCOMING SEMESTER EVENTS!

March: Women's History Month

Thursday 6th: Chicano Grad Information Session, 6pm, UC103

Friday 7th: International Women's Day Breakfast 7:30-9am

Tuesday 11th: "Running in High Heels" Documentary Screening 5:30-7:30pm

Monday 17th– Friday 21st: Spring Break, No Classes

Friday 28th: Applications for Chicano Grad Due

Women in Politics Summit 8:30am– 1pm

Cesar Chavez Mass 12:15pm

Saturday 29th: FUSO PCN, 6pm UC Forums

April: LGBT Awareness Month

Diversity Through Dance Series, TBA

Tuesday 1st: International Women In Politics discussion, 1pm

21st-25th: Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Wednesday 16th: National Day of Silence Keynote Speaker, 7pm, UC Forum A

Saturday 19th: 'Aikane O Hawaii Luau

May: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Friday, 9th: Diversity Banquet

Saturday 24th: Chicano Grad Graduate Commencement

Sunday 25th: Undergraduate Commencement

10th Anniversary Celebration a SUCCESS

Students, staff, faculty, alumni, administrators, and friends came together on Friday, February 15th to help the United Front Multicultural Center celebrate its 10 year anniversary. The event featured a welcome from President Dr. Mary Lyons, as well as addresses by Vice President of Student Affairs Carmen Vazquez, former Student Affairs Administrator Reuben Mitchell, USD Alumnus Chris Wilson, and Dean of Students Dr. Donald Godwin. These speakers gave us perspectives on the past of the United Front Multicultural Center and helped frame the future. Michael Lovette-Colyer, director of University Ministry, led the group in an inter-faith blessing that represented religious traditions from around the world.

Entertainment was provided by several student organizations. FUSO performed Tinikling (traditional Filipino dance), 'Aikane O Hawai'i presented Hula dancing, the International Student Organization demonstrated moitai, and John Pabustan and Josh Vergara delivered powerful spoken word poetry. The night was emceed by USD students and UFMC regulars Brian Barbosa and Sheenika Shah.

Sarah Miralles, a UFMC worker, reflected on the event. "The 10 year anniversary for the UFMC was above and beyond what was expected. As a student worker for the UFMC, putting this event together was stressful, but in the end all the hard work from the staff showed. The evening overall was quite enjoyable. I just wish it could have been longer," Miralles said. Here's to another ten years!



ORGANIZATION OF THE MONTH: AChA

AChA, the Association of Chicana Activists seeks to transform women, charges individuals with the desire for freedom, self-determination, self-sufficiency, and empowers Chicanas to move with and within positions of power. AChA is an excellent leadership training ground which enables women to work on and off campus with various community groups.

There are four main pillars of the AChA organization:

Social: Encourage our membership to act as a support group and familia for one another.

Education: Promotion of higher education and the recruitment and retention of Latinas on campus.

Political: awareness of issues that affect us and our community.

Cultural: celebration and education of our cultural values and practices that make our heritage so rich.

AChA will be hosting many events this Spring! First is Entre Mujeres, on March 27th at 8pm in the Manchester Multi-purpose Room. Second is the Cesar E. Chavez Mass on March 28th at 12:15pm in Founder's Chapel. Also, don't forget one of AChA's most important events, Chicano/a Graduation on May 24th. For more information, see page 1, or stop by the UF. AChA is an amazing organization with plenty to offer.

To learn more, or to get involved, visit www.sandiego.edu/unitedfront/organizations/acha



March

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

United Front Organizations: General Body Meetings

Fuso: Tuesdays, 12:15pm, Serra 211
 MEChA: Every Other Wednesday, 10pm, UFMC
 'Aikane: Thursdays, 12:15pm, Serra 212
 BSU: Tuesdays, 9pm, UFMC
 Pride: Wednesdays, 7pm, UFMC

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2	3	Election 2008 Discussion Forum "Does Race, Gender, or Religion Matter?" 1-2pm, UF	5	Chicano Grad Information Session, 6pm, UC 103	7	International Woman's Day Breakfast 7:30-9am, IPJ
9	10	"Running in High Heels" Documentary Screening 5:30-7:30pm, UC Lounge	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

[---Spring Break! No Classes!---]

Sunday March 23rd
 Easter Sunday

Easter Monday
 NO CLASSES!

Chicano Grad Applications Due
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 Women in Politics Summit 8:30am-1pm
 Entre Mujeres, 8pm, Manchester Village Multipurpose room

FUSO PCN 6pm, UC Forums

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