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EOF Has New Counselor



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Gamma Upsilon Chapter



Please note that Chi Alpha Epsilon-Gamma Upsilon Chapter Induction took place during the 2006 EOF Student Leadership Conference. The students below were selected from a group of approximately 500 EOF students to become Gamma Upsilon Honor Society members. Not sure if you meet the criteria to become a Gamma Upsilon member, see Mr. José A. Villalongo in Room A250 and he will answer all your questions.

Newly Inductees are: Kimberly Addison, staff—Ron Chavious, Staff
 Sarah Anthony, Student—Ruth James, Student
 Soniya Johnson, Student—Akbar Kabir, Student
 Erick Lizardo, Student—Rosa Nicolini, Student
 Kinjal M. Pipaliya, Student—Shantelle Paduani, Student
 Angela Feliz, Student—Runely Rodriguez, Student

To all the inductees' Congratulations

"The Tassel is Worth The Hassle"

Voices of Our Students

By Christine Gonzalez



I used to love freely
 Now hold my heart with a ball and chain
 It was easy to say those three little words
 That meant so much to people
 Even when I wasn't sure I meant them
 Lately I found it hard to do
 Until the day I chose to be with you
 All of a sudden the chain was broken
 The ball was left behind
 The spell lifted and my heart began to love
 It began to do things I swore he couldn't do ~ So I tried to utter
 the words
 I took in vain so long ago
 Just to realize that the same spell was put on my mouth and
 remained unbroken
 The mouth that let all of my emotions free was on total shut-
 down
 Wishing you would set me free.

Translator: Juana M. Ortiz

November 23, 2004

Translation of ROMANCE DE LOS NUEVE MESES

Poet: Pedro Mir

Nine Months

At night your eyes turn bright
 like stars.
 How nice you look adorned with
 your womb that keeps growing.
 It started with the first kiss!
 Amazing how different you are,
 I still remember your Sweet-sixteen.
 Nine long months and the road
 is hard to travel the moon trims
 the mourning along your path.
 February waits for his arrival.
 Your chest will drip white blood
 from your breast. Your arms will
 be the support of a tiny body.
 The night rinses while she takes
 slow steps. The midwife gets
 ready for the birth of a huge baby
 whose skin is smooth, but it has
 an ugly face. Someday he will
 tell you "mother, I am a man

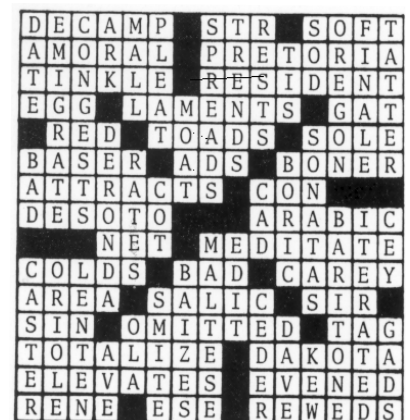
and I love you." The world
 will forget your biggest mistakes.
 Your pains will turn out to be a
 sonnet instead of sadness.
 The night is a mandolin
 with a song of goldfinch.

ROMANCE DE LOS NUEVE MESES

La niche injerta en tus ojos
 un resplandor de luceros.
 ¡Que bien te ves adornada
 por tu vientre en crecimiento
 donde se agita un futuro
 que fue en el pasado un beso!
 Te das de tus quince abriles
 toda el retoño primero,
 ¡nueve meses! el camino
 se alarga de pensamientos.
 La luna recorta el luto de tu nombre en el sendero.
 En un recodo del tiempo
 te acecha el mes de febrero,
 te llaman primeriza
 en cuarenta dias de riesgo,
 y tendras todo el futuro
 amamantado en tu pecho,
 y tu sangre será blanca
 cuando gotee en tu seno
 y sera tu brazo almohada
 pintada en olor de cedro.

La niche que enjuaga mimos
 camina con paso lento.
 Doña, Luz, la comadrona,
 aguarda tu alumbramiento
 de un hombretón de diez libras
 muy rosado pero feo
 que dirá algun día ¡Madre ya soy un hombre y te quiero!
 perdonandote el gran crimen
 de haberle dado el aliento.
 Medido en catorce abriles
 Que sera tu mejor soneto
 y todo el dolor del mundo
 lo lavara en tu consuelo.
 La niche se mandolina
 en tu canto de jilguero.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD
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Voices of Our Students Part two

Limary Colon

My experience at the 6th Annual Northeast Latino Student Leadership Conference (NLSLC) in Philadelphia was spectacular. I got a chance to meet a lot of interesting people, including those that went on the trip with me. Being that I only knew Melissa and Ronnie, I got a chance to meet Adonny and Yessinia. It was a long ride there but it was worthwhile. Once we got to Philadelphia, we got a chance to unpack and we started on our first workshop. Since we got there a little late we had no time to waste. Our first workshop of the day was "Breaking Stereotypes Within" and it was very informative. The speaker was teaching us how to fight the stereotypes that hold down Latinos in the world today, and he also discussed ways to rebuild our relationships. After that motivational speaker, we had lunch and a little free time. Then we had another workshop "Latino Dreams", which was boring. Even though some people seemed to enjoy it, Ronnie, Adonny, Yessinia, Melissa and myself thought that it was corny.

We were not interested in the subject and were not focused. The speakers were talking about immigrants and the "Dream Act". After sitting through that workshop, we met with Mr. Colon in the hallway and we all went to another workshop. The difference about this last workshop "Paging Dr. Latina ...Calling Nurse Latino" was that I was interested in what the speaker had to say. The reason why I felt that way was because this speaker was a nurse and that happens to be my major. This workshop was about the fact Latino shortages exist in the healthcare field and are increasingly noticeable in many non-Latino dominant hospitals. After all our workshops, we got more comfortable for dinner in the hotel. After dinner, we had a talent show, a salsa lesson and we ended the night with a party. I enjoyed myself and hope to do it again sometime. This was an unforgettable experience.

Melissa Ramos

On the weekend of October 14th, myself and four other students had the pleasure of being invited to a Latin Heritage conference in Philadelphia. It was Mr. Colon, Mr. Villalongo, Ronnie, Adonny, Yessenia, Limary, and I. We stayed at the Holiday Inn, and there were hundreds of other students from around the United States who also attended.

Our first workshop was about stereotypes and its effects in the Latin society today. What the guest speaker was saying is how we stereotype our own people; like in the Spanish soap operas also known as novelas. For example, we put the light skin actors as the rich and successful people and the dark skin people as our servants or criminals. Also, we separate ourselves because we have different cultures, when instead all of the Latinos should be coming together as one. No matter if you're Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, or Costa Rican, were all Latin Americans.

The Second workshop we attended was about Immigration in America and the Dream Act. There were two guest speakers, a young man and a woman, who had excellent presentations and were great public speakers. I would have to say that this was the best workshop because I had the chance to really soak up a lot of information on the Dream Act and Immigration. For example, I did not know that many immigrant students cannot attend college even if they are legal residents, meaning who lived in the United States for seven or more years and even-if they are excellent students. It is sad because many parents leave their countries to come here for better opportunities and to build a better life for their children, and are denied their opportunities! That's when the Dream Act comes in which is still not in effect but the Latinos are still trying. The Dream Act states that immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S., graduated from high school here, and can demonstrate good moral character would initially qualify for "conditional lawful permanent resident" status, which would normally last for six years. I hope that the Dream Act will change the lives of many dreamers.

Last but not least, the last workshop we attended was about Latinos having a career in the medical field. The guest speaker was saying how she is an open heart surgery nurse, and how much she makes a year. She really inspired many of the students in that workshop who want to be nurses, doctors, dentists, and any other job in the medical field. She is a hard worker, a mother and a wife. I give her two thumbs up!

Also, this conference helped introduce me to many new people including Yessenia, Ronnie, Limary and Adonny, who are also part of the E.O.F program. I give this conference five.

Rosa Parks: The Seamstress of Black America by Deanna Silva

When I thought of Rosa Parks, I remember reading that she was a former seamstress. I still see her as just that. The seamstress of Black America, whose design created a pattern that shaped and continues to change America. She was born Rosa Louise McCauley on February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She was home schooled until age 11. She then enrolled into a private school. She cleaned the classrooms in order to pay her tuition. As a teenager she attended Booker T. Washington High School. During high school, her mother became ill and she had to leave to care for her. In 1932, she met and married Raymond Parks. Sadly, he passed away in 1977. They never had any children.

On December 1, 1955, Mrs. Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She was seated in the, "colored only," section. As the bus filled, there were no more seats for the whites in their own section. The bus driver demanded that she give up her seat. Mrs. Parks refused. She was arrested and charged. Here begins the Montgomery bus boycott and the changing of America. On December 5, 1955, all of black Montgomery took a stand. Signs that read, "Don't Ride the Bus," were passed out and posted in black meeting places and businesses. Without hesitation, the black community did whatever was necessary to support Mrs. Parks. The churches held private meetings to keep the people informed, the community sold pies and gave dances to raise funds to purchase vehicles. Those with cars set up routes to pick others up. Some just enjoyed walking and singing songs of praise and worship. No matter what the weather, they walked proud. Even the white women slipped away to give rides to their maids, without the knowledge of their husbands. I was so moved by the impact she had on the people of Montgomery, Alabama. This petite, mild mannered woman, who didn't look like she could or would hurt a fly, delivered so much power in her silence. The black community didn't have to know her personally. Their only concern was that they were black, in a struggle and one of their own had taken a stand for them and now needed their help. They supported her and each other without gain or recognition. The Montgomery boycott lasted 381 days. The city of Montgomery was served with papers declaring segregation of bus service unconstitutional. Thanks to the unselfish efforts of the people and the steadfast spirit of Rosa Parks, the bus company was almost completely bankrupt.

I had the opportunity of viewing two of Rosa Parks' biographies. One was the morning that I was given the essay, and the other about a week after. I had already planned to write about the way I felt when I watched it that morning. This essay just gave me the opportunity to do just that. Rosa Parks made me feel so proud to be a Black American woman. I started that day with my

shoulders back, my head high and a little more pep in my step. I was on my way to college, someplace I never thought I would be able to attend. Not only did she shape America, but that day she shaped my mind.

Rosa Parks has inspired so many to catch the vision, move forward, and continue to stand up for what is right. She did it with peace, dignity and faith. She has truly changed America with her impact and influence on the many people who can and will continue standing and building on the foundation that she so humbly laid. I can only imagine what could be accomplished in our own communities, families, schools and churches if we all had one mind.

Thinking of Rosa Parks and the life she led brings me to people who have shaped my life in a positive way. We all have people in our lives that give us direction, take stands for us, and become our rock. Most of the time, it is in passing through



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trials that we meet these people. The most prominent person in my life was my mother. She always believed that I could do anything I set my mind to. She taught me to never give up or give in. She never put me down when I made mistakes. She supported everything I did with her presence and her encouragement. The earliest memories I have of her showing me how to make a difference in my life, was when she took me to the voting booth. She taught me the importance of voting as early as age 5. I remember going to the voting booth with her and being able to pull the lever. I remember her telling me why she voted for that particular candidate. She told me that even after I voted I had to hold the elected official accountable for all that he or she promised to do for us. She attended city meetings and made herself aware of all that was going on in her city. When it came to my education, she made it a major priority. Even though she hadn't been properly educated herself, I would watch her read books and do research on different subjects. She was on the PTA at every school I attended. They couldn't make any changes or decisions without her knowing about it and voicing her opinion. She was an active mem-

ber of our church and an inspiration to all who knew her. Her faith in God was what I admired the most, because now I understand why she did the things she did and why she could smile in the face of adversity. She didn't receive the fame and fortune that most leaders get, but she was well loved and respected for being there for so many of my family and friends whose lives she impacted. Even though she is not here anymore, I can still hear her voice telling me to run on no matter how hard the journey seems.

Also, right here at school, I was blessed to have met my math Professor, Elaine Harrington. If you have ever heard her speak and not been inspired, you weren't listening. She doesn't just talk the talk either, she also walked it. Her love for education is so overwhelming that it caused me to take a serious account of my own education. She taught me never to make excuses for what I didn't take the time to do. She taught me that no matter what, I was going to be the recipient of my actions and that I needed to take control of my own future. I had to stop blaming everyone and everything, and take responsibility for my own actions. She made me realize that I had to put myself in a position to be successful. I couldn't wait for anyone else to do it for me.

Both of these women have inspired me to be a leader and not wait for someone else to do the job. Through the teachings of my mother and so many others, I realize how many people have opened doors for me to have an opportunity at getting a good education. The Martin Luther Kings, the Rosa Parks and the Malcolm X's of today, are people we all know and love. The people whom we associate with on a day to day basis have that same spirit. We may not look at them as famed leaders but their impact on our society is the same as the past trailblazers. I have children who I have to teach of our past and give them hope for the future. I have to be that role model for them at any cost. The most important thing my mother left me with was to have faith in God. Because even though she wouldn't always be here, God will always be with me and the same way he guided her, he would guide me. She left me with that foundation that is my rock when facing these difficult times in which we now live.

In closing, we as young people have to keep the dreams and works of our ancestors and our strong leaders of today alive. We have to know who we are, why we are, and how we came to be. We have to pass down what we've learned to the next generation. We have to teach and grow with each other starting within our own families. We have to stay out of the streets and provide strong, loving, supportive and educational atmospheres for our children who will one day lead this world.

By Shernese Myers

Wanted

I can't compete with her! She get yo' mind, yo' love, yo' time, and yo' money!
 I see the way you look at her the attention she receives!
 Those nights I'd beg and pleaded with you to stay home, I knew you were cheatin'!
 She would meet you at the door with an enticing' aroma! Granted, she has power, she's bad in both
 Ways! Her effect is lethal, I've seen her put many men in comas!
 Some of them never makin' it out!
 This girl is scandalous, rich and dangerous! Look what she costs you!
 I thought for sure your family was worth much more! What about yo' job?
 House? Cars? Yo' life? She gets Around!
 Do you know how many men speak about her? Oh, but wait a minute!
 Cause she got some women nose wide open too!
 I can't stand this poor initiation of a type of stimulation! She must go!
 I've already lost 2 men to her!
 So while you inhale, I'll exhale blowin' every trace of her away!
 I've seen a rainbow of people in line trying to escape her tight grip!
 I'll tell you what we need to get together and come up with a solution for Miss cain!
 As long as we let her alone she'll forever remain a pain, chain victims to her cruel and deadly side
 Effects! No longer will I neglect to inform those who are rising up curious about her! So I made signs
 and posted fliers!

Wanted:

White Powdery Substance comes in all sizes!
 Last seen in the hands of a 16 year old boy!
 Please be ALARMED!

She's very dangerous, sometimes laced with different chemicals that will harm you!

She goes by the name COCAINE!!

Finally there

ACROSS

- 1 Depart secretly or suddenly
- 7 Orchestra section (abbr.)
- 10 Like some jobs
- 14 Not righteous
- 15 South African capital
- 17 Light, ringing sound
- 18 Dweller
- 19 Breakfast item
- 20 Is mournful
- 22 Firearm
- 23 — cent
- 25 Tailless amphibians
- 26 Food fish
- 27 More despicable
- 29 Newspaper items
- 30 Mistake
- 31 Allures
- 33 Swindle
- 34 Spanish explorer
- 35 Language of the Koran
- 39 Tennis need
- 40 Think
- 42 Common ailments
- 45 Like some checks
- 46 Actor MacDonald —
- 47 Topic
- 48 Of the Franks
- 50 Title for Olivier
- 51 Trigonometry abbreviation
- 52 Failed to include
- 54 Children's game
- 56 Combine
- 58 Word in two state names
- 60 Makes joyful
- 61 Made uniform
- 62 Cosmetician — Coty
- 63 Suffix for Siam
- 64 Marries again
- 65 — the season...
- 21 Castle defense
- 24 "Daniel —" (Eliot novel)
- 26 Musical works
- 28 Appraises
- 30 — acid
- 32 Small bed
- 33 Ill-bred person
- 36 Between tenor and bass
- 37 Repeated
- 38 Ballplayer Ron —
- 40 Word in Bogart film title
- 41 Do newspaper work
- 42 Furniture wheel
- 43 East coast ballplayer
- 44 Of a Christian season
- 45 Pool table materials
- 48 Hit hard
- 49 Yielder
- 52 Ending for "pay"
- 53 Jazz pianist
- 55 "My gosh!"
- 57 Street, for short
- 59 — Gardens, in England

DOWN

- 1 Coin part
- 2 Leave the land
- 3 Fills to excess
- 4 Bulky boat
- 5 Shopping place
- 6 Fold in cloth
- 7 Ranches
- 8 Styles
- 9 Takes ten
- 10 Turf
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- 12 Ending
- 13 Torn piece

collegiate crossword

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CHANGES IN EOF LAB LEAVE RETURNING STUDENTS WONDERING

Why has the lab begun to divide lab hours up by subject?

We want to provide you with the best services. We have tutors on staff at those specific times who are highly qualified in those specific subject areas.

What can I do if these times are not possible for me?

See a tutor and change your lab schedule.

How should I plan my lab time for next semester?

Come to Room A 204 and look at the subject time blocks to best decide how to schedule your EOF lab hours.

Here's a quick reminder of what your EOF lab requirements are:

If you are taking 1 basic skills or ESL class, you must attend EOF Lab 1 hour per week for a 12-week lab pe-

riod. If you are taking 2 basic skills or ESL classes, you must attend EOF Lab 2 hours per week. If you are repeating a class, you will need to do one extra hour per week in the lab. College level students may attend lab but are not required to do so.

EOF Lab Hours: Monday – Thursday,
9 am – 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am – 1 pm.

The EOF Lab is located in the back of Room A204. Check the bulletin board to make sure you are working on the right subject at the right time when you come to lab. If you need to change your lab time to fit a subject

block, see an EOF tutor in the lab.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we have made this changeover during the fall 2005 semester.

Ms. Alice Micci
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