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# La Raza Newsletter

iBienvenidos! Bem vinda! Welcome! On behalf of La Raza Law Students Association at King



enjoy this issue in which our Alumni Relations Chair, Ana Orozco, strives to keep you up to date with recent events around campus and beyond. We are proud to serve as your La Raza Co-Chairs and excited to help make this year a great one for our organization. Enjoy,





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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Estela and Lauren



Professor Amagda Perez has been actively involved in La Raza since her first year of law school. While in law school, she served as co-director of La Raza and subsequently as a faculty advisor. She serves as a liaison to help La Raza develop relationships with King Hall Alumni and faculty that help La Raza organize events to discuss critical issues in our community. Professor Perez spearheads La Raza's Cesar Chavez Day of Service, a naturalization workshop that is done in collaboration with California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, through which hundreds of lawful permanent residents have become United States citizens. La Raza board is honored for her continuous support.



**Upcoming Events** 

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration Wed., Nov. 7, 2018 5:30p-8:00p King Hall Courtyard

37th Annual **Patino Banquet** Saturday, March 16, 2019 **Location TBD** 

# SOCIALS, FUNDRAISERS & SUPPORT

## 2018 WELCOME BACK BBQ

La Raza and BLSA organized a joint welcome for 40 firstyear law students of color.





#### POTLUCK OF COLOR



King Hall's Affinity
Groups successfully
organized it's first
Potluck of Color to bond
over food with the
People of Color at our
school. Our students,
staff, professors and
deans enjoyed sharing
various cultural dishes
and celebrate King Hall's
diversity inclusion.



#### BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER



Our beloved Bake Sale returned to King Hall stocked with delicious pan dulce, lemon cake, cookies, flan and many other baked goods.

We successfully sold out before noon and raised over \$300! La Raza is looking forward to continue providing fellow students, faculty, and staff with delicious baked goods from a various cultures!

#### LOVE & SUPPORT APOYO Y AMOR APOIO E AMOR



On September 12th, 2018, 100 immigrant women and survivors of sexual abuse in the janitorial workplace arrived to Davis as part of their journey Marching From San Francisco to Sacramento to pressure Gov. Brown to sign The Janitorial Survivors Empowerment Act (AB 2079), which would help train workers in the industry to prevent and identify sexual harassment in the workplace. La Raza raised \$400 in support!



#### Ca Change Lawyers Scholarship Recipients



"I am truly honored; not only did the scholarship abate my monetary worries, but the recognition also helped validate the experiences that have brought me to King Hall and the grand hopes I have for the future."—

Monserrat Garcia-Juarez '21

"I am honored that the organization believed in me and allowed me to share my accomplishment with other scholars, my mentors, and with my family."— Jonathan Mireles '21



"Suyapa and I had the opportunity to work with a team led by Holly Cooper that is enforcing the Flores Settlement Agreement that requires the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide minimal protections to children while they are detained by the federal government. Children are experiencing significant delays in being released from detention--as a result, there are record numbers of children in federal custody.



We traveled to Tornillo, Texas, where about 1,500 children are detained in a "tent city" 30 miles from El Paso. We investigated fingerprint delays, met with children, inspected the detention center, and researched whether the conditions in the center violate the Flores Settlement Agreement. Without assistance, these children could be locked up indefinitely without hope for release. We are very happy to have represented King Hall on this research trip." Karen Pedroza '20 & Suyapa Lainez L.L.M. '20



Gymmel and Mayra making history at the 49th Annual Irving L. Neumiller Moot Court Competition as the first finalist team comprised of two Latinas.

"It was an honor to make it to the final round of the Neumiller Moot Court Competition. This was the first time I participated in a moot court competition. It was a lot of work, but very rewarding! I highly recommend law students get involved in appellate advocacy."—

Mayra Sandoval '19

"My mentors, friends, husband, mother, aunt (my second mom), and her two children watched me argue before real judges and make history. Sadly, my partner and I did not take home the trophy. And, while I was recognized as Best Oral Advocate for Spring 2018, the best prize was having my family in the audience and being surrounded by so much love. Today, I serve as Chair of the Moot Court Honors Board. I have the privilege of leading a Board that is committed to coaching and developing talented advocates at King Hall."— Gymmel Trembly '19



"For over 11 years Fernando has represented clients in some of the most vulnerable life circumstances, including victims of human trafficking and more recently families seeking asylum at the Dilley Detention Center in Texas. In January 2018 Fernando left his full-time job at the Labor Commissioner's office and founded iMATER NOW and began his podcast Attorney Heart to support and coach other attorneys and professionals reach high levels of performance by managing stress and developing emotional intelligence." – Fernando Florez '07

Thank you, Readers! Look out for our next newsletter in December!

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