Welcome & Introduction

Welcome to our first semiannual alumni newsletter. La Raza Law Students Association of UC Davis King Hall is dedicated to increasing the numbers of Chicanxs and Latinxs in law schools and the law profession. We encourage more Ram students to consider law as a viable career option for the future and to become outstanding lawyers for our communities.

The law profession is one way we can work to empower our communities and to create positive social change.

We want to strengthen our alumni network and encourage past Raza alumni to get involved with La Raza Law Students Association at UC Davis in these efforts. This Alumni Newsletter is intended to keep our alumni informed of current events and to encourage your involvement with our organization.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Mendoza, Alumni Chair at josmendoza@ucdavis.edu.

News & Events

- Alumni, Call for Group Pictures!!!
- LRLSA Participates in the Northern California La Raza Law Students Coalition Job Fair
- LRLSA Member, Cuevas Ingram ‘12 presents paper at the XVI Annual LatCrit Conference in San Diego
- LRLSA Member, Alvarez ‘11, awarded Inn of Court Scholarship
- LRLSA Member, Olivera ‘11, selected for membership in The Order of Barristers
- LRLSA Member, Olivera ‘11, published Op-ed in La Prensa
- LRLSA Member, Aguilar ‘11, argued before 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
- LRLSA Members, Olivera ‘11 & Acevedo ‘13, selected to UC Davis National Mock Trial Team
- LRLSA Member, Cuevas-Ingram ‘12, on team to represent UC
- Davis at Regional Negotiations Competition
- LRLSA Members take 3rd Place at 2010 NLLSA Moot Court Competition
- LRLSA members participate in Immigration Law Clinic Citizenship Workshop in Sacramento

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29th Annual Lorenzo Patiño Banquet

On April 2, 2011, La Raza Law Students Association celebrated its Lorenzo Patiño Banquet. Held annually in honor of one of UC Davis School of Law’s distinguished Latino graduates, the Patiño Banquet is one of the most anticipated events of the year at the Law School.

The event honors the late Lorenzo Patiño ’73, whose career exemplified the commitment to diversity and public service that defines King Hall. Patiño was a highly respected leader in Sacramento’s Latino community who dedicated countless hours of service to helping the less fortunate. He was one of the first Mexican-Americans appointed to the Municipal Court of Sacramento, and a co-founder of the University of Northern California School of Law, an institution dedicated to providing low-cost legal education for working people. Though his time as an attorney, jurist, and community activist was cut tragically short, he had an enormous impact enough to prompt La Raza member Miguel Martin ’84 to found the Patiño Banquet in his honor.

In addition to paying tribute to the legacy of Lorenzo Patiño, the banquet also honors an outstanding La Raza Alumni and La Raza’s graduating students. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Judge Miguel Martin ’84 by Alumnus Relations Chair, Emelinda Soria ’11 (picted above) for his outstanding contribution to the Latino legal community. The Patiño Award was presented to two members of the graduating class, Aidin Castillo ’11 and Aida Macedo ’11, for exemplifying extraordinary service and dedication, not only to the Latino community, but the legal community at large. Additionally, numerous alumni were part of the Banquet, including Professor Amarga Perez ’91 and Assembly Member Luis Alejo ’01.

The proceeds of this event help La Raza continue its social justice efforts and helps fund scholarships and grants for students to pursue public interest summer internships. It also supports educational and community activities.

The 29th Lorenzo Patiño Banquet featured keynote speaker Arturo J. Gonzalez, Esq., co-chair of Morrison & Foerster’s Litigation Department. Simultaneously, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge David De Aita served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.