



UC Davis School of Law, La RAZA

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What we've been up to this year...

The 35th annual Lorenzo Patiño Banquet was once again a great success. This year's proceeds will help fund scholarships to students committed to public service. This was all thanks to our generous sponsors and supporting community.

Congratulations to La Raza Law Student Association's graduating class of 2017. You are an inspiration and we wish you continued success!



Open Letter

Some members of La Raza wrote and sent an open letter to U.C. President Janet Napolitano requesting that the U.C. system continue to support Dreamers and others affected by President Trump's new policy on immigration. The letter included over 1,200 signatures of individuals all across California who supported the measure. These students also hand delivered the open letter to California legislators, along with a letter that supported SB54. In doing this La Raza hopes to continue advocating for some of the most vulnerable communities in our state!



Thank you for your continued support!! Please share what you've done since leaving King Hall! For more information, to learn of ways to get involved, or to make a donation, please contact Co-Chairs Angela Breining aybreining@ucdavis.edu and Jessica Martinez jesmartinez@ucdavis.edu.



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Culture Week

La Raza hosted LSA Culture Week this Spring Semester. The week featured various speakers who discussed a wide range of issues. Melissa Keaney of National Immigration Law Center discussed California measures to protect and fight against the Trump administration and described her role as part of the team of lawyers that filed the first lawsuit challenging Trump's Executive Order. Marc Grossman, Cesar Chavez's speechwriter, secretary, and personal aide, discussed his experience working alongside Cesar Chavez, and gave a UFW presentation on the importance of organizing for farmworkers. He was joined by our own Cruz Reynoso. We were also extremely excited to welcome back two King Hall alum, Fernando Flores '07, and Jose Castillo '06. Mr. Flores who works for the Labor Commissioner's Office in San Francisco discussed his career in public interest and what he is doing to fight the good fight. Mr. Castillo, from the US Attorney's Office in San Diego, shared his experiences and described what public service and justice looks like in the time of a Trump presidency.

La Raza Board Members

Mission Statement: Our mission is to better the community through our service and to support our talented law students to become remarkable advocates. We are committed to empowering Latinos considering the legal profession because we believe that we are capable of positive social change.



La Raza In the Spotlight

Gladys Hernandez '19



This summer I will be a research and writing extern at the Office of the Federal Public Defenders, in Sacramento. At the boot camp we will learn about the basics of the Federal Public Defenders work and prepare to work on cases. I expect to receive research assignments pertaining to upcoming trials.

Anton Swain-Gil '18



I will be at the Office of Legislative Counsel in Sacramento. I will serve as counsel to the legislature with the primary function of drafting legislation for them.

Lesley Sedano '17



I will be a fellow at the University of California Undocumented Legal Services Center.