

Latinos exalt ancient cultural roots



Celebratory month seeks to dissect historical struggles, achievements

With this specialty coverage, The Advocate delves into our local community comprised of dozens of unique cultures to examine racial and economic struggles that many people face after immigrating to the United States. In other articles we also trace the political achievements of those who protested the unfair treatment of Spanish speakers, and what the fastest growing group in California needs to do moving forward. Latinos originate from 19 different countries in Central and South America, and their influence in the U.S. reverberates through the Chicano rights movement's strides during the 1960s to incite equal access and

treatment in education. The way that Latinos were treated before, during and after the civil rights movement is an unknown history for many first generation college students because their families were not Chicanos or Chicanas striving for social equality amid the politically volatile landscape fueled by the Vietnam War. To exalt their indigenous ancestors from Central and South America, the Latino population seeks political unification under umbrella terms of Hispanic or Latino to describe people from various countries and cultures. The Advocate dissects these struggles and the efforts at Contra Costa College to mold their future.

Political conquests lost
The Advocate examines the umbrella terms Hispanic and Latino and their origins within the U.S. political system.

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Term preserves racial hate
The Advocate rejects the term Hispanic due to it being a symbol of racial hate and 500 years of European subjugation.

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Learning a second language
The Advocate examines struggles the English as a second language department faces with low enrollment numbers, and steps taken to reverse downward trend.

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“He has a real knack for asking insightful and tactful questions.” — *Katherine Krolikowski, biotechnology program coordinator*



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‘Insightful’ mind pursues scientific curiosity

Biotech major shares ‘winning’ attitude, empirical ‘knack’

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Young passionate scientists work to bring progress to this world, and one 28-year-old student hopes to capture that passion, through his unique point of view. Ray Serafin is a biotechnology major with a passion for photography. “I really love photographing scientific procedures,” Serafin said. “I feel like it’s something a lot of people don’t get to see.” Serafin said coming out of high school he was always interested in biotechnology at a basic level. But beyond that he could never see himself becoming involved in the field of science. He said he always loved science, but never nurtured the interest. Now he is able to commit to it.

This is Serafin’s third semester and he is once again a full-time student. He said he attended Contra Costa College on and off for a three-year period and didn’t come back until he was 27. During that time he did a lot of in-home care. “I owe coming back to working a dead-end job,” Serafin said. “If I’m going to be somewhere every day I want to do something rewarding.” When he was away from school science took a back seat. Losing touch with it made him want to return. Upon his return he gravitated toward biotechnology. “I really like how early on into genetics we are. I feel like we have tapped into something really big and are just coming to the door. It’s an exciting aspect to me,” Serafin said.

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ABOVE: Biotechnology major Ray Serafin takes a photo of a bioreactor that cultivates algae in B-18 on Monday. Serafin is interested in capturing scientific procedures and enjoys displaying his photos for the public.

ASU GRANT PROGRAM GARNERS REQUESTS

Finance Committee reviews applications for executive vote

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The Associated Student Union received 19 Grant for Support applications from various clubs and departments on campus that submitted the paperwork before the Oct. 16 deadline. For the first time since 2013 spring semester, the Grant for Support is offering up to 10 applicants additional funding of up to \$2,500 for campus events or purchases that will benefit a large percentage of Contra Costa College students. ASU Vice President of Club Affairs and Internal Finance Committee member Safi Ward-Davis said all the appli-

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