



Latino Winter Recap

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The Council of Latino Admission Volunteers For Education (CLAVE) created this newsletter to give admitted students insight into Latino student life at Northwestern University.

Top 3 Things To Do During Winter Quarter

1 Skate at the Norris Ice Rink

Whether you are a seasoned pro or just a beginner, the ice rink is a must do. Walk to the Norris University Center East Lawn and skate away.



2 Attend a Basketball Game

NU is in the Big 10 Conference and has lots of school spirit. Board a free shuttle, get in for free, cheer for the 'Cats, win prizes, and get free T-shirts! Go 'Cats!



3 Dance for Charity!

Now in its 40th year, Northwestern's Dance Marathon is the largest student-run philanthropy in the nation. Since 1975, NU students have raised more than \$14 million for more than thirty beneficiaries.

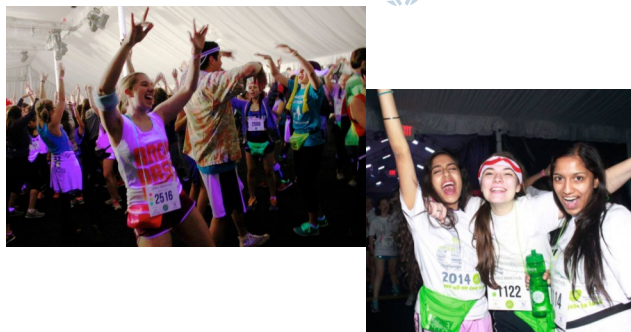


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9th Annual Latin@ Networking Reception



The Latino Alumni of Northwestern University (LANU), along with the department of Hispanic/Latino Student Affairs, hosted the 9th Annual LANU Networking reception on January 23rd. Over dinner, students had an opportunity to ask alumni for advice on how to navigate Northwestern, listened to their stories, and fostered professional connections. LANU also awarded three scholarships to current students who have made significant impact on the Latino student community at Northwestern. This year's scholarship recipients were Darlene Reyes (\$1250), Gabriela Gonzalez (\$1750) and Zachary Kisfalusi (\$4000). LANU president Isabel Villegas said that watching how the event has grown and how many more students come every year since the reception began almost a decade ago has been a rewarding experience.



"This is the first event that LANU ever planned, and it's continued success among both students and alum is exciting to witness," Villegas said.



MLK Jr. Candlelight Vigil



Students at the candlelight ceremony

On February 20th, Northwestern University's chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated held the 35th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil. Despite the snowy weather, almost 200 students, staff, and members of the Evanston community gathered at Alice Miller Chapel. The speaker was Dr. Warren Washington, a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha, the second African-American to earn a doctorate in atmospheric sciences and served as the science advisor to four presidents including Bill Clinton. Student a capella groups performed Dr. King's favorite hymns and Malik Dent, a SESP sophomore, performed an excerpt from "Loving Your Enemies" speech. All proceeds from the offering collected at the vigil were donated to the Child Care Center of Evanston.



Reggaeton + Academics = Senior Thesis



Listening to Daddy Yankee an academic endeavor?

Beth Colón, a senior Political Science and Latina/o Studies major from Bayamón, Puerto Rico, is writing her senior thesis about reggaeton music and talked to us about her experience.

I decided to write a thesis because I wanted to explore the areas of community, gender, race politics and class politics. I plan to go to graduate school and wanted to get research experience because it's what I want to do for the rest of my life. The senior thesis is a highly independent process, but time with the thesis advisor is crucial. I edited, revised, and wrote several times with the guidance of my advisor, program director, and post-docs.

My thesis is about racism and sexism in Puerto Rican reggaeton music. I grew up listening and partying to this music but I absolutely abhorred it. My thesis is helping me critique the genre in a more informed and coherent manner. I love my project because of its roots in music. I have to listen to songs, watch music videos and live performances of reggaetoners like Don Omar, Tego Calderon, Ivy Queen, Daddy Yankee, and La Sista in order to form a coherent analysis and comparison. I have had to do archival research of certain racial and gendered histories of Puerto Rico and the Diaspora and have to read other scholarly sources to build my arguments.



Now that you're admitted, contact us if you have any questions about student life at NU!



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Wildcats Studying Abroad in South America

If you're worried about surviving cold Chicago winters four years in a row, have no fear! There are many opportunities to study abroad in tropical climates. These two Latino Wildcats talked to us about their experiences studying abroad in Latin America.



Darlene Reyes: Junior majoring in International Relations and Linguistics in the Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences is studying abroad in **Brazil**. Darlene is originally from Virginia.

Q: What was your first impression of the people in Brazil?

A: My first impression of Brasileiros is that they are uber nice people. They always try to make you feel welcomed and greet you with a smile.

Q: How will you benefit from this study abroad experience?

I'm really looking forward to strengthening my Portuguese language skills and embracing Brazilian culture at the same time.

Q: Would you recommend studying abroad to other students?

A: I recommend studying abroad to each and every student. Who knows when you will have another opportunity to explore a different country.



Oliver Ortega: Senior majoring in Journalism at the Medill School of Journalism is completing his Journalism Residency (JR) in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**. Oliver is originally from New York.

The journalism residency is quarter-long internship at a media outlet for academic credit. (For more information, visit Medill's website)

Q: Why did you decide to complete your journalism residency in Argentina?

A: Because I hope to gain better Spanish language skills and understanding of Argentine culture and history. One day I hope to be a foreign correspondent in Latin America, so I see this experience as a part of that path.

Q: How are you enjoying the cuisine in Argentina? (random, we know)

A: Argentine meat is delicious. Breaded steak, known as milanesa, is popular here as it is in other countries. A lot of it is similar to what I eat back home, like empanadas and pizza.

Q: What has been your favorite part of being abroad in Argentina?

A: Meeting new people, learning new things, and exploring a country.



Wildcat Days

Admitted students have an opportunity to visit Northwestern University one more time before making a final college decision. These days are: Wildcat Days! Activities include campus tours, academic previews, and open houses. Panels showcase opportunities such as study abroad programs, extracurricular activities, and Multicultural Student Affairs. During Wildcat Days, prospective students can talk to current students and professors and meet other future Wildcats. You can sit in on classes, visit facilities, attend an activities fair, and even explore Evanston and Chicago. Be on the lookout for **Wildcat Days 2014!**



Isabella Pasbakhsh

Senior majoring in Political Science at the Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences and Communication Studies at the School of Communication

Originally from Las Vegas, NV

When I visited, I was pretty set on NU. My host was welcoming and took me to all of the events. I went on a Chicago bus tour but the best thing was meeting other prospective students and getting the real NU student experience.



Joshua Razo

Freshman majoring in Secondary Teaching at the School of Education & Social Policy
Originally from Chicago, IL

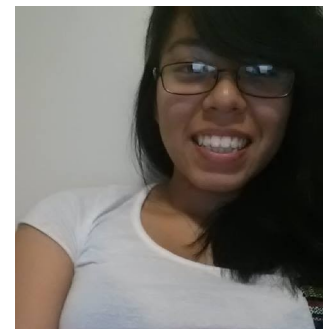
When I visited, NU was my 1st choice but I wanted to feel what it would be like to live on campus. My host and his friends took me and other prospective students into the city - and I enjoyed hanging out with the current freshmen and hearing about their experiences. I chose NU because it was the best place to pursue comedy AND get a great education.



Carolina Cruz

Freshman majoring in Biology in the Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences
Originally from Chicago, IL

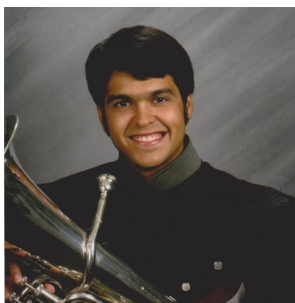
The people I met during Wildcat Days were very welcoming. I got a tour of the school and had breakfast with students. The best thing I did was attend a Greek event at Tech, a stepping competition. I am still friends with many of the people I met during Wildcat Days. I chose NU because of their generous financial aid.



Agustín Chacín

Freshman majoring in Music Performance at the Bienen School of Music
Originally from Orlando, FL

I enjoyed Wildcat Days because I had the opportunity to play with other musicians and feel the vibe of the music school. I met many Bienen students and got to attend Bienen programming. I learned that Northwestern is in a great location and the music school is exactly as good as I imagined it to be.



15th Annual Comedy Beatdown

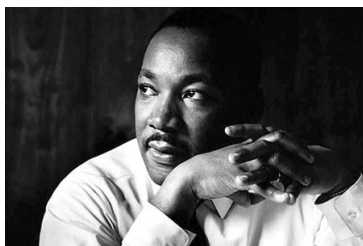
Comedy Beatdown, organized by Alianza, Northwestern's Hispanic/Latino Student Alliance, and the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). They bring comedians to campus and award a scholarship to honor the life of Marcus Mariño, who loved to laugh and was involved with Alianza and SHPE. He passed away in a car crash while he was a student at NU. This year the comedians were Joe Hernández-Kolski and Michael Issac.



After a night of fun, food and laughs, Alianza & SHPE awarded the 15th Annual Marcus Mariño Scholarship to sophomore Daniel San Gabino, who is a Civil Engineering major and active member of SHPE. Although Daniel received the \$500 scholarship, he announced that he was going to donate the proceeds to the Evanston Township High School (ETHS) student groups SHPE Jr. & Latino Quest so that they can purchase ACT study prep materials this spring.



MLK Keynote Speaker



On January 27, Myrlie Evers- Williams gave the keynote address at Northwestern's Commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.

Evers-Williams is a civil rights activist and journalist who worked over thirty years to seek justice for the murder of her husband, Medgar Evers in 1963. He too was a civil rights activist, and worked alongside Martin Luther King Jr.

She told about the struggle for leadership in the African American community during the civil rights movement. Initially people thought King was too young and too aggressive. In fact, the community agreed to allow King to speak last in a program, expecting that by that point the audience would be too tired to listen. Evers-Williams said, "There have been rocks hurled from the outside from those who did not want to see progress in this country and rocks hurled from within the circle to see who would be the leader."

Luckily for the U.S., leaders like King and Evers-Williams remained persistent, dedicated, and fought for the equality we see today.