EL CENTRO NEWS

Extended Advisement Hours
The new hours are Monday until 6:00pm and Thursday until 7:00 pm.

Counseling Services
Meet Ruben Zurita and learn about counseling services at El Centro. Ruben is available every Tuesday from 8-5pm.

Bienvenida
Feb 28 from 12-2pm
New Director’s Bienvenida at El Centro de la Raza.

Career Services
Meet Marty Apodaca, walk-in hours are every Wednesday from 9-11:30am El Centro de la Raza.

RUBEN ZURITA BRINGS EL CENTRO A NEW APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH

For Ruben Zurita, a Mexican American bilingual counselor from Chicago, increasing awareness and access to mental health services is not just a job, it’s his life motto.

When Zurita talks about why it is important for him to work in the field of mental health his eyes shine and his smile gets bigger. He is aware that counsellors who come from minority backgrounds and are bilingual are uncommon and very necessary to heal communities and move individuals forward.

“Sometimes students might feel intimidated to seek counseling because they can’t find professionals who look like them or understand their belief system,” says Zurita. Starting in February Zurita will be visiting El Centro Tuesdays from 8 to 5pm. Individual appointments can take place at El Centro but they need to be arranged with Student Health and Counseling.

Unidos Project
Community Forum & Resource Fair: We Are Here for Each Other!
Saturday, March 1st, 2014
10am - 2pm
West Mesa High School (6701 Fortuna Rd. NW 87121)
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED & GIVEAWAYS!!!!!
*Childcare will be provided*

Are you looking for ways to help your child and your family?
PLEASE JOIN US to receive information and resources about Education, Health & Career opportunities!

Helping Students and Families
Understand the Power of Education!
(Aumentando La Corriente)

Unidos Project gives you the key ingredients to move you and your family forward.
Join us Saturday March 1st from 10am-2pm at West Mesa High School
unidos.unm.edu
February 2014

Lobo Vitamins

Four reasons students should fill out the FAFSA

1. If you qualify you can receive FREE money!
2. It’s the only way to be eligible for work study jobs and student loans.
3. Other scholarships require that you have a FAFSA filed.
4. Paper FAFSAs are accepted at UNM from non-discriminations (undocumented) students to award institutional money.

Things to know when filling out the FAFSA

1. The student and guardian need a Personal Identification Number
2. Have your taxes and your guardians taxes completed.
3. All FAFSAs will need both student and parent/guardian signatures to be complete (unless you can answer yes to any question between 46 and 58).

Complete FAFSA by (March 1st) to get most money

Are you inspired by a LOBO?
Nominate that LOBO for a RAZA EXCELLENCE AWARD

Criteria:
- Students must have earned at least 26 credit hours to date at the University of New Mexico Main Campus.
- Current full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) at UNM-Main Campus.
- Participation in campus and community organizations
- Leadership positions
- Academic achievements and accomplishments
- Within one semester of graduating
- Undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools

Nominations close February 25, 2014 at 5pm.
Pick applications at El Centro de la Raza

Rosa’s Month in Review

If I could find two adjectives to describe this month they would have to be exciting and productive. January was my first month as director and I had to come up speed quickly. Below are some of the events that made January a month to remember.

I witnessed first hand the support of students and staff who came together to support El Centro during the Student Fee Review Board hearing.

I attended the Hispanic Round Table dinner where I met some of the legislators who are responsible for moving New Mexico forward.

ENLACE gave me the opportunity to join them for their legislative session and their staff celebration.

I had the opportunity to meet, work with, and learn more about our Latino/a Graduate Fellowship and the GPSA council.

Although this space is not big enough to mention every single activity, I want to thank our students and community partners for allowing El Centro to be a part of your plan for success. I look forward to future projects and partnerships that will keep moving New Mexico forward.

Rosa Isela Cervantes
during the Student Fee Review Board Hearing.