

Recognizing Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month

13 October, 2020

Sponsored by: Diversity Committee & Vice President Hernandez

Co-Sponsored by: Latino Student Association

Whereas,

National Hispanic Heritage Month is held annually between September 15th to October 15th, and has been recognized since 1988;

Whereas,

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Indigenous Peoples Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period;

Whereas,

The purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America;

Whereas,

Approximately 5.7% of enrolled Undergraduate students in the Fall of 2019 identified as Hispanic/Latinx;

Whereas,

House Bill 1648 of 2019 allowed the University of Central Arkansas to offer Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in-state tuition for those who met specific requirements;

Whereas,

The University of Central Arkansas was awarded the Distinguished Diversity Outreach Award by the League of United Latin American Citizen (LULAC), Council 750;

Whereas,

The University of Central Arkansas was recognized in 2018 and 2019 as a Latino Destination Campus by the League of United Latin American Citizen (LULAC), Council 750;

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Whereas,

AmigoFest, a cultural event dedicated to sharing Latin American culture to the larger UCA and Central Arkansas communities through music, food, and dance, is the largest annual program through the Latinx/Hispanic Outreach Initiative, a program within the Office of Diversity and Community;

Whereas,

The Latinx/Hispanic Outreach Initiative was created in the Fall of 2013 to develop programs and services that will increase university access and success for Latinx/Hispanic students and provide support for a greater percentage of Latinx/Hispanic students to attend UCA and graduate, and;

Whereas,

The Latino Student Association, a cultural Registered Student Organization, focuses on sharing the Latinx/Hispanic culture directly with our UCA community and providing members with a strong, united community to ensure that our students continue their education and obtain their degree here at UCA.

Therefore, Be It Resolved,

That the Student Government Association of the University of Central Arkansas recognizes and celebrates the different diversities and cultures within the Hispanic and Latinx student, faculty, and staff populations at UCA.

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