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**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
of Western New York, Inc.

WELCOME / BIENVENIDOS

The Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that exists to foster and inspire awareness, understanding, and appreciation of past, present, and future contributions of the Hispanic Community in Western New York.

BOARD MEMBERS

Meet our current and new President of the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, inc. HHCWNY is a volunteer board that engages in the community as a team. Our mission is to The mission of the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is to foster and inspire awareness, understanding, and appreciation of past, present, and future contributions of the Hispanic community in Western New York.

Conozca a nuestra nueva presidente del Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, inc. HHCWNY es una junta de voluntarios que participan en la comunidad como un equipo. Nuestra misión es La misión del Consejo de Herencia Hispana de Western New York, Inc. es fomentar e inspirar conciencia, comprensión y apreciación de las contribuciones pasadas, presentes y futuras de la comunidad hispana en Western New York.



Esmeralda Sierra



Esmeralda Sierra is proud to be the President of the Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY, Inc. She has been part of HHC since its foundation in 2010. Born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico, came to Buffalo, NY on November 22, 2001, Thanksgiving Day. This year she celebrates 20 years of being a Buffalonian!!! Esmeralda is family and community oriented, loves to cook, bake and travel near and far. Her "Bucket List" includes being able to see the Aurora Borealis and visiting the 50 States in the USA., so far she has been to 27 and DC. Her favorite music includes anything in Spanish from Salsa to Reggaeton. In addition to HHC Esmeralda is involved with other community organizations including Catholic Charities and Holy Cross R.C. Church, where she strives to always bring to the forefront the Hispanic community.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff Ceremony 2021

Visit the information tables from 11:00am-1:30pm

Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope

Enjoy music and camaraderie with our community supporters!

Join us as we commemorate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
(Ring of Knowledge)
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

Wednesday, September 15
Ceremony begins at 12pm

Questions???

Contact us info@hispanicheritagewny.org
More information can be found at
www.hispanicheritagewny.org

HISTORY PROJECT / PROYECTO DE HISTORIA

This project seeks to engage the community in the collection of historical data, pictures, news clips, oral interviews and artifacts, current events, and plans for the future. The project is sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc., If you like to participate and be interviewed or submit a photos to be included in the historical archive collection, please contact us by calling 716-402-1442 or email: info@hispanicheritagewny.org

Este proyecto busca involucrar la comunidad en la recopilación de datos históricos, fotos, recortes de noticias, entrevistas y artefactos, eventos actuales y planes para el futuro. El proyecto es patrocinado por el Concilio de Herencia Hispana del Oeste de Nueva York, Inc., Si desea participar y ser entrevistado o enviar fotografías para que se incluyan en la colección del archive histórico, comuníquese con nosotros llamando al 716-402-1442 o envíe un correo electrónico a: info@hispanicheritagewny.org

HISPANIC HERITAGE CULTURAL INSTITUTE



VETERANS FUNDRAISER

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser all proceeds to benefit the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American legion post 1928 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on September 28 from 3pm-7pm at Pucho Social club 261 Swan St, Buffalo

The Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute, envisioned for the city's West Side, is poised to be an important resource not just for Buffalo's Hispanic community but for the entire WNY community. This institute will be the only one of its kind outside of New York City and will serve as a place for gathering, celebration and learning rooted in a rich cultural history. Western New York is home to over 75,000 Hispanics, and at a time when equity, inclusion and diversity are being prioritized more than ever, it would be particularly meaningful for Government, Business, Corporations, Private and Public institutions to put its financial support behind this important resource that will allow this community to celebrate and share its heritage through cultural & historic workshops, art exhibitions, creative performance & presentations, musical expression & storytelling, experiential learning labs, and civic engagement.

For the past fifteen months we have experienced a very challenging time, with project delays as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic our project schedule has been modified to extend its time line well into 2024. We have made huge progress on many fronts. Working with our consultants we have been able to complete the project business and sustainability plan, acquire land and site control, Phase I & Phase II environmental study, in the coming months our efforts will focus on the Capital Campaign raising the much needed funds to build our \$10 million dollar green energy state of the art facility.

Casimiro Rodriguez
HHCI Project Chairman



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The Hispanic Heritage Council's Guitar Initiative invites you to register for

Build your own MUSIC INSTRUMENTS!



Ages: 10-12
Where: Isaías González Soto Library
When: Thursdays
Time: 4:00 – 6:00pm
Starting: Sept. 30

**CLASSES ARE FREE,
All materials provided.**
For more information please contact:
Dr. Ricardo Saeb hhc.guitar@gmail.com



GUITAR INITIATIVE

Guitar Classes

Groups will meet either : Monday and Wednesday, or Wednesday and Thursday, from 4:00 - 5:30pm
Age Group: 12 -14
First Day of Classes: Monday Sept. 27 at the Isaías González Soto Library
More information at: hhc.guitar@gmail.com
Instrument Building Workshop
Classes will meet on: Thursdays from 4:00 - 6:00pm
Age Group: 10 - 12
First Day of Classes: Thursday, Sept 30
More information at: hhc.guitar@gmail.com
Both classes are entirely free, we provide all the materials for the class, including guitars, and no prior music experience is needed.

International Concert Series

Our Concert Series is back this fall with two amazing concerts.
Duo Mantar (Guitar & Mandolin) will be presenting their #1 Billboard traditional classical album, Music From the Promised Land.

Sunday, Oct. 24 at 4:00pm
Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum - Porter Hall
Isaac Bustos, Nicaraguan guitar virtuoso brings a mesmerizing guitar concert.

Sunday, Nov. 21 at 4:00pm
Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum - Porter Hall
All our concerts are Free and open to the public,

(voluntary donations are gratefully accepted for programing and to provide the free classes).



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GET COVID VACCINATED

FACT: Alcohol-based sanitizers are safe for everyone to use

Alcohols in the sanitizers have not been shown to create any relevant health issues. Little alcohol is absorbed into the skin, and most products contain an emollient to reduce skin dryness. Allergic contact dermatitis and bleaching of hand hair due to alcohol are very rare adverse effects. Accidental swallowing and intoxication have been described in rare cases.

HECHO: Los desinfectantes a base de alcohol son seguros para que todos los usen

No se ha demostrado que los alcoholes en los desinfectantes creen problemas de salud relevantes. La piel absorbe poco alcohol y la mayoría de los productos contienen un emoliente para reducir la sequedad de la piel. La dermatitis alérgica de contacto y la decoloración del cabello de las manos debido al alcohol son efectos adversos muy raros. Se han descrito casos raros de ingestión accidental e intoxicación.

FACT: The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is caused by a virus, NOT by bacteria

The virus that causes COVID-19 is in a family of viruses called Coronaviridae. Antibiotics do not work against viruses.

Some people who become ill with COVID-19 can also develop a bacterial infection as a complication. In this case, antibiotics may be recommended by a health care provider.

There is currently no licensed medication to cure COVID-19. If you have symptoms, call your health care provider or COVID-19 hotline for assistance.

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Actualmente no existe ningún medicamento autorizado para curar el COVID-19. Si tiene síntomas, llame a su proveedor de atención médica o a la línea directa de COVID-19 para obtener ayuda.

FOR BETTER SAFETY USE A MASK WHEN AROUND LOTS OF PEOPLE, EVEN IF YOU ARE VACCINATED.
PARA UNA MEJOR SEGURIDAD, USE UNA MASCARILLA CUANDO HAY MUCHAS PERSONAS, INCLUSO SI ESTÁ VACUNADO.

RALPH R. HERNÁNDEZ BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded

We are looking for applicants, they must meet the following general criteria:

- Be a direct descendent of Hispanic/Latino parent/grandparent.
- Be enrolled in a teacher preparation program leading to certification to teach in any grade or subject (preference will be given to candidates enrolled in a Bilingual Education Program).
- If enrolled in college, applicants must have at least a 2.75 grade average; High School Seniors or recent HS graduates must have a grade of 85 or above.
- Be a resident of one of the six counties of Western New York, Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming or Allegany county and attend an educational institution in one of these regions.
- Show commitment to the Hispanic/Latino community.
- Participate of an interview.
- Appear to receive the award at our Hispanic Heritage month kick off.
- Serve for one year as a student representative of the HHC.
- Write an essay indicating your personal history, goals, commitment to the Hispanic community, and any special circumstances.

Submit your completed application and essay by OPEN

Application available online, visit <http://hispanicheritagewny.org/pdf/HHC-Scholarship-2021.pdf>

or you may request one at scholarship@HispanicHeritageWNY.org.
HHC Scholarship Committee Chair, Maritza Vega

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

The first documented observance of Columbus Day in the United States took place in New York City in 1792, on the 300th anniversary of Columbus's landfall in the Western Hemisphere. The holiday originated as an annual celebration of Italian-American heritage in San Francisco in 1869. In 1934, at the request of the Knights of Columbus and New York City's Italian community, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the first national observance of Columbus Day. President Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress made October 12 a national holiday three years later. In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making the official date of the holiday the second Monday in October. In 1977 participants at the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas proposed that Indigenous Peoples' Day replace Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes that Native people are the first inhabitants of the Americas, including the lands that later became the United States of America. And it urges Americans to rethink history.



Day of the Dead

Day of the Dead originated several thousand years ago with the Aztec, Toltec, and other Nahua people, who considered mourning the dead disrespectful. For these pre-Hispanic cultures, death was a natural phase in life's long continuum. The dead were still members of the community, kept alive in memory and spirit—and during Día de los Muertos, they temporarily returned to Earth. Today's Día de los Muertos celebration is a mash-up of pre-Hispanic religious rites and Christian feasts. It takes place on November 1 and 2—All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on the Catholic calendar—around the time of the fall maize harvest

If you are interested in becoming a community advocate, to make a difference and participate in growing community awareness diversity, understanding and inclusion become an Ambassador or Organization Ambassador. Together-Juntos we can change the world as we embrace the future. mv

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INSPIRING QUOTES

THANKS FOR OUR SPONSORS

"It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams."



Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Prize winning novelist, short story writer, and journalist

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Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.

CÉSAR CHAVEZ



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Los programas de HHC son posibles gracias a la generosidad de nuestros patrocinadores, donantes y voluntarios.

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