HSI Week & Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) calls on Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to join in observance of HSI Week. This week is observed to recognize the 523 HSIs throughout the nation for their work and critical role in educating and empowering Hispanic youth.

This year, HSI Week will take place Sept. 13-17, coinciding with Hispanic Heritage Month. HSI Week is observed by colleges and universities across the nation and campus activities are encouraged to heighten awareness of the important role HSIs play in improving access to education, and advancing equity for traditionally underserved students.

Please join us in celebrating our identity as an HSI since 2010. As of 2021, at Lee College, 44 percent of our students identify as Hispanic/Latinx, and this number increases every year. For more information about HSI Week events please visit the Retention and Transition Services Department or email Dr. Victoria Marron, Chief Equity Officer, at vmarron@lee.edu.

Planned Events

Spotlight on Latinx Voices — Sept. 14

4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, JBH, Room 110

This professional development workshop is primarily for educators, as we discuss how to make our curriculum more inclusive. We will share works by Latinx authors, filmmakers, and artists that instructors could incorporate into their classes. Please join us to share your best practices for an inclusive curriculum, too.

Questions? Contact hosts Dr. Georgeann Ward (gward@lee.edu) or Dr. Javier Ramirez (jramirez@lee.edu)

The Link Between Storytelling & Advocacy — Sept. 15

The Link Between Storytelling & Advocacy: Undocumented Student Stories and Advocacy Panel

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15

For undocumented or DACA-mented students, there are additional barriers and obstacles to overcome. Join us as we discuss some of these barriers and resources with our community partners, including a mental health specialist, immigration attorney, community activist, and higher education advocate. Information and resources will be provided for the community, as well as for students and those seeking understanding.

Questions? Contact hosts Diana Aslin (daslin@lee.edu) or Marylou Ortuvia (mortuvia@lee.edu)

Join the meeting
Career Expo — Sept. 16

4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16

Join us on WebEx for an opportunity to learn about paths to careers and opportunities with local companies! Panelists from our career partners will discuss career tips, company culture, and job opportunities.

Questions? Contact hosts Lakelya Bright-Haynes (lbrighthaynes@lee.edu) or Lena Yepez (lyepez@lee.edu)

Join the meeting

What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

- [https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/](https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/)

Where can I learn more?

- [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/hispanic-heritage-month.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/hispanic-heritage-month.htm)
- [https://www.si.edu/events/heritagemonth](https://www.si.edu/events/heritagemonth)

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