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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. We are dedicated to preserving the history of Hispanics in Western New York for future generations.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute project is moving forward as planned. Our legal team has submitted all application materials to the City of Buffalo Common Council and Planning Board. With these under review we are looking forward to the approvals in late spring of required variances, rezoning and permits for construction phase.
SAVE THE DATE!

Hispanic Heritage Community Breakfast

10th Annual

Location: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center 153 Franklin St, Buffalo NY 14202

Saturday, June 24th @ 9:00am

Sponsorship Inquiries
Contact: Esmeralda@hispanicheritagewny.org

www.hispanicheritagewny.org
Día del Niño y los Libros
Day of the Child & Books

13th annual

When: Friday, April 28, 2023
Location: BPS #76
Herman Badillo Community School
315 Carolina St, Buffalo

Join us!
Be a reader, a mentor
or demonstrate a healthy activity

To participate please RSVP
Maritza@HispanicHeritageWNY.org

Now More than Ever Literacy is Fundamental!!!

- The goal and founding principal of this observance is to promote literacy, nutrition, reading and linking children to books, languages and culture at home and school.
- To show children the value of character, community, health and wellness, and good citizenship.
- Encourage healthy eating habits, nourished bodies, and healthy minds.
DÍA DEL NIÑO
DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

Presented by

Friday, April 28 @ 3pm

The Belle Center
104 Maryland St.
Buffalo, NY 14201

Join us as we celebrate Children and Literacy!

Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon of activities, snacks, performances, free books, and a reading by various community leaders, including a special reading of The Magical Closet Mystery: A Puerto Rican Adventure and more...

The goal of this observance is to promote literacy, nutrition, and reading by linking children to books, languages and culture. We aim to show children the value of character, community, health and wellness, and good citizenship.

Sponsored by:
The Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY Presents:

INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SERIES

1:00pm
Auditorium, Downtown Central Library
1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo
Enter from Clinton Street (between Washington & Elicott Streets)

Admission is Free

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
Laura Mazon, Cuba
"Evocative and passionate classical guitarist"

SUNDAY, MAY 21
An Tran, Vietnam
"Vietnamese Guitar Virtuoso"

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
David Chapman, Ecuador
"Internationally sought after artist"

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Scan this QR code to donate to our program.

This project is made possible with funds from the Expanding Access to Arts Funding in WNY, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Cullen Foundation.
APR. 24, LAURA MAZON, YOUNG CUBAN GUITARIST LAURA MAZON HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY CRITICS AS AN "EVOCATIVE AND PASSIONATE CLASSICAL GUITARIST". INFUSED BY THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HER CUBAN ROOTS, LAURA WILL BE PERFORMING SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORKS EVER COMPOSED FOR THE GUITAR.

MAY 21, AN TRAN, HAILED BY THE BOSTON GLOBE FOR HIS “SUBTLE, GRACEFUL VIRTUOSITY”, VIETNAMESE GUITAR VIRTUOSO, AN TRAN, WILL BE PERFORMING A COLLECTION OF GUITAR MASTERWORKS AND HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE MUSIC FEATURED IN HIS DEBUT ALBUM, STAY MY BELOVED”.

JUNE 11, DAVID CHAPMAN, ECUADORIAN BY BIRTH AND A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR, DR. DAVID CHAPMAN, WILL BE PRESENTING A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH ENGLAND’S ELIZABETHIAN ERA WITH MUSIC ON THE GUITAR AND LUTE.

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023

MAIL:
HISPANIC HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WNY
PO BOX 361, BUFFALO, NY 14201
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

EMAIL: SCHOLARSHIP@HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG

APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG

OR YOU MAY REQUEST IT BY EMAIL: SCHOLARSHIP@HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG
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Submit completed application before August 1, 2023
Mail: Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY
PO Box 361, Buffalo, NY 14201
Attn. Scholarship Committee
Email: scholarship@hispanicheritagewny.org
Application available online:
www.hispanicheritagewny.org
Or you may request it by email:
scholarship@hispanicheritagewny.org

Application criteria:
1. Candidates must be direct descendants of Hispanic/Latino Parents or grandparents.
2. Must be pursuing an Education Degree, leading to certification to teach (preference will be given to candidates enrolled in a Bilingual Education Program).
3. College students must have a GPA of 2.75 or above.
4. High School Seniors, must have a grade average of 85 or above.
5. Must be a resident of one of the six counties of Western New York. Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, and Allegany.
6. Must show commitment to the Hispanic/Latino community and participate in an in-person interview.
7. Must appear to receive the award at our Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off ceremony in September.
8. Must serve one year as a student representative to the HHC.
9. Submit a 200-word essay indicating personal history, goals, and commitment to the Hispanic community.

$1,000 Scholarship

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo
First Niagara Foundation
The US Army 65th Infantry Regiment-Borinqueneers composed of soldiers from Puerto Rico, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014. The medal was unveiled on April 13, 2016. On this day, many members of the elite unit traveled from all over the United States, including some of the Veterans that live in New York State to Washington D.C. The 65th Infantry Regiment is one of the few units in U.S. Army history that were involved in all global wars of the 20th century. After the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment was reactivated as a National Guard unit to operate back in Puerto Rico. At the same time, some of the soldiers who left active military service relocated to New York, joining the growing Puerto Rican community that extends throughout the state.

Since the unveiling of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal, there has been growing participation from National Citizen Organizations continuing to educate the nation about the 65th Infantry Regiment. In Texas, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter in San Antonio worked with the state legislature to make available specialty license plates honoring the Borinqueneers.

In Buffalo, New York, Casimiro D. Rodriguez Sr. a member of our committee and a community organizer, is mobilizing support for New York State to also have a specialty license plate. This license plate will expand on the contributions and impact of Puerto Ricans made in New York and throughout the United States. This needed initiative is being sponsored by the Honorable Assemblymember Jon Rivera (A1152) and Senator Gustavo Rivera (S5657).

The Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York Inc. and the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal National Committee are also advocating for this historic recognition. Casimiro D. Rodriguez Sr. stated, “The story of the Borinqueneers has a very unifying message that must be told throughout the state.” The 65th is also unique in that the service of Puerto Ricans in the United States Armed Forces started in 1899 and is presently active in the Puerto Rico National Guard. Many Puerto Ricans identify themselves with the unit because of their military service and their family legacy. Samuel Sam Rodriguez, CEO of Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony National Committee, himself born in the Bronx and a U.S. Army veteran, is one of the central leaders that helped get legislation and collaborated with the U.S. Mint on the design of the Borinqueneers medal. Joel Iskowitz an internationally established artist and New Yorker living in Woodstock, New York, designed the 65th medal. The Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal has cultural and historic traits in New York State.

“One of my happiest days, since we began giving medals, to our Borinqueneers, was in my hometown, New York City and this license plate will one be also paraded in the National Puerto Rican Day Parade I am also sure Goya Foods Inc. will be interested to participate in this initiative since they also sponsored the purchase of thousands of medals to support the veterans,” said Samuel Rodriguez.
NEW YORK STATE WILL HONOR OUR BORINQUENEERS

NATIONAL BORINQUENEERS DAY COMMEMORATION

BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY NAVAL & MILITARY PARK
HISPANIC AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 - 11:00 AM
Knowledge is Wealth

GET YOUR HOME & FINANCE TOGETHER

Partners
Anthony Rijos MLO 404090
Mortgage Consultant
D'Youville

ENTER TO WIN A $100 GIFT CARD FOR TOPS MARKET

The Event Will Be Held On:
Wednesday, May 10th,
5:30PM-7:30PM
D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE
320 PORTER AVE, BUFFALO NY

Our Featured Topics
• Home Buyer Tips
• Mortgage
• Credit
• Collateral
• Capacity

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COMIC BOOK FESTIVAL!

Date: May 20th, 2023
Location: 261 Swan St, Buffalo NY
The Pucho Olivencia Center
Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Create your own comic Book with Kevin Delgado

Partners
- ComiXsense
- Gutter Pop Comics
- Cosmic Comics
- KingPin Comics
- Explore & More
- Buffalo PAL
- Los Artistas Del Barrio

Arts and Crafts
Comic Book Making
Dress in you Super Hero Costumes
All AGES WELCOME

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BUFFALO STUDENTS & PARENTS, REGISTER FOR

FREE SUMMER CAMPS!

JULY 10 - AUGUST 18, 2023
MONDAY-FRIDAY 7 hours/day and 4 hours/day sites available

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE: Academic support and fun extracurricular activities including physical activity, social emotional supports, and field trips.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: Student must be in PK - 6th grade during the 2022-2023 school year and at least 5 years old by July 10, 2023. Student must be a Buffalo Public Schools student attending a district school, charter school, agency school, or Universal PK program.

PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited and slots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. There is NO cost for students to participate in the Say Yes portion of camp. If a site offers an extended day, fees may apply for the additional hours. Contact sites directly to inquire.

FOR MORE INFO: sayyesbuffalo.org/summer or call/text 716-253-1513

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 19, 2023!

Las inscripciones para el campamento de verano presencial gratis del 10 de julio al 18 de agosto para alumnos de prekinder hasta 6to grado comenzarán el 19 de abril. Visite www.sayyesbuffalo.org/summer para ver los requisitos que deben cumplir los estudiantes y otra información.

Yerada Xayaaga ee Shaxhxl Iao ximoado oo lacag La’aan ah ee loogu talagalay ardayda PK-6 Luulyo 10 lilaaga yoo Agaato 18! Diibaangelinta Ardayga waxaa la furi doonaa Abrii 19. Fadlan boogo www.sayyesbuffalo.org/summer si sad u ogaato u qalmaanta ardayga yoo macluumaad kale.

Kwa Kuhudharin Kampi ya Majini ya Jiangao Bila Majojo kwa wanaafunzi wa PK-6 tarehe 10 Juluu hadi tarehe 18 Agosto! Usali kwa wanaafunzi uafungulua tarehe 19 April.

Tafadhal imbelewa www.sayyesbuffalo.org/summer fii waxaad u munaafin kii maalmeedka mengone.

PK-6 oo aad u dhabaaqayaa ugu fursanayaan oo uu aad u ahdegan karo 10 aafino - 16 aafino. 18 aafino sida ugu fursanayaan oo uu aad u ahdegan karo 19 aafino. Wuxuu ka dibarkaato ahaan ku우 셈 aad u ahdegan nabadgaa ugu ahdegan karo 19 aafino. Wuxuu waxaa ahaa awood ugu fursanayaan oo uu aad u ahdegan karo 20 aafino. Fadlan ah eebu ku saabsan www.sayyesbuffalo.org/summer.


INSPIRING QUOTES

“Comparte tu conocimiento. Es una forma de lograr la inmortalidad”
Dalai Lama

“A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!”
- Unknown

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