WHY STOP BY CMA?

You can learn how to have a more diverse set of classes.

You can receive career and academic guidance, especially if you are a first generation or underrepresented college student or a US citizen who grew up outside of mainland USA.

You can learn how to become empowered and prepared for the global community by attending our sponsored activities.

You can get assistance in finding local cultural resources.

1. What type of cultural event would you most likely attend?

A. a lecture
B. a film with discussion
C. a theatrical performance
D. a social event
E. an interactive demonstration
F. a student panel on cultural topics

2. Do you have any suggestions for a cultural speaker, presenter, or event?

E-mail your answers to: multicultural@marist.edu

Message us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/maristcollegecma

Or use Survey Monkey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/6JK7C6K

Thank you for your feedback, we look forward to another great academic year.
In 2012, Barack Obama proclaimed, “Our Nation’s story would not be possible without generations of Hispanics who have shaped and strengthened the fabric of our Union. They have enriched every aspect of our national identity with traditions that stretch across centuries and reflect the many ancestries that comprise the Hispanic community. This month, we celebrate this rich heritage and reflect on the invaluable contributions Hispanics have made to America.”

Every year, we take the time to recognize all Hispanic and Latino Americans – all their hard work, contributions, culture, traditions, and heritage – their very existence. Another important aspect of this particular time is “the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.” During the same period, Belize, Mexico, and Chile are also celebrating their independence, along with Columbus Day – also known as “Dia de la Raza”. So, not only are we celebrating their existence, but their achievement of independence.

With this in mind, another question arises – who took the liberty to start this national celebration and when? It was none other than Lyndon B. Johnson, who served as our president from 1963 to 1969, and Ronald Regan, who also served as our president from 1981 to 1989. In 1968, Johnson chose the starting and ending point to celebrate the independence of Hispanic and Latino Americans. Then, on August 17, 1988, during Regan’s presidency Hispanic Heritage Month was made law. “To honor the achievements of Hispanics in America, the Congress by Public Law 100-402 authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamations designating September 15 through October 15 as ‘National Hispanic Heritage Month’.”

In 2013, Barack Obama again proclaimed, “Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2013, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.”

by Ariel Velasquez
**Rosh Hashanah**

Rosh Hashanah, meaning “the head of the year” or “the first year,” is the Jewish New Year. The festival begins on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. Rosh Hashanah is one of Judaism’s holiest days because it commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of reflection and repentance, which ends with the Yom Kippur holiday. Unlike modern New Year’s celebrations that are often big parties, Rosh Hashanah is a calm, subdued, and contemplative holiday. Instead of celebrating with drinks and loud music, the Jewish spend most of the day attending synagogue. Rosh Hashanah is known as a High Holy Day, so the prayer services are read from a special prayer book known as the Machzor. After attending synagogue, Jewish families return home for a traditional meal. Some may even wear special clothing and decorate their tables in a traditional way. The meal typically begins with the ceremonial lighting of two candles and features food, like apples dipped in honey, which represents good wishes for the New Year.

_by Lauren Emory_

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**FAMOUS HISPANIC/LATINOS**

**FRIDA KAHLO**
**SURREALIST PAINTER**
Born in Coyoacan, Mexico. She was a principal initiator of the surrealist movement in art history.

**SHAKIRA ISABEL MEVARAK RIPOLL**
**LATIN-POP SINGER/DANCER**
Born in Barranquilla, Colombia. Has won 8 Latin Grammy and 28 Billboard Latin Music Awards.

**ANTONIO NOVELLO**
**SURGEON GENERAL OF THE USA**
Born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. She was the first woman and first Hispanic person to be appointed as the Surgeon General in 1990.

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**EVENTS:**

- **OCTOBER 5th - CMA/HEOP ALUMNI RECEPTION**
  3rd FLOOR of CANNAVINO LIBRARY @11:00 AM

  Look for our events on posters around campus, in your e-mail, in the Marist Portal or by visiting our Facebook page.

**OTHER MARIST SPONSORED MULTICULTURAL EVENTS:**

- **OCTOBER 9th - “THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS: THE STORY CONTINUES” A VISIT BY VERONICA SPENCER AND DAVID LACKS, JR. MCCAN CENTER @12:30 PM**

- **NOVEMBER 14th - “THE NEW AFRO-CUBAN CULTURAL MOVEMENT” A TALK BY ALEJANDRO DE LA FUENTE 3rd FLOOR OF FONTAINE HALL, @5:00 PM**

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**COMMEMORATIVE DAYS:**

- **SEPTEMBER 14th - Yom Kippur**
- **SEPTEMBER 16th - Mexico’s Independence Day**
- **SEPTEMBER 19th - San Gennaro Day**
- **OCTOBER 12th - Dia de la Raza**
- **OCTOBER 15th - Eid al-Adha**

October is also Disability Employment Awareness Month and Diversity Awareness Month.
Similar to Gay Pride Week, National Coming Out Day falls on October 11 and is intended to promote awareness and celebration for ALL individuals. Many who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and/or asexual will publically come out about their sexual orientation, as well as gender identity. Communities celebrate National Coming Out Day by holding rallies, parades, festivals, and organizing information tables in public spaces. As an international event, this is a day of equality for any and every human being, so be proud of how you identify yourself and whom you choose to love.

by Ariel Velasquez

WHAT DOES MULTICULTURALISM MEAN TO YOU?

Multiculturalism is the successful existence of a variety of cultures in a single period of time. The United States is a great example of multiculturalism in harmony and peace, as it is a melting pot of a range of cultures and ideas. I have always been very intrigued by culture since a young age. Taking public transportation in New York City helped me realize that I am among the individuals that help make New York the diverse place that it is. Diversity is something that encompasses more than race, ethnicity, but it includes the range of socio-economic backgrounds, sexuality, and one’s acceptance of these ideas and cultures.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING/HAVE DONE TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF THE 21ST CENTURY?

Going abroad to Pune, India has certainly helped me prepare for the global community that is the 21st century. I have always had a genuine curiosity about this subcontinent, the four primal religions that have been founded in India, as well as the fusion of cultures in another country. For instance taking the time to talk to the locals in the streets, trying new foods, learning the language, planning trips, and going to historic landmarks made my trip unforgettable, yet also showed me that my fellow peers at the Symbiosis International University too wished to learn about the United States and my Latino background. Sharing my experiences and immersing in an unfamiliar culture was an unforgettable experience that has helped me become more accepting of other ideas and cultures. Being able to communicate and openly accept the ideas and traditions of others has helped me become a prepared global citizen. I am now focusing my attention on helping others fulfill the same curiosities about unfamiliar cultures and territories by interning with KEI abroad through the Ambassador Internship. I hope to help others foster friendships, and learn about culture by studying abroad.