

October 13, 2021

Dear R&DE –

Thank you to the over 200 staff that took time to join our R&DE Latinx ¡Celebración! Virtual Event!

The event was an exciting, educational, and memorable experience filled with heartfelt stories and poetry which enhanced our appreciation for the rich culture and family traditions of our Hispanic and Latinx staff here in R&DE. Our special guest speaker, Elvira Prieto, *Dean for Community Engagement and Diversity, Director for El Centro Chicano y Latino, and Resident Fellow for Casa Zapata*, did an amazing job in telling her family's history, her journey to Stanford, and her continued work to provide an inclusive space for Stanford students in such a sincere, authentic, and heart-warming manner. Truly wonderful!

Our two-part panel discussion added an extraordinary and impactful component to our event! Thank you to Hilda Ruiz, who moderated the discussion on ***"Family Heritage & Traditions,"*** and the panelists Rosa Barbosa, Estela Matus, Marii Saucedo and Martel Arroyo-Lopez; and to Curie Sevilla, who moderated the discussion on ***"R&DE Staff Tenure Stories"*** and the panelists Giselle Coria Clemens, Robert Sandoval, Luis Valencia Rodriguez and Rafael Guerra Jr. Kudos also to Domingo Carlos for leading the educational trivia segment, which was highly informative and enjoyable.

All of you were incredible! The insights and experiences you shared were heart-warming, eloquent, brilliant, and fascinating. Kudos to all of you for highlighting our Core Values in such a powerful way! I trust that the importance of our R&DE core values was renewed, and in particular, *Be Respectful*, and *Value & Embrace Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*.

It was awesome to see the robust chat activity (in both English and Spanish), as this real-time engagement provided all those in attendance with a genuine instant response to yesterday's speakers and panelists.

This event was part of our ongoing series to recognize all individuals and groups, and provide an inclusive working environment where all R&DE staff feel welcomed, valued and respected. If you have a holiday or group that you would like for R&DE to recognize, please contact Frank Larteri III at flarteri@stanford.edu.

Hats off to the event planning team for their awesome work in assisting me in putting the celebration together, including Frank Larteri III (event lead), Domingo Carlos, Hilda Ruiz, Curie Sevilla, Brigid Neff, Christina Cusack, and Maile Clark.

Links to Event Resources

Our content-rich event shared a myriad of educational information and resources that will be added to our R&DE website. If you were unable to attend, the recording of yesterday's virtual event can be found here: [R&DE Latinx ¡Celebración!](#) Please receive the direct links to the documents below (in addition, please see links to Stanford resources on the next page):

- Presentation by Elvira Prieto
- 2-part Panel Discussion
 - Topic 1: Family Heritage & Traditions

R&DE Student Housing Operations ■ R&DE Stanford Dining ■ R&DE Stanford Hospitality & Auxiliaries ■ Stanford Conferences

Maintenance Operations & Capital Projects ■ Finance & Administration ■ Information Technology ■ Human Resources ■ Strategic Communications

- Topic 2: R&DE Staff Tenure Stories
- Educational Trivia Segment (questions and answers)

Your continued commitment to excellence in diversity, equity, and inclusion is sincerely appreciated. I encourage everyone to continue your learning journey towards greater understanding and real action that supports R&DE's DEI initiatives and goals.

Warm regards,



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Links to Stanford Resources

Stanford celebrates in several ways, all free to community members; see below for descriptions

Hispanic and Latinx Library Guides

- Curated by Adan Griego, Curator for Latin American, Mexican American & Iberian Collections. This [Latin American Studies library guide](#) is available to learn more about Latin American Studies.
- Curated by Kathy Kerns, Head of Cubberly Education Library, Curator for Education Resources. This [Latinx and Education library guide](#) is comprised of collections of books on the topics of education and diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Curated by Katie Keller, Associate Librarian, Bowes Art & Architecture Library. This [U.S. Latinx Art collection](#) features selected online books, series and journals on Latinx art.

Campus Resources

- [El Centro Chicano y Latino](#)
- [Stanford Latino Alumni Association](#)
- [Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity](#)
- [Center for Latin American Studies](#) (CLAS)
- [Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance](#) (SUMMA)

Additional resources for Bay Area and Northern California events in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month

- Oct. 14, 8:00am – 6:00pm: ["El Centro" Hispanic Heritage Month Event](#), Gavilan College (Gilroy)
- Oct. 14, 11:00am – 2:00pm: [Hispanic Heritage Month Food Celebration @ Moffitt Cafe](#), UCSF (San Francisco)
- Oct. 16, 9:00am: [#TeamChicas Hispanic Heritage Month 5k](#), Fleet Feet Sacramento (Sacramento)
- Oct. 20 11:00am – 5:00pm: [Comunidad: Hispanic Heritage Month at Blue Line Arts](#), Blue Line Arts (Roseville)
- Oct. 23, 11:00am – 6:00pm: [Community Day: DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS](#), San Jose Museum of Art (San Jose)