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Meet *Chris Espinoza*, the Grad Assistant (GA) for the LCC



¡Hola! My name is Chris and I am the graduate assistant for the LCC. I am in the second, and final year, of my Master's program in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Student Affairs, at Boston College. Before BC, I graduated from Bridgewater State University with a degree in Psychology and English. I have spent the last 6 years in Massachusetts, but originally I am from San Diego California. My family is originally from Guadalajara Mexico, although I was born in San Diego. I have an obsession with Manchester United which is starting to be a minor health concern due to their string of poor results this year. This, in addition to Mexico's horrible run of form in the World Cup qualifiers, has not been good for my mental health. Although when I am not stressing out over my teams performances, I am typically dreaming of being back on the beaches in home state, with a surf board in hand (yes I am aware that I am contributing to the stereotypical SoCal persona). I also enjoy sitting down to a good book, am obsessed with an eclectic mix of music (which can usually be heard coming out of my office), and I enjoy running along Comm Ave or having a pickup game of Futbol with my friends.

For those of you I have not met, I wanted to let you know a little bit about me but also what it is I do. Officially, my role is to act as an advisor and mentor to the LCC executive board and presidents of the various organizations that are a part of the LCC. In this capacity, I help each organization with: event planning, meeting planning, finances, leadership transitions, troubleshooting issues within the organization, supervising the actual LCC Office, and other related tasks. In addition to my role with the LCC and LCC groups, I also help with various administrative tasks for the Office of Multicultural Programs, such as helping to plan the MC'2 conference coming up in February (more information on this to come).

Although my main responsibilities revolve around advising the leadership of the various organizations, I am also here to support anyone and everyone in the Latino(a) community. While I do not double as a P-set tutor or a lab partner, my door is always open to help the community in any other way I can. My office is located in the back of the main LCC office, W20-028 and my office hours are 11am-4pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. I love to meet and chat with students so please feel free to drop by anytime. Whether you need help with navigating some part of MIT, need advice or help, or just need/want to chat with someone, my door is always open. If those hours don't work for you, you can always email me at (chrisesp@mit.edu) and we can work out a better time to meet. I look forward to meeting and working with you all!

Saludos,
Chris Espinoza

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¡LATIN@ Spotlight!



¡Mujeres Latinas!

This issue of *Voz Latina* presents to you all and welcomes Mujeres Latinas as the newest member organization to join the LCC! *Mujeres Latinas* is an organization that seeks the social and professional advancement, as well as the cultural enrichment, of Latinas in the MIT community. They promote the success of individual Latinas by providing support and guidance in their endeavors and raise awareness among the MIT community about the issues affecting Latinas today. *Mujeres Latinas* events are open to anyone interested in exploring womanhood and Latina women (YES! Even men are welcomed to join!).

They have a number of events planned for us, including a FroYo /Girl Talk/Movie Night set to run sometime late November and they are currently inviting members to attend Harvard's Latina Empowerment and Development (LEAD) Conference on November 16 from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Click on these links for [more information](#) and to [sign up!](#)

To get in touch and to find out more about *Mujeres*, send them an email at mujeres-exec@mit.edu.

Cena A Las Seis

Cena a las Seis is an annual event held by the LCC which brings together students, faculty, and family for a night of inspiring words, engaging performances, and tasty food. This year's Cena boasted a record attendance of over 300 people all sharing an evening together in Walker Memorial. The night began with some Brazilian and Puerto Rican food from local restaurants and then saw

Senior Lecturer Margarita Groeger give a wonderful speech on the importance of a *familia unida*. Guests were then treated to a practiced performance by MIT's Casino Rueda followed by a sensational set by La Banda. The final performance of the night was a moving performance by Ballet Folklórico. The night was then rounded off, of course, by a healthy dose of dancing. Smiling faces abound, the event was a huge success and the LCC Exec would like to thank all those who went above and beyond the call of duty to help make the event run so smoothly.





Affiliated Organizations

- [APR](#)
- [Casino Rueda](#)
- [LUChA](#)
- [MAES](#)
- Mujeres Latinas
- [SHPE](#)

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¿Qué Pasa, Calabaza?!

Qué Pasa, Calabaza serves as *Voz Latina*'s "head's up" section. In *Qué Pasa* you will find a glimpse into the upcoming month of Latino events at MIT. If you have any questions about any of the events feel free to contact the organization through their website (links provided on the left).

APR

- GBM November 25
- Thanksgiving Dinner

Casino Rueda

- Workshop November 16

LUChA

- GBM November 29

MAES

- GBM (Formal) November 15

Mujeres Latinas

- Froyo/Girl Talk (Date TBA)

SHPE

- GBM November 13

Literature For Your Soul

Literature For Your Soul provides a chance to diverge from the thoroughly technical aspects of MIT life and experience some sort of challenging, thought-provoking, humorous, or touching work of art created by students.

This month's Literature for Your Soul brings to you a play written by our very own Raul "Tiny" Rojas. This creative play, complete with 5 scenes, chronicles the encounter between Elizabeth and Raul, complete with suspense, soccer, space cowboys, and a mustached dinosaur.

Check out the entire play, "Parent's First Date", [here](#) under the Special Features section for November's Issue.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

By Anthony Vazquez '14

On the weekend of October 26th, I was given the opportunity to travel to Chicago to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 27th Annual Conference. I traveled along with Kevin Benitez ('17), Miguel Medrano ('17), and Lilian Guevara ('14) to the conference. The theme of this year's conference was "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Securing the American Dream". The conference and its workshops were very eye-opening. It was great meeting some of the more prominent figures in the Latino community, all of whom advocate for the success of Latinos at different undergraduate institutions.

Aside from meeting these prominent Latino figures, attending the workshops, and exploring the beautiful city that is Chicago, the best thing about this conference was meeting Latino students from all over the country, from California to New Jersey to New Mexico, with different academic interests, such as Political Science, Accounting, Philosophy, and International Relations). Being a student at MIT, we're exposed to engineering and science majors so often and rarely see anything else. I really got a sense of the advantages and opportunities we are given at MIT and how important it is that we have a strong Latino community as a support system from hearing about these other students' experiences and struggles. Overall, the conference was a great experience and I would encourage anyone who is interested to try to attend if the opportunity is offered again.

(I'd also like to give a huge thanks to the OME for allowing us to attend the HACU Conference, all-expenses paid!)

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