

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY



Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

Today marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time for commemoration and celebration of the Hispanic and Latinx community in America. First recognized in 1968 as “Hispanic Heritage Week,” this period was later expanded to become a month-long celebration beginning every year on September 15. This start date coincides with the independence days of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, but Hispanic Heritage Month also includes the independence days of Mexico, Chile and Belize.

As the first Latina President of San José State University, where 28% of our population identifies as Latinx, celebrating my first National Hispanic Heritage Month here is an honor and privilege. The presence and influence of our Latinx community are strong, both on and off campus – for instance, CSU Chancellor-Select Dr. Mildred Garcia will assume her new role next month, and our own Estefania Montiel (Liberal Studies '24) was named a CSU Trustees Awardee earlier this week. We are also being recognized on a national stage: just days ago, in celebration of Hispanic Serving Institutions Week, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education Nasser Paydar specifically identified SJSU as a leader in promoting and supporting Latinx learners. ([Dr. Paydar's thoughts on San José State can be found around the 1:40 mark of this video.](#))

Latinx Heritage Month			
LA BIENVENIDA 5:30-7:30PM DIAZ COMPEAN STUDENT UNION BALLROOM 9/13	SPARTAN SPEAKER SERIES: STEPHANIE BEATRIZ 7:00PM DIAZ COMPEAN STUDENT UNION BALLROOM 9/18	BRAIDING REVOLUTION 4-5:30PM DIAZ COMPEAN STUDENT UNION MEETING ROOM 4 9/19	COOKING HEALTHY EATING WELL (CHEW) DEMO 1 PM - 2 PM IN PERSON ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER 9/19
FOOTBALL LATINX HERITAGE NIGHT 7:30PM CEFCU STADIUM 9/22	BAILANDO CON ORGULLLO DANCING WITH PRIDE LIBRARY OPEN HOURS JAAACNA CENTER 5TH FLOOR OR UNIVERSITY LIBRARY NOW THROUGH 9/24	THE LATINX GUIDE TO GRADUATE SCHOOL: A CELEBRATION OF LATINX EDUCATIONAL RESILIENCE 4-6PM MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY ROOM 225 9/27	LATINX PROFESSIONALS, PRESENTE! 5-6:30PM DIAZ COMPEAN STUDENT UNION MEETING ROOM 3A 10/3
MECHA MOVIE NIGHT 6-8:30PM CENTRO 10/9	DOCUMENTING THE SOMOS SJSU! EXPERIENCE: AN ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP 4-5:30PM SJSU CAMPUS ROOM 15D 10/11	ROOTED: SOCIAL JUSTICE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL 3-6PM TOWER LAWN 10/12	LATINX OPEN MIC EVENT 6PM 15D 10/12

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for detailed program/event descriptions, visit: <https://www.sjsu.edu/mosaic/programs>

The calendar above showcases some of the many events we will be celebrating during the coming month, giving you the opportunity to learn more not only about Hispanic culture, but also campus programs like the [Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association \(CLFSA\)](#), [Chicana/o Studies](#), [Centro](#), and more. I hope to see you at one of the many wonderful campus celebrations!

Sincerely,

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