

AGGIE FAMILY

Inclusive Leadership

CVM is helping to lead the nation in Inclusive leadership in the field of Veterinary Medicine. The college is proud to celebrate along side our nation with monthly programming highlighting Inclusion and Diversity. This month TAMU- CVM spotlights :

Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the group's heritage and culture. Hispanic Heritage Week was established by legislation sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Roybal (D-Los Angeles) and first proclaimed President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

CVM Supports The Aggie Hispanic Network



"CVM is proud to be a sponsor of this summit. It's a great opportunity to support our Hispanic faculty, staff, and students."

- Dr. Kenita Rogers, Executive Associate Dean, CVM

The College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences is proud to be a sponsor of the TAMU Annual Hispanic Network Summit. CVM staff and students have attended the summit and praised both the programming and networking experiences offered by the summit. The CVM has a history of supporting this summit and are excited to see the annual event continue for years to come. You can find more information by linking to the TAMU Hispanic Network: www.aggienetwork.com

Griselda Vazquez At the Hispanic Network Summit

Why were you interested in attending the summit? I was interested in finding out more about the Hispanic Network and connecting with other alumni. The Latino population at A&M is rapidly increasing and I feel that it is important to the University that we showcase that Texas A&M is a leading example for diversity and the annual Hispanic Summit is just one example of multiple organizations, Colleges, etc coming together to discuss issues, network and award scholarships to deserving students.

How has this summit impacted your work/life? I was able to network and connect to several individuals in my same field of work from across Texas;

from San Antonio to across the street in Mays Business School. Since the Summit, we have regularly kept in contacting and they are a great resource to have.

One interesting thing you learned at this summit? I was amazed to find out that Texas A&M has outreach programs in South Texas known as the "Colonias Program." This program helps families who are living in third world conditions here in Texas. The program was founded in 1991 and A&M is the only school that has consistently been present to help these struggling families.



TAKE FIVE



1
Griselda's Favorite Event @ Summit
The TAMU Campus walking tour. See everything from the Corps dorms to the new football stadium.



2
Fun food at the Summit
Warm and tasty sopapillas for snack breaks. Can anything taste better?



3
Dress Code at Summit
Most attendees wore business casual. Tip- bring a pair of comfy walking shoes for the campus tour event.



4
Texas A&M Hispanic Network
The Texas A&M Hispanic Network is an officially recognized constituent network of the Association of Former Students. For more about the network: <http://www.aggienetwork.com/tamhi>



5
Summit Location
Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex. A gorgeous location on the TAMU campus.

CVM- "VOICE" Event (Veterinary Students One in Culture and Ethnicity)



Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Each year, CVM- Voice hosts it's annual Día de los Muertos event at CVM. Día de los Muertos is a non-religious traditional Mexican holiday that takes place on November 1st and 2nd every year, during which people celebrate and honor their loved ones who have passed away. This time is spent rejoicing in the living memories of their loved ones. Beautiful displays featuring the pictures of loved ones are integral to the traditional celebration, VOICE sets up a CVM themed display within the college.

Hispanic Heritage Month; Reflections of the Past Projecting for the Future

CVM's Dr. Noberto F.Espitia



This coming September 15 will mark the beginning of national celebration of Hispanic Herit-

age Month (September 15- October 15). We, nationally and individually, are called and reminded during this period to reflect and in many instances to festively celebrate the demonstrated traditions and contributions of culture, patriotism, service to community, and commitment to family values that are characteristic of the Hispanic/Latino community. This year will mark the 49th anniversary of the original signing of the proclamation by President Lyndon B. Johnson designating Hispanic Heritage Week (1968). The original proclamation was later amended, expanded to include a 30-day period, and re-designated National Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Regan in 1988. With good cause we use this time to reflect on our history, the history of nations and the personal history that comes to us from our family. The National Hispanic Heritage Month marks a time for all of us Hispanics and non-Hispanics to recognize and celebrate the strength of our traditional common heritage, to acknowledge our most recent accomplishments, to honor personal contributions and sacrifices, and reward service to community and nation that have been and are still being added today to the fabric of our national identity by Hispanic citizens and patriots whose points of origin span the globe. So, mark your calendars, check your schedules, and make a plan to join in celebration with family, or with friends, or with community.