

Latino Identities Month Celebration 2025

Many Voices, One Movement

As Latinos, our heritage is diverse with many beautiful cultures that span throughout Latin America. Join the Latino Student Association in celebrating the roots that intertwine us as Latinos, and distinguish our uniqueness. Everyone is invited to observe, appreciate, and embrace the cultures that nourish Latino students at the University of Mary Washington.

Kick-off Celebration

Monday, Sept. 15 | 4 p.m. | Ball Circle
Rain location: Chandler Ballroom, Cedric Rucker University Center

Join us for an exciting kick-off event filled with games, lively music and food! Meet the Latino Student Association Executive Board and learn what LSA has to offer. We cannot wait to see you there!

Manos Latinas: Giving Through Food

Monday, September 15 – Friday, October 10 | James Farmer Multicultural Center, Cedric Rucker University Center, room 319

LSA is sponsoring a month-long food drive with a local nonprofit organization to support local Latino families and their needs for food and educational security. We invite you to aid us in this initiative to support our local community by donating school supplies and non-perishable food items for families in need. Education and nutrition go hand in hand, and our drive strives to support both. Together, we can help combat hunger while celebrating their heritage. You may bring your donations to the James Farmer Multicultural Center located in the Cedric Rucker University Center, room 319. The JFMC is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Latino Identities Month Major Performance: ¡Grupo La Clave!

Saturday, Sept. 20 | 7 p.m. | The Underground, Lee Hall
Grupo La Clave is a Maryland-based band who enjoys Latin rhythms, and specializes in using all the instruments necessary to create original musical arrangements and songs. They play a Salvadorean style cumbia genre and other genres, such as merengue, salsa, and bachata. Their goal is to make people feel happiness when listening to music and dancing.

Educando nuestra comunidad – Educating our community

Monday, Sept. 22 | 6 p.m. | Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center
Learn about the significance Latinos have in the United States, with some history and modern tie-ins to today's climate. Join us in learning more about the history and modern situations that impact the Latino community!

Latino Melting Pot Dinner

Wednesday, September 24 | 5 p.m. | Restaurants at the Top of the CRUC, Cedric Rucker University Center
Cost with Campus Meal Plan: 1 meal swipe or \$15.27 flex. The cost for EagleOne or credit card is \$17.64 plus tax. Co-sponsored by UMW Dining
Join the students of the Latino Student Association and the UMW Dining team for a premium dining experience with the annual Latino Melting Pot Dinner, where you will see the LSA Executive Board, learn about the diverse cultures, and taste a variety of delicious Latin American dishes.

Latin America in Films and Literature—CINE LIT series

Wednesdays: Oct. 1 & 8 | 5 p.m. | Combs Hall, room 237
Through film and literature, this program offers a historic and cultural vision about the different countries in Latin America and Spain. Additionally, this program celebrates the rich and diverse culture of different Latin American countries and promotes the importance to our students.

Sabor Latino

Wednesday, Oct. 1 | 6 p.m. | Chandler Ballroom, Cedric Rucker University Center
Join us for a night filled with a diverse line-up of Latino cultures. There will be performances showcasing traditional dances from various countries, a UMW Latino student cultural showcase, and a dinner with delicious Latino cuisine.

Frednats Founders/Fundadores Program

Thursday, Oct. 2 | 4 p.m. | Combs Hall, room 139
Sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Join Mr. Javier Sánchez to learn about the FredNats Founders/Fundadores program, through which the team aims to further celebrate and honor the growing Latinx community in Fredericksburg.

Game Night: Loteria and Lô Tô Night

Monday, Oct. 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center
Co-sponsored by the Latino Student Association and the Asian Student Association
The game Loteria is a classic LATAM game where you race to see who can mark their board's images in a specific pattern that corresponds with the matching cards called out in many ways before anyone else. In a similar style to Bingo! "Lô Tô" or "Lotto" in Vietnam is a traditional game of chance similar to a lottery or Bingo. It's a game where players bet on numbers, hoping they'll match the winning numbers drawn at random. Join LSA and ASA in a night of game-filled fun!

Movie Night: "Under the Same Moon"

Tuesday, Oct. 7 | 7:00 p.m. | Ball Circle
Rain Location: HCC Digital Auditorium
The film follows nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. To give her son a better life, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. while Carlitos stays in Mexico with his grandmother. When unforeseen events unfold, both Rosario and Carlitos undertake separate journeys, striving to reunite. (Credit: Wikipedia). Refreshments will be provided!

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, please contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center at (540)654-1044 or visit students.umw.edu/multicultural. Please email us at jfmc@umw.edu if you have any questions regarding disability-related accommodations.

