Dear Reader,

On behalf of the Hispanic/Latino faculty, staff and students of UNCW, I welcome you to learn about our collective accomplishments for the 2016-17 academic year. UNCW is one of the brightest stars of the UNC system and a leader in Hispanic/Latino concerns for our state, as well as for the southeast region. We are committed to Hispanic/Latino leadership and to the success of our students. Through our Centro Hispano, UNCW is the first public university in North Carolina to have established a center focusing on the support of the Hispanic/Latino population and culture. Our mission is to support the rapidly growing number of Hispanic students applying, attending and completing degrees at UNCW. With approximately 1,100 Hispanic students enrolled and with nearly 1,800 Hispanic alumni, UNCW was the only university in North Carolina to be recognized by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence of Hispanics for our “Commitment to Action,” in addition to being honored as one of the nation’s “Bright Spots in Hispanic Education.” Our students thrive as scholars, mentors and engaged leaders. We find that in addition to the support already provided by family or community, Centro Hispano serves as a home away from home for students who seek to continue developing and strengthening cultural roots. As a result, we have a highly successful and highly engaged core of students who serve as proud Hispanic/Latino and culturally aware professionals. I encourage you to browse through our website, uncw.edu/centrohispano, and our Facebook page, UNCW Centro Hispano, while keeping in mind that our work is only possible with the support of our campus leaders and colleagues, our student volunteers, our donors or sponsors and our local community. Here’s to another great year of a growing Centro Hispano dedicated to the success of our Seahawks!

Un cordial saludo,

Edelmira I. Segovia, Ed.D.
Director, Centro Hispano
THE VISION

Centro Hispano will be the necessary resource for UNCW to become the university of choice for Hispanic students, faculty and staff.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Centro Hispano is to nurture students into becoming strong leaders, representative of all the core values of UNCW, through the promotion of academic excellence, cultural representation and leadership development. Centro Hispano serves as a link between students and all available resources needed for their academic growth, as well as for their development as future professionals. We focus on embracing and nurturing diversity, student leadership development and best practices and use of resources for academic success. Our emphasis on diversity is exemplified by our goal of increasing the representation of the diversity within the Hispanic culture through students, faculty, staff, campus events, curriculum and community engagement. Our focus on student leadership development provides students with enrichment opportunities such as leadership conferences, leadership seminars and certificates, as well as leadership roles within our campus and community.

OUR GOAL

The goal of Centro Hispano is to support the rapidly growing number of Hispanic students applying, attending and completing degrees at UNCW. We promote opportunities that broaden understanding and appreciation of diverse Hispanic cultures and offer resources, such as support networks, that maximize the success of each student. Our initiatives include establishing local service-learning internships and volunteer opportunities, linking students with professional mentors, and most importantly, providing a place where every student feels at home while striving for success.

OUR HISTORY

Centro Hispano originated through the efforts of a distinguished faculty member who saw the need to increase diversity on campus, particularly the Latino demographic. At that time, Centro Hispano had no budget, office or staff. Today, Centro Hispano serves close to 1,100 Hispanic/Latino students who attend UNCW and reaches out to the local community with several initiatives, mentoring programs, cultural events and special outreach programming.
Director
The director of Centro Hispano serves as the academic, fiscal and executive officer for Centro Hispano. She provides leadership to the university as it relates to recruitment, retention and graduation of Hispanic/Latino students, faculty support and community engagement. She is also responsible for cultural program planning and development, staff development and budget and facilities management of Centro Hispano.

Program Coordinator
The role of the program coordinator is to support Centro Hispano with daily operations. Responsibilities also include managing all recruitment efforts, curriculum planning, mentor training and individualized college/career planning for the MI CASA Mentoring Program.

Translator and Interpreter
The role of the translator and interpreter is to provide language services to limited English proficient UNCW families and UNCW departments. Responsibilities include conveying oral and written information accurately from one language to another, editing, revising and proofreading texts and providing bilingual support.

Student Employees
Student employees support the Centro Hispano staff by handling a variety of tasks including program logistics, information fairs, marketing and design, bilingual needs, customer service and student representation at events. They also serve as student advisors to director of Centro Hispano.
WHAT CAN CENTRO HISPANO DO FOR YOU?

Centro Hispano, part of UNCW’s Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, creates a responsive educational, scholarly and social environment for Hispanic/Latino students, faculty and others interested in Hispanic culture. The center supports the research, teaching and service components necessary for the training and preparation of global citizens. It also informs, guides and champions UNCW’s engagement with the region on issues critical to Hispanic constituencies.
FOR OUR...

**FACULTY AND STAFF**

Provide training on education and population trends regarding Hispanics/Latinos.

Recruit a higher number of Hispanic/Latino students to create a more diverse student body for UNCW.

Complement faculty’s academic mission by partnering with professors to develop co-curricular activities (e.g., speakers, films, roundtable discussions) that further students’ depth and appreciation of topics covered in classes.

**Support your research through:**

- Connecting professors and staff interested in different research areas.
- Providing faculty with materials. Centro Hispano has books and films on Hispanic/Latino culture and issues, available from its lending library.
- Networking with other universities as part of the Consortium of Hispanic/Latino Higher Education Professionals.

**STUDENTS**

Offer a welcoming space to connect with other Hispanic/Latino students and Centro Hispano staff and be a part of the UNCW Hispanic/Latino family.

- Multicultural campus events
- Connections to organizations such as Ritmo Latino and Centro Hispano Embajadores
- Participation in the MI CASA Mentoring Program
- Guidance to accessing campus resources
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills

**FAMILIES**

**Language Services**

Centro Hispano provides simultaneous interpretation services for limited English proficient families during first-year and transfer orientation and key events. Various UNCW websites are now available in Spanish; the content is linked to the Centro Hispano website.

These are just a few of the resources Centro Hispano has to offer. Please contact us at centrohispano@uncw.edu or 910.962.7785 for more information, to share ideas or to partner with our office.
2017 JOHN L. SANDERS STUDENT ADVOCATE AWARD

Dr. Edelmira Segovia and Mr. Cristobal Montero are the recipients of the 2017 John L. Sanders Student Advocate Award, the highest honor bestowed by the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

The Sanders Award recognizes individuals who advocate for the best interests of North Carolina’s students and contribute to the quality of their lives.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ANGERY RODRIGUEZ Excellence in Engagement Award Recipient
JOCABED ARAGÓN Distinguished Engagement Award Recipient
JENNIFER GAMEZ Margaret W. Lippitt Scholarship Award Finalist
MAYRA ROBLES Martha M. Duncan Scholarship Award Finalist
### Top Majors Among Hispanic/Latino UNCW Students 2014

- **Business**: 710 (17%)
- **Psychology**: 797 (6%)
- **Bio/Marine Biology**: 880 (12%)
- **Nursing**: 945 (8%)
- **Other Majors**: 991 (57%)

### Hispanic/Latino UNCW Students Undergraduate/Graduate 2014

- **Undergraduate**: 1069 (92%)
- **Graduate**: 168 (8%)

### UNCW Hispanic Student Enrollment

- 2011/2012: 710
- 2012/2013: 797
- 2013/2014: 880
- 2014/2015: 945
- 2015/2016: 991
- 2016/2017: 1069

### Degrees Conferred to UNCW Hispanic/Latino Students

- 2011/2012: 119
- 2012/2013: 244
- 2013/2014: 168
- 2014/2015: 222
- 2015/2016: 221
- 2016/2017: 249
What does Centro Hispano mean to YOU?

“Centro Hispano to me is a place of comfort. When I walk in, there is a sense of familiarity that I do not get anywhere else on campus. I feel so lucky to be part of the Centro familia.”

– Rachel LeCates (Honduran)

“Centro is a place where everyone makes you feel like you can achieve greatness.”

– Jose Borja (Mexican)

“Centro is where I held my very first job ever. It was the perfect transition between high school and college. It means the world to me.”

– Jacob Caceres-Reyes (Puerto Rican)

“Centro is a place where everyone makes you feel like you can achieve greatness.”

– Gladys Padilla (Honduran)

“Centro is a place that can provide whatever you need. You can make friends, study, work on classwork, or just hang out and relax.”

– Kassie Infante Romero (Heritage: Dominican Republic)

“Iron, to me, means a place one can call home away from home. You have your parents, Dr. (Edelmira) Segovia and Chris (Montero) who are always looking out for you, checking up on you, and sharing a multitude of opportunities to enhance your education. Yet, they give you the stink eye when they know you are not doing what you are supposed to be doing.”

– Johny Garcia (Mexican)

“Centro is a place of understanding, recognition and exploration of diversity and the various identities each individual holds. It is more than just a hangout spot, it is a center for cultural exchange, building of cultural competency and a network, and to some a family of students looking to connect, share ideas and grow. Centro is an opportunity for many students to look at the world from a perspective outside of their own. From the programs they implement to the events they plan, there is always an opportunity to learn something new and build global connections.”

– Jorey Stanley (American)

Ranks 2nd in UNC System Hispanic 6-Year Graduation Rate

991 ENROLLED HISPANIC STUDENTS

211% HISPANIC ENROLLMENT GROWTH

202% OF DEGREE COMPLETION GROWTH
**MI CASA (Mentors Initiating Community Action, Support, and Advocacy)** mentoring program at the University of North Carolina Wilmington is an innovative program designed to provide access to higher education to Hispanic/Latino high school students in North Carolina.

The goal of this two-year program is to identify high-achieving Hispanic students attending local high schools, including students from rural counties with high migrant labor populations, who wish to further their education at universities like UNCW. During this college preparatory process, high school mentees and UNCW mentors foster a strong sense of community.

MI CASA’s mentoring program involves UNCW faculty members as well as graduate and undergraduate scholars. The program is designed to encourage the highest level of education for selected Hispanic high school sophomores who demonstrate promise, determination, discipline and need. MI CASA serves as a comprehensive support program that provides mentoring, college preparation seminars, tutoring, community service and cultural enrichment activities to help high school mentees become compelling candidates for college admission and scholarship awards.

- MI CASA serves a total of 32 high school mentees paired with 34 UNCW student mentors.
- Two Saturdays in October, MI CASA offers SAT prep sessions for MI CASA high school participants.
- MI CASA organizes “Seahawk for a Day,” where mentees in the MI CASA program have an opportunity to experience UNCW as they become college students for one day.
- MI CASA organizes academic activities and parent meetings with bilingual presentations throughout the year, as well as family celebrations to recognize the success of the participants at the end of each semester.
- MI CASA arranges mentor retreats with the guidance of Seahawk Adventures and five mentor trainings in collaboration with the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement.
- Latinx tours: This is a new initiative to welcome two particular populations, high school students from our local area and the new MI CASA cohort from Pender High School through the Juntos 4-H program. It is a day to learn about the resources and other support services available at UNCW.
- MI CASA organized visits to Fortune 500 companies such as Sherwin Williams, where UNCW students have the opportunity to explore and discover career opportunities.

**RESULTS**

MI CASA mentees have been accepted to Yale, Princeton, UNC Chapel Hill, UNCW Wilmington, Duke, Barry University, Brown University, Cornell University, NC State, Appalachian State, UNC Charlotte, East Carolina University, Dartmouth College, Meredith College, George Washington University, Georgia Tech, Hawaii Pacific University, Coastal Carolina Community College and Cape Fear Community College.
Pender Juntos 4-H is a program that helps Latino youth (grades 8-12) and their families gain the knowledge and skills they need to bridge the gap between high school and higher education. The program was developed by NC State University in 2007 and became Juntos 4-H in 2015 when the university developed a partnership with National 4-H Council with financial support from New York Life Foundation. This allowed the program to grow in size and sustainability and collaborate with Pender High School to support 30 families and their students.

Juntos 4-H offers family engagements, clubs, one-on-one mentoring, coaching and summer programs.

**JUNTOS 4-H HAS THREE GOALS:**
1. See more Latino youth benefit from 4-H programming
2. Build relationships with Latino communities so they benefit and become involved in 4-H and other extension programming
3. Empower Latino families with resources needed to achieve their educational goals for their youth

**Centro Hispano Embajadores** is a UNCW student organization dedicated to motivating young students to pursue a higher level of education and to positively influence their communities through their contributions and achievements. Embajadores focuses on informing Hispanic/Latino youth about various post-secondary education opportunities while fostering leadership development within the Embajadores student membership.

**EVENTS AND SCHOOLS VISITS**
- Williston Middle School Bilingual Family Night
- Multicultural Student Organization Showcase
- Multicultural Masquerade
- Castle Hayne Elementary Family Reading Night
- College Park Elementary Read Out Loud Day
- College Park Elementary Presentation
- Parent University Night
- Visita Tu Escuela Se visitaron las siguientes escuelas
- Castle Hayne Elementary Presentation Grades K-2
- Castle Hayne Elementary Grades 3-5
- John J. Blair Elementary

**Latino Alliance of Southeastern North Carolina’s** mission is to build a stronger network among people and organizations that serve the Hispanic/Latino community in the region and to empower local citizens and organizations that serve the Hispanic/Latino community by creating positive change in areas of education, business, health care, safety and community building. Led by the University of North Carolina Wilmington, the Latino Alliance serves as a network and a platform from which to access resources, share information and discuss issues, both of progress and of challenges still to overcome.
Ritmo Latino is a UNCW student organization dedicated to the dance culture of Latin America. Students strive to learn more about Latin cultures through diverse Latin-style dances such as bachata, cumbia, merengue, salsa and banda. Join Ritmo Latino for a good time learning many Latin dances.

CONTACT

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Alpha Psi Lambda is the first Latino-interest as well as the first co-ed fraternity at UNCW. It was founded in the Fall of 2016 by 10 students who did not see themselves represented in the existing Greek life. The mission of the organization is “To promote continued personal and collective growth of our membership, success and unity through education, leadership, cultural awareness and community service.” While Alpha Psi Lambda is rooted in Latino culture, it welcomes people from a broad spectrum of cultures.

Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association (HFSA) brings together faculty and staff of diverse backgrounds with the purpose of celebrating Hispanic heritage, advancing Hispanic issues in a professional setting and supporting the growth of Hispanics in higher education.

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QENO, UNCW
SMART START OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY
VERIZON WIRELESS
WILMINGTON HAMMERHEADS
YWCA
AND
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS NOT REPRESENTING AN AGENCY
STUDY ABROAD IN OAXACA, MÉXICO

In May 2017, Edelmira Segovia and a group of students from Centro Hispano traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico, and had the opportunity to experience Oaxacan culture and food, visit important cultural sites in Mexico, interact with and learn from Oaxacan immigrants in Wilmington and their family members in Oaxaca, and learn firsthand the effects of immigration and globalization on families and communities during this 10-day program. This short-term study abroad experience allowed students to develop an understanding and appreciation of people from other countries and improve their cross-cultural competency.

RITMO LATINO

In an inaugural walk of privilege, mentors were asked a series of questions about their lives and their various backgrounds were compared. The purpose was to make the mentors aware that many of them and their mentees do not have the same life and privileges that they may have had.

Día De Los Muertos/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (Oct. 28): Because the annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration was rained out, both of these important cultural events happened simultaneously in the amphitheater. Students from the general student body were invited to honor the dead on a traditional–style offering table and decorate the Centro Hispano office in celebration of the Día de los Muertos holiday observed in Mexico. There was music, dancing, contests, sports, face painting and traditional “sugar bread” to integrate this part of Hispanic/Latino culture into the UNCW campus.

MI CASA Retreat (Oct. 29-30): The second MI CASA retreat was sponsored by U.S. Cellular, which made a trip to Carolina Beach State Park possible. Mentors and mentees participated in fun community-building activities on the beach then held a scavenger hunt consisting of cultural, leadership and academic feats. After the day’s activities were finished, the mentees went home and the mentors hiked and set up camp in the woods for overnight team and leadership building.

EVENTS

AUGUST

Raise Your Flag (Aug. 25): Meet-and-greet social for incoming first-year and transfer students to connect with staff and other Hispanic/Latino students at UNCW. Students attach their names to their heritage country’s flag. Food, friends and dancing to Latin American music.

MI CASA Intro Meeting – Mentors (Aug. 25): New and returning college mentors meet each other and learn the calendar of events, duties and goals for the year.

MI CASA Opening Day (Aug. 27): Kick-off to the seventh year of mentoring. With 32 mentees (high school students in 11th and 12th grades) and 34 UNCW mentors. All mentees have two mentors (primary and secondary) supporting their pre-college and academic experience.

SEPTEMBER

Camino Al Exito (Sept. 8): Alumni, mentors and student leaders share tips with first-semester and returning students on how to have a successful journey in their lives and excel in their careers. They discuss how to stay on track to graduate from college and to become the future professional they desire to be.

MI CASA Mentors and Mentees Day (Sept. 10): Mentees were matched with their college mentors and participated in icebreakers and bond-building activities to better get to know each other. Bojangles sponsored breakfast.

U.S. Cellular’s Professional Development (Sept. 15): MI CASA mentors participated in this career preparation workshop facilitated by U.S. Cellular staff. Mentors completed resumes and ran mock interviews to learn good interviewing habits.

Beach Photoshoot and Cookout (Sept. 17):

Ballet Folclórico Social (Sept. 21): Students interacted with the members of the Ballet Folclórico group Quetzalli prior to their performance the following day. Traditional Mexican food was served as the members of the troupe taught students about different fiestas from around their country.

Ballet Folclórico Quetzalli de Veracruz (Sept. 22): This traditional Mexican dance company performed Fiesta Mexico, a celebration of rural fiestas from around their country. This lively performance was open to students, faculty/staff and the community.

MI CASA, Family & Alumni Cookout (Sept. 24): A fun celebration and grill–out with current and former students and families at Hugh MacRae Park. Alumni were encouraged to become part of the network of UNCW’s Hispanic/Latino alumni and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at this festive reunion filled with music, food and great vibes.

OCTOBER

Ghostworkers (Oct. 13): This talk by Sarah B. Horton, a renowned medical anthropologist from the University of Colorado Denver, brought to light the labor and safety implications of governing immigration through crime. Centro Hispano, the Honors College and College of Health and Human Services co-sponsored this event.

Instructions Not Included (Oct. 13): As Hispanic Heritage Month came to an end, Centro Hispano sponsored the showing of Eugenio Derbez’s heart-warming comedy at Lumina Theater. The movie was open and free to all.

Festival Latino (Oct. 15): Centro Hispano and Ritmo Latino participated in North Carolina’s largest festival celebrating Latino/Hispanic culture. Centro staff and students connected with the community and reached out to Hispanic youth to encourage them to pursue higher education.

UNCW Soccer - Hispanic Heritage Night (Oct. 15): Centro Hispano representatives talked to community members and students about Centro Hispano and resources the office provides. The student organization, Ritmo Latino, performed one of its salsa routines, and Seahawk soccer team members were honored.

MI CASA Walk of Privilege Mentor Training (Oct. 18): In this inaugural walk of privilege, mentors were asked a series of questions about their lives and their various backgrounds were compared. The purpose was to make the mentors aware that many of them and their mentees do not have the same life and privileges that they may have had.

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Halloween Art Contest (Oct. 31): Students showcased their artistic talent by submitting original Dia De Los Muertos or Halloween-themed art pieces.

NOVEMBER

MI CASA Seahawk for a Day (Nov. 11): After expressing their academic interests, mentees attended an entire day of UNCW classes tailored to their interests and aptitudes to give them insight on college life. Additionally, mentees dined on campus and toured several residence halls, as well as the Student Recreation Center.

Documentary: Life on the Line (Nov. 16): As part of I-Week (International Week), Centro Hispano featured this documentary focused on coming of age between the U.S. and Mexico.

MI CASA and CHE Karaoke Fundraiser (Nov. 16): This annual fundraising event was hosted with the student organization, CHE. Fifteen percent of the day sales supported MI CASA mentoring program and CHE.

DECEMBER

Alimenta Tu Mente (Dec. 1): Healthy “brain food” snacks and drinks were provided for students to have the necessary nutrients to fuel them through studying for finals.

Centro Holiday Gift Exchange and Potluck (Dec. 1): As a celebration of the last day of classes, the Centro Hispano family put together a “Crazy Santa” gift exchange and potluck at the Catholic Campus Ministry. It was a festive evening of kinship before final exams.

Centro Familia Graduation Reception (Dec. 9): A reception with family, friends and staff was held in honor of Hispanic/Latino students who graduated in the 2016 fall semester. Red cords were given to the graduates to wear at commencement ceremonies. Certificates highlighting students’ heritage flags were distributed. Students honored the faculty and staff who made an impact on their education.

JANUARY

MI CASA Family/Parent Day (Jan. 7): During this Q&A with parents of the MI CASA program, questions regarding college life were addressed and parents learned what is required to make sure their children get to college. MI CASA students began research on possible scholarship opportunities.

SAF: Student Action with Farmworkers (Jan. 13): This information session allowed students to learn about internships or other opportunities to work with the migrant community.

Cesar Chavez, film (Jan. 18): Chronicling the birth of a modern American movement, Cesar Chavez tells the story of the famed civil rights leader and labor organizer torn between his duties as a husband and father and his commitment to securing a living wage for farm workers.

Legal Insights of DACA Program, the First Amendment and More (Jan. 24): Centro Hispano teamed up with the UNCW General Counsel for this workshop with information pertinent to the political climate, including the First Amendment, the Seahawk Respect Compact, harassment and discrimination.

NO, film (Jan. 25): The film NO looked at the state of the Chilean government during Augusto Pinochet’s presidential campaign and the danger of fighting an oppressive government.

FEBRUARY

Alumni Panel: Lessons Learned as Young Professionals (Feb. 3): Centro Hispano is becoming an organization whose alumni are building successful careers, from police officers to dentists. This panel gave current students the opportunity to meet successful alumni and get answers to resume, job opportunity and general life questions.

Homecoming Salsa Fiesta (Feb. 4): The annual Salsa Fiesta was hosted as part of the Homecoming week celebration in an effort to integrate Hispanic/Latino culture as a permanent and prominent part of the Seahawk experience. The celebration was sponsored by U.S. Cellular and included music from Orquesta K’Che and UNCW’s own DJ Yoel Del Rio spinning live. There were performances by UNCW Ritmo Latino and Wilmington Latin Dance.

MARCH

MI CASA Latin UNCW Tour (March 23): Students gave personalized tours of the university to high schoolers, which included hands-on laboratory and campus resources tours. They provided insight on their college experience and gave tips and advice for pursuing higher education.

PeaceJam Conference (March 25-26): MI CASA incorporated the PeaceJam curriculum by human rights activist, Shirin Ebadi, into the program for the first time this year. Four college MI CASA mentors attended the conference in Tallahassee, FL, as PeaceJam ambassadors. Ebadi was the keynote speaker. Students participated in workshops about peace, violence, social justice, identity, and more.

NCSHP (Society of Hispanic Professionals) Educational Summit (March 31): Centro staff and students participated in this initiative by the NCSHP to promote and disseminate information of the benefits of formal and higher education among the Hispanic youth of North Carolina.

APRIL

MI CASA COPA Unidos (April 8): A group of MI CASA mentees and Pender County JUNTOS students, along with other UNCW students, traveled to NC State University to participate in the annual JUNTOS day-long soccer tournament. High school and college students from counties all over North Carolina came together to promote healthy lifestyles and higher education.

MI CASA Field Day/End of Year Celebration (April 22): All mentors and mentees got together one last time to celebrate all of the efforts of the year with sports, dancing and food. The graduating cohort was also recognized for its success.

Alimenta tu Mente (April 28): Healthy “brain food” snacks and drinks were provided for students to have the necessary nutrients to fuel them through their studying for finals.

MAY

Spring 2017 Graduates Reception (May 4): A reception with family, friends and staff was held in honor of Hispanic/Latino students who graduated in the 2017 spring semester. Red cords were given to the graduates to wear at commencement ceremonies. Certificates highlighting students’ heritage flags were distributed. Students had the chance to honor the faculty and staff who made an impact on their education.