Mi Comunidad, Mi Familia

UNCW Latinx & Hispanic Resource Book
On behalf of the Latinx faculty, staff, and students of UNCW, and our Student Government Association (SGA), I welcome you to learn more about the richness of our Latinx community at UNCW and in the Cape Fear Region. Celebrating 15 years, UNCW Centro Hispano is one of the brightest stars of the UNC System and a leader in Latinx concerns for the southeast region, as well as for our state. Our mission is to support the rapidly growing number of Hispanic/Latinx students applying to, attending, and completing degrees at UNCW. Our local community is well poised to support the more than 1,200 students, 2,200 alumni, and a growing number of Faculty and staff with ties to Hispanic/Latinx roots. The UNCW Latino Alliance of Southeastern North Carolina and the Latin American Business Council of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce are both supported by UNCW Centro Hispano, and are an integral part of anchoring and sustaining the progress of the Hispanic/Latinx community in the Cape Fear Region. As a collective, we continue to look for resources, partnerships, and the building of long-term relationships with corporate entities, local government, religious communities, and a variety of community leaders who share the same vision of building a stronger, well represented, and fully engaged Hispanic/Latinx community here in our home. I encourage you to explore this resource guide and join our familia of leaders, students, faculty, and community working TOGETHER to build something better.

Un cordial saludo,

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Dear Seahawks,

On behalf of the collaboration between the 74th Administration of Student Government Association (SGA) and Centro Hispano, this resource book has been created to represent our students, staff, faculty, and surrounding community who identify as Hispanic and/or Latinx. This book is comprised of a list of Hispanic-owned businesses, key events in UNCW’s Hispanic/Latinx history, and Hispanic/Latinx identifying faculty and staff members. SGA’s mission is to represent the voice and vision of all students and saw a need to bridge the gap between our students and the surrounding community through the pillar of advocacy. We hope as you read this book that you will be both informed and inspired to enact change that encompasses inclusivity and a welcoming of all cultures.

Best,
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This book is ever-changing (last updated Spring 2021) and will be updated as needed. Contact SGA if you have any new suggestions.
Latinx History @ UNCW

2005 Centro Hispano is created under the leadership of Dr. Antonio Puente as the first Director of Centro Hispano with only 35 Hispanic students enrolled.

2008 The Latino Alliance of Southeastern North Carolina was formed as a community collaborative with the mission of supporting the Latinx community by creating positive change in areas of education, business, health care, safety, and community building.

2009 MI CASA Mentoring Program is created and funded as a part-time position within Centro Hispano with a capacity for 20 high school students and 20 college mentors.

2012 MI CASA Mentoring Program grows into a full-time position with a dedicated Program Advisor supporting 40 high school students and 40 college mentors.

2015 Centro Hispano and MI CASA Mentoring Programs recognized for Commitment to Action and Bright Spot under the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics during the Obama Presidency. Both recognitions focus on high-impact, long-term contributions to increase and support educational attainment and excellence for Latinos cradle-to-career.

2017 The opening of LA SALA (Latinx and Allies Student Academic Learning Area) more than doubled the space of Centro Hispano. LA SALA provides students a comfortable study space with access to printers, computers, project boards, a projection and sound system, a site library, and office supplies.

2020 The Latino Diamante Award for Health and Science recognizes UNCW Latino Alliance’s impact in the fight against COVID-19 along with partners from NHRMC.

Today, Centro Hispano serves close to 1,300+ Hispanic/Latino students who attend UNCW and reaches out to the local community with several initiatives, mentoring programs, cultural events and special outreach programming.
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Latinx/Hispanic Focused Classes

PRT 210 - Literatures of the Portuguese-Speaking
SPN 212 - Latin America Today
ANT 307 - Archaeology of the Americas
SPN 308 - Hispanic Linguistics
ANT 310 - The Ancient Maya
SPN 312 - Spanish-American Civilization
ANT 315 - Ancient Mesoamerica
ANT 317 - Social Issues in Latin America
SPN 322 - Introduction to Spanish-American Literature
ANT 330 - The Immigrant Experience
PLS 331 - Politics in Developing Nations
PLS 332 - Politics of Central America

PLS 333 - Politics of South America
ENG 344 - Latino Voices in American Literature
HST 367 - History of Colonial Latin America
HST 368 - History of Modern Latin America
HST 369 - History of Brazil
HST 370 - History of the Caribbean Civilization
GGY 383 - Geography of the Caribbean
GGY 384 - Caribbean Field Experience
GGY 386 - Geography of Latin America
SPN 412 - Topics in Spanish-American
SPN 422 - Topics in Spanish-American Literature
Latinx/Hispanic Owned Businesses

**Grocery Stores**

La Vaquita Mexican grocery store  
4338 Market St. (910) 815-0404

Los Portales Supermarket  
912 S Kerr Ave. (910) 799-7262

La Huerta Fresh Produce  
830 S Kerr Ave. (910) 799-6167

Tienda Mis Amigos Mexican grocery store  
5629 Oleander Dr #108 · (910) 524-742

La Chiquita Mini Mart  
2390 Carolina Beach Rd #107 · (910) 763-3694

Tienda mexicana el paraíso  
2845 Carolina Beach Rd (910) 399-7202

**TIENDA EL MERCADITO**  
800 Shipyard Blvd # 18  (910) 791-5858

**Places of Worship (with Spanish Service)**

St. Mary’s Basilica Catholic Church  
412 Ann St.

St. Mark’s Catholic Church  
1013 Eastwood Rd

Primera Iglesia Bautista Baptist church  
301 Northern Blvd (910) 251-3446

Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church  
Jacksonville, NC (910) 347-6618

Devon Park United Methodist  
3403 Winston Blvd (910) 799-0621

Iglesia Vision 3D Pentecostes Church  
359 Mercer Ave (910) 232-8640

Wilmington Hispanic Church  
1002 Castle St Wilmington NC North Carolina

Wilmington Spanish SDA Company  
2833 Market St Wilmington NC North Carolina
Latinx/Hispanic Owned Businesses

**Restaurants**

**Carniceria Jalisco**  
4330 Market St  
(910) 769-1463

**Taquería Los Portales**  
1207 S Kerr Ave  
(910)-799-5255

**Rincón Latino Restaurant**  
1414 S College Rd  
(910)-660-8167

**La Costa Mexican Restaurant**  
3617 Market St  
(910)-722-9000

**La Guera Authentic Mexican**  
6620 Gordon Rd  
(910)-392-6682

**Savorez Latin American**  
402 Chestnut St Closed  
(910)-833-8894

**Antojitos Wilmington**  
Shipyard Blvd Ste 17 28412  
910-399-2987

**Sabor Hispano**  
4610 Maple Ave  
(910)-399-2302

**Fruit y Chamoy Jessica Orozco**  
251B S Kerr Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 769-9004

**Folks Café**  
1201 Princess St, Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 362-1448

**La Kumbala Restaurant & Lounge**  
7213 Market St, Wilmington, NC 28411  
(910) 821-8283

**Aromas of Peru**  
417 S College Rd #23, Wilmington, NC 28403  
(910) 769-1939

**Beauty**

**Paola’s Hair Salon Beauty salon**  
800 Shipyard Blvd  
(910) 431-1237

**Bellezza Salon**  
5704 Oleander Dr STE 109  
(910) 313-0003

**Sola Salon Studios Beauty salon**  
1329 Independence Blvd  
(703) 930-8175

**Couture Nail Bar**  
120 Racine Dr #1  
(910) 508-8572

**Etc.**

**Wilmington Latin Dance**  
820 S College Rd  
(910)-397-7707