

## **WHAT'S NEW? • LO ÚLTIMO**

- Check out our recent [Board Minutes](#).
- Our new e-interns are working hard to promote our [Facebook page](#) – If you haven't already liked our page, please do so and help us spread the word!
- Our e-interns are also working on our new website, [www.hecfaa.org](http://www.hecfaa.org). It's still in draft stage, but please provide your feedback on how to improve the site, by emailing Shannon Mungle [it@hecfaa.org](mailto:it@hecfaa.org). We also need photos for the website. Please send your HECFAA photos to Shannon.
- Check out our [HECFAA Bulletin Board](#) for the latest on job postings and announcements.

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## **HECFAA KUDOS AND IN THE NEWS • PRIMICIAS**

- Congratulations to all HECFAA Foreign Service Officers who got promoted or were honorably mentioned in the 2014 Promotion List. Great job! Adelante!
- Congratulations to Gabriela Cardozo, HECFAA's first intern, who was recently hired as a full-time employee in the Department of State!
- Hispanic Heritage Month coordinator Beto Torres-Vela had to jet off unexpectedly to Havana on a special assignment and was recently spotted in the [local news](#). Congrats to Beto for his new assignment! Keep up the good work!



Are you a HECFAA member or do you know of a HECFAA member that received an award/recognition? Let us know ([HECFAABoard@state.gov](mailto:HECFAABoard@state.gov)) and we will spread the word!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING(ED)? • QUÉ HAY? Y QUÉ FUE?**



Check out our [Events Calendar](#) to find out about upcoming HECFAA events or other cool events related to Hispanics and/or professional development.

- November 19 –HECFAA Board Meeting
- December 17 – HECFAA Holiday Party

### **HECFAA HOSTS CHCI INTERNS**



On Friday, October 24, HECFAA hosted the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institutes interns. The students are spending the fall semester learning about the legislative process while interning on the Hill. HECFAA President WHA DAS Palmieri welcomed the students and Ambassador Arreaga spoke about his

life, leadership, and the unique opportunities afforded to him throughout his career. This was followed by a career panel with Mike Flores, Jeff Salaiz, and Roxanna Vigil. HR/REE representatives Ana Ayala and Juny Canenguez closed the event with a discussion on the various paths into the Department. The students were engaged, enthusiastic, and left encouraged about pursuing State Department careers.

### **CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AROUND THE WORLD!!**



#### **U.S. CONSULATE SURABAYA CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITH HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENT**

Over 100 guests, including members of the LGBT community, Papuan and Timorese contacts, and religious minorities attended a Hispanic Heritage event at the Consulate on Oct.

16. Themed "Mi Casa Es Tu Casa," PAO Carolina Escalera gave a presentation on Latinos in the U.S, taught Spanish, and highlighted the similarities between Indonesian and U.S. diversity. Guests tried homemade Latin food and enjoyed a Latin dance performance and lessons provided by the Surabaya Latino Dancers.



## EMBASSY COTONOU MARKS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH SALSA NIGHT

PAS Cotonou celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through a salsa night at the American Cultural

Center. The public event started with a one-hour salsa lesson, followed by hours of dancing. Benin's national police band provided live music which served as a great opportunity for cultural exchange. The event supported post's goal of increasing contacts among young people under the age of 35 and advanced engagement on U.S. policy initiatives on Benin's development.



\* A special thank you to members **Paco Perez** and **Carolina Escalera** for sending in these submissions! We always like to hear about member's efforts overseas or domestically that highlight Hispanics!

Know of an event worth sharing with the HECFAA membership?  
E-mail the relevant event information, including a POC and date/time to our social activities chairs ([NelsonAJ1@state.gov](mailto:NelsonAJ1@state.gov) and [TorresRL@state.gov](mailto:TorresRL@state.gov))

## MEET THE NEW HECFAA E-INTERNS!



My name is **Shannon Mungle**. I live in Paducah, Kentucky where I teach. In addition, I am studying towards a second bachelor's degree (in Spanish) through Arizona State University online. Last year I participated in the VSFS micro internship program with the Department of State, and I wanted to enhance this experience through the VSFS e-Internship program this year. Fortunately, HECFAA has given me the opportunity to do so, and I feel this experience will prove a great complement to my study of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture.

**Fun fact:** I have a younger brother who works for the Department of Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C., and I frequently write short stories and poetry.

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My name is Andrea and I am currently a fourth year student at UC Berkeley. I am double majoring in media studies and political science, with a concentration in International Relations. I am originally from Southern California, but am really enjoying studying in the Bay Area. One of the reasons that I wanted to intern with HECFAA is because I am interested in working in public service and really align with HECFAA's goals and efforts.

**Fun Fact:** I love traveling and this past summer I was able to intern for a Human Rights non-profit Fundacion Cristosal in El Salvador. After I got to visit a lot of places in Central America, including Antigua, Guatemala and Copan, Honduras.

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My name is **Erica Alvarez**. I will be helping fundraise and manage our HECFAA social media accounts. I was born and raised in Riverside, California and I am currently a junior at the University of Southern California. I am majoring in International Relations Global Business (IRGB) and minoring in Economics. I will be graduating in May 2016. I study in Washington, D.C. this upcoming spring and I am very excited

I came to intern with HECFAA after hearing about the opportunity through my former professor here at USC. After speaking to the Public Relations Committee Chair of HECFAA, Giovanni, I was confident I would be a good fit for the team.

**Fun fact:** I am terrified of heights! Yes, that means even piggy backs are a no go!

### GET INVOLVED!

Want to get more involved, join one of our committees! It's easy, just contact one of our committee chairs listed below. You will have a lot of fun and feel good about giving back--guaranteed!

**Social Activities** - Jana Nelson and Lymari Torres Reyes

**Professional Development and Speakers** - Carmen Cantor and Frances Colón

**Public Relations** - Jennifer Archibeque and E. Giovanni Vizcardo L.

**Hispanic Heritage Month** - Gilberto "Beto" TorresVela and Heather Wild

**Membership** – Lucia Velazquez

**Domestic Outreach** – Patricia Aguilo and Juliana Moreno

**Overseas Outreach** – Silvana Rodriguez and Mary Vargas

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