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Phrase of the
Month:

"La vida es como un arca inmensa llena de posibilidades."

-Amado Nervo

"Life is like a huge ark full of possibilities."

-Amado Nervo

Spanish-Speaking College Fair

On Wednesday, October 26, Blackburn's Spanish Department attended a Spanish Speaking College Fair in Palatine, IL. The purpose of this event was to give Hispanic parents and their children the opportunity to ask questions and talk to college representatives using Spanish. Dr. Ramirez, along with Roselia Flores, Marcos Moreno, Marissa Watson, and Amelia Kirby attended this event to promote Blackburn College. They talked about the benefits that Blackburn could offer students, including: small class sizes, personal attention from professors, the work program, scholarships, financial aid, and



the available majors and minors that Blackburn offers. This event was a great opportunity for Hispanic children and parents to attend because it pro-

vided them with valuable information about the college process, and the chance to speak to many different universities and colleges using their primary language. Along with Dr. Ramirez, Roselia Flores and Marcos Morena, in particular, were very valuable representatives for Blackburn College because they too are native Spanish speakers, and they could relate well to the students and parents.



They, along with Marissa Watson and Amelia Kirby were able to discuss their own experiences at Blackburn College. It was a worthwhile event for prospective students to attend.

-Marissa Watson

Latin American News

Former rebel wins in Bogotá mayor's election

In Bogotá, Colombia, Gustavo Petro, who finished fourth in last year's presidential election, won the mayor's race. Petro was a former leftist rebel and anti-corruption crusader, and it is the first time an ex-guerrilla



has won Colombia's second most important elected office. Petro, 51, has been a key player in Colombia's recent history and ran a "zero corruption" campaign in the nation's capital, whose last elected mayor was jailed in a bid-rigging scandal. Furthermore, Petro is deliberate in speech and favors tweed and Nehru jackets. Like many prominent Colombians unafraid to speak their minds, he has

periodically been targeted by death threats and has long been assigned a phalanx of bodyguards. In addition, Bogotá is Colombia's biggest city, its urban area is Latin America's sixth most populous. Its gritty southern districts teem with tens of thousands of refugees from the country's long-running conflict.

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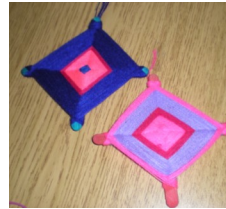
"Gustavo Petro is a step forward in defeating machine politics."

Spanish Living Learning Community

In the Spanish Living Learning Community Ashley Fisher, Marissa Watson, Katie Ward and Roselia Flores meet four days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 7pm to do different activities using Spanish. Every Tuesday



and Saturday they watch an episode of a *telenovela*, also known as a soap opera. For example, they recently finished watching the series *Rubí* and have now begun watching *Fuego en la Sangre*. Also, every Wednesday they play games, such as Scrabble in Spanish, or they do crafts. Recently, they made origami flowers



and “Ojo de Dios” (*God’s Eye*). In addition, every Friday they watch Spanish movies; last Friday they watched *Toy Story 3*. Each activity helps them improve their Spanish and also learn more about the Hispanic culture.

-Roselia Flores



Word of the Month

Espantapájaros
scarecrow

Blackburn’s Academic Fair

On Thursday, October 13, Blackburn’s Education Department hosted an Academic Fair for Litchfield middle school students. The students went around the campus, learning about the different majors and programs that Blackburn College has to offer. They rotated from station to station in fifteen minute intervals in special colored themed groups. The two groups that visited the Spanish Department were: *InTIGERity* (orange) and *Re-*

behry (white). While the students were at the Spanish station, they participated in several activities. Student representatives Allison Call and Marissa Watson asked the middle school students why learning Spanish is beneficial and discussed with them the possible ca-

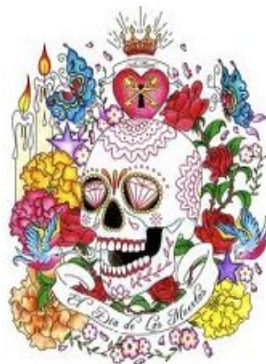
reers one can have with a Spanish major or minor. After that, the students got to have a little fun while decorating a *piñata* and eating Mexican candy, and they even got to learn some Spanish vocabulary! Each student left this activity with a better understanding of the importance of learning a second language and a handout with Spanish vocabulary.

-Marissa Watson



Día de Los Muertos

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday that is focused on family and friends coming together to remember loved ones that have died. This celebration dates back hundreds of years and takes place on November 1



and 2. As part of the ritual, many families build ofrendas, private alters, in remembrance of the deceased. These ofrendas often contain a picture of the loved one who has died, candles,

papel picado, flowers, and the food and beverages that person enjoyed while they were alive. Another common item that is placed on an ofrenda is a sugar skull. These skulls are made from sugar and then decorated in many different designs. They are used to represent the soul of someone who is dead, and the name of that person is usually written somewhere on the skull. It is a celebration that is concentrated on the continuing love that families have for their deceased relatives and friends.

-Marissa Watson

www.mexconnect.com/tags/day-of-the-dead

Don't forget the

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- *For news going on at Blackburn College*
- *Other students' study abroad stories*
- *It's free!*
- *Can be found in Ludlum and DCC*

Pan de Muertos

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons anise seed
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons orange zest
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 2 tablespoons white sugar

Directions

1. Heat the milk and the butter together in a medium saucepan until the butter melts. Then, remove from the heat and add the warm water. The mixture should be around 110 degrees F (43 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl combine 1 cup of the flour, yeast, salt, anise seed and 1/4 cup of the sugar. Beat in the warm

milk mixture then add the eggs and orange zest and beat until well combined. Stir in 1/2 cup of flour and continue adding more flour until the dough is soft.

3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic.
4. Place the dough into a lightly greased bowl cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size. This will take about 1 to 2 hours. Punch the dough down and shape it into a large round loaf with a round knob on top. Place dough onto a baking sheet, loosely cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place for about 1 hour or until just about doubled in size.
5. Bake in a preheated 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) oven for about 35 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven let cool slightly then brush with glaze.

To make glaze: In a small saucepan combine the 1/4 cup sugar, orange juice and orange zest. Bring to a boil over medium heat and boil for 2 minutes. Brush over top of bread while still warm. Sprinkle glazed bread with white sugar.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/pan-de-muertos-mexican-bread-of-the-dead/detail.aspx>



Mueller Presentation: Spain

This past spring, Blackburn student Tiffany Gould was granted a Mueller Fellowship for study abroad. The Mueller annually gives students pursuing a degree in the Humanities financial support to further their studies. Tiffany used her Mueller scholarship to study abroad in Spain for the summer. One of the requirements for receiving Mueller Fellowship is a presentation of your experience, so on Wednesday, October 5 Tiffany gave her presentation, *El Rastro, El Prado, El metro: A Mueller Experience in Spain*, in the ADRs. During the event she discussed what classes she took, where she stayed, things she did in her free time, and much more. She explained that it was a great opportunity for her to be able study abroad and she

strongly advised that other students to also take advantage of this opportunity at Blackburn. She explained to her audience that she stayed in Madrid, Spain's capital, with a host mom named Florencia. The school she studied at was Estudio Sampere,



where she took two classes: a cinema class and a literature. Shopping is a big favorite for Tiffany, so she told of her shopping experiences in Madrid. Her favorite was El Rastro, a huge open-air market. Another favorite past time for Tiffany while in Spain was going to museums. She loves art, so she went to tons of the museums in Madrid, including: El Museo del Prado, El Museo Reina Sofia, and El Museo Thyssen. Along with taking classes, shopping, and visiting museums she was also able to travel to other places in Spain such as Toledo, Segovia, and Salamanca. Tiffany Gould expressed that she was thankful to the Mueller Fellowship for helping her have this great experience.

-Marissa Watson

Interested in traveling to Ecuador?

Come to Erin Bates' Mueller Presentation! It will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00p.m. She will discuss her travel experience in Ecuador, including the places she went, classes she took, and many other exciting things.

Hope to see you there!

Hispanic Heritage Ceremony

In September, Marissa Watson entered an essay contest held by the Hispanic Heritage Organization to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. She was selected as one of the winners and on September 30, 2011 she went to the ceremony in Chicago to receive her award. She attended the ceremony with both of her parents, and they were able to sit at a table with a Spanish Professor from Colombia University

and with other parents, all who spoke Spanish. Even though her parents do not know Spanish, this event allowed them to learn some Spanish words and more about Latin American culture. Marissa got the opportunity to sit and talk with the other essay winners. The contest was open to Illinois students from grades 4-12, and adult education (college level). Among the 300 applicants, 7 were chosen as winners. In

the ceremony they talked about the importance of education for Hispanics and how civil rights for them has grown over the years. There was also musical performances from Spain, Mexico and the Caribbean. Marissa won a five hundred dollar scholarship and received free tickets to the Brookfield Zoo, the Shedd Aquarium and to many of the museums in Chicago.

-Roselia Flores



Noche Internacional

Date: November 12,
2011

Place: Bothwell Auditorium

Time: 6:30-9:00

Cost: \$3 for non-Blackburn students
\$5 for faculty & staff
\$7 for community members

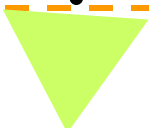
Free for Blackburn students

Come out for food, entertainment, prizes, fun and so much *more!*



Hope to see you there!!

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Don't Forget about
SPANISH CLUB!

- **Hudson 200**
- **Wednesday Nights, 6:30p.m.**
- **Fun activities**
- **Learn Spanish vocabulary**
- **Make friends**

We want to hear from YOU!

If you have suggestions, articles, recipes, phrases, photographs, or anything else you can think of that you would like to submit to the Spanish Department Newsletter, please contact

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Any and all submissions are very much appreciated.

¡Muchísimas gracias!

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