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Estrella Mountain campus launches Hispanic Heritage activities

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Estrella Mountain Community College will begin its annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration Tuesday, which is Mexican Independence Day.

Free activities will be held throughout September and October at the college, 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale.

Tuesday's events include:

- Opening ceremonies from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ceremonial Plaza. EMCC President Ernest Lara will deliver a welcome speech, followed by a proclamation by Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers. The college will show *A History of Hispanic Achievement in America* in the Plaza Gallery, a documentary on the achievements, heroism, courage and discoveries of Hispanic immigrants.
- Usando Nuestra Voz Reception and Art Walk from 5 to 7 p.m. A reception in the Plaza Gallery will feature keynote speaker Delia Torres, Educating the Heart program coordinator from the César E. Chávez Foundation. There will be a light dinner and live mariachi music. After the reception, the public is invited to an art walk and the viewing of "Soy Americano: Contemporary Chicana/o Political and Civic Art," the first art show of the 2008-09 visual-exhibition season at EMCC.

The exhibition features contemporary Latino artists who are commenting on civic and political issues. It is sponsored by the Arizona State University Hispanic Research Center. "Soy Americano" will be in Estrella and Komatke halls until Nov. 3.