

Goodyear Estrella Mountain Community College celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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EMCC, at Thomas and Dysart roads in Avondale, is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month during September and October. This year's theme focuses on Latinos in athletics, coinciding with the college's inaugural athletics programs. Events are free and open to the public.

Details: estrellamountain.edu. **KICKOFF**

When/where: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday at the Ceremonial Plaza.

What: A mariachi performance will be followed by a performance by the Latin Dance Club. At 11:30 a.m., Athletics Director Herschel Jackson will talk about the new athletic programs, followed by a presentation on the fitness center. The day will end with a Zumba presentation. Students are encouraged to participate.

Details: Elena Beltran, 623-935-8331. **'THE STRENGTH WE HOLD'**

When/where: Through Oct. 15 in the Komatke and Estrella halls.

What: The exhibit illustrates the strength of the Hispanic community in Arizona, featuring work from many area Latino artists, including Jose Portilla, former offensive tackle for the Atlanta Falcons. Artwork was curated by Xico Inc., a multidisciplinary organization that promotes indigenous arts and culture through community-based arts programs, in partnership with EMCC's visual exhibition program.

Details: Joyce Jackson, 623-935-8055. **'FEAR AND LEARNING AT HOOVER ELEMENTARY'** 8:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at Estrella Hall South Community Room.

When/where:

What: Pablo Landeros hosts a film and discussion on "Fear and Learning at Hoover Elementary." The film addresses the impact of California's 1994 approval of Proposition 187, a ballot measure that denied public education and health care to all undocumented immigrants. After the film, discussion will examine the issues of immigration and education that ties into the contemporary political climate of Arizona.

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Details: Pablo Landeros, 623-935-8501.
'SUGAR'

When/where: 10 a.m. Sept. 27 in the Plaza Gallery.

What: Jason Martinez will host a film and discussion on "Sugar," which follows the story of a young man in the Dominican Republic, trained to play baseball in the American minor league system. Once selected to attend spring training in the U.S., he experiences a culture shock and struggles to find a new sense of self outside of baseball, in a country foreign to him.

Details: Jason Martinez, 623-935-8906.

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