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EMCC celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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Estrella Mountain Community College is honoring its ninth Hispanic Heritage Month with a calendar of events featuring food, films and presentations.

Located at 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale, the celebrations will include a theme of honoring Hispanic heritage's roots, stories and future.

"Ultimately, we want students to gain an understanding and individual appreciation for cultural differences and commonalities. The programs and events will not only provide an awareness and knowledge about Hispanic heritage, history, culture and accomplishments, but also educate our students about civic and social engagement," said Christina Izaguirre, member of the heritage month planning committee.

Events

Sept. 21: From noon to 2 p.m., in the Plaza Gallery, the college will show a screening of *Innocent Voices*, which is an international, award winning film about a young boy trying to lead a normal childhood in El Salvador during the 1980s.

Sept. 25: From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Estrella Hall, the concepts of Latino and Latina gender roles will be explored in a presentation by Arizona State University professor G. Miguel Arciniega.

Sept. 26: From noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Community Room of Estrella Hall, EMCC will have its seventh annual Cesar Chavez luncheon to commemorate Cesar Chavez's life.

RSVP to EMCC's Student Life at 623-935-8807 by today.

Sept. 27: From 10 a.m. to noon, in the Plaza Gallery, learn how to make your own shrine box to display for Dia De Los Muertos. Take a small cardboard or tin box and some personal items such as photos and trinkets of loved ones who have died.

Sept. 28: From noon to 2:45 p.m., in the Plaza Gallery, EMCC will show a screening of *For Greater Glory*. Directed in 2012, the film follows a group of women and men as they live through the Cristero War.

Oct. 1: From noon to 1 p.m., in the Plaza Gallery, an interactive presentation will show how Chicano literature changed one man's life as he fought for freedom.



LILIANA DE LEON performs a flamenco dance with the Mesa-based Chris Jacome Flamenco group Wednesday at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale. The college kicked off its annual Hispanic Heritage Month with food, music and other events. View photo by Michael Clawson

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Oct. 2: From 1 to 2 p.m., in the Center for Teaching and Learning, Joe Ray will explore the experiences and observations that shape our lives through developing our stories.

Oct. 4: From noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Regions Restaurant, a luncheon will highlight some of the top Latino and Latina leaders within the Maricopa County Community College District.

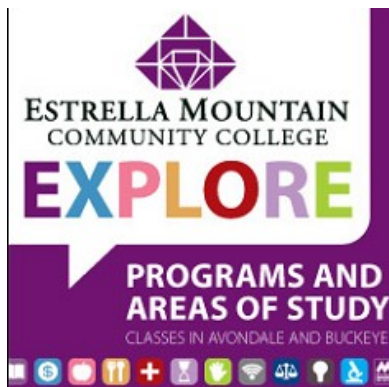
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Oct. 8: From noon to 2:15 p.m., in the Plaza Gallery, a screening of *Sugar* will show the story of Dominican pitcher Miguel Santos as he struggles to make it to big league baseball and out of poverty.

Oct. 11: From 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in the Student Union, the *Voto Latino* organization will hold a power summit with a panel of influential leaders discussing the importance of civil engagement and participation.

All events will be held at Estrella Mountain Community College at 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale. They are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

For information, visit www.estrellamountain.edu.



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