AUTUMN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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With UTSA being a Hispanic serving institution, we as a community celebrate many traditions that is near and dear to our community. Such tradition is Día de los Muertos. Día de los Muertos is celebrated by many Hispanic people and it is a day where they honor and celebrate loved ones who have passed away. UTSA students and faculty honors this holiday by paying homage and bringing the celebration to the school.

**FUN FACTS**

1. Celebrated on November 1st and 2nd
2. It can be traced back to the Aztecs
3. Marigolds are used to guide the spirit of the Dead
4. Offerings are one of the most essential parts of the tradition
Getting Involved!

Every hour, a different language was showcasing their unique offerings. French, Russian, Korean, Italian and Japanese did an excellent job fostering curiosity and excitement among the attendees.

Our Languages!

The Spanish Club & La Comunidad's tabling hours for attracting upcoming freshmen was a resounding success. Their artistic planning and presentation resulted in a remarkable turnout and overwhelming student engagement.

Student Organizations
KIMCHI FESTIVAL

일시 2023년 11월 4일 토요일 1PM-5PM
장소 Retama, UTSA Student Union

KOREAN FOOD & CULTURE FESTIVAL
- FREE KOREAN FOOD
- FREE KIMCHI (LIMITED)
- COOKING DEMONSTRATION
- FUN GAMES & CRAFTS
- K-POP MUSIC & DANCE
- TRADITIONAL KOREAN DANCES
- KOREAN PROGRAM IN UTSA & SA
- STUDY ABROAD IN KOREA
- TEACHING ENGLISH IN KOREA
- AND MORE!

SPONSORED BY
- CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN HOUSTON
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- KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SA
- KOREAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER OF SA (KACCSA)

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Modern Languages & Literatures
On October 13th, for the first time in Texas history, the delegates of the French and Quebec governments met with UTSA professors and leaders of different departments to share opportunities and dreams of new collaborations. This was officially supported by the French Embassy and the Government of Quebec.

Students from the University of Houston and Trinity came ready to share their CV, and Taft High School were also present.

Our goal was to offer the students (universities and high schools) a vision of the place of the French language and Francophone cultures in the global market, offer them opportunities to study abroad to acquire the needed linguistic knowledge along with financial supports, to open opportunities for internships, and especially to meet professionals and make connections. We wanted to make this event a memorable moment and we succeeded.

We must recognize our alumni, Mateja Nikolic who represented Accenture, Khadija Neiner representing SEFLA languages, and Emily Blythe representing TAPIF.
French Film director, Raphaël Millet, came to our campus on October 13th to share his research as a resident of the Villa Albertine, French Embassy. Mr. Millet is gathering information about Gaston Méliès's time in the US and in particular in San Antonio in order to produce a documentary.

Gaston Méliès brought the Star Film Company to San Antonio in 1910 where he wanted to meet and film real Cowboys and create the most real western movies possible. He established the Méliès Star Film Ranch in March 1910 and filmed here for a little over a year.

The audience was able to watch a full movie entitled "In the tall grass country" (1910) and short excerpts of others with actors such as Francis Ford.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are so proud of our fellow staff member, Makiko Fukuda, for being the recipient of Out Standing Teacher Award from the American Association of Teachers of Japanese! Be on the lookout for a spotlight in the next newsletter.
UTSA Japanese Book Club

Join Us!

We are a learning community with upperclassmen mentors working to improve our language proficiency. Some of our activities include:

◦ Reading
◦ Creative Writing
◦ Singing
◦ Tongue Twisters

Want to know more?
Email mimi.yu@utsa.edu
or stop by MH4.01.02

To learn more about the Japanese Book Club, please visit our website at https://japanesebookclubut.wixsite.com/website
It’s time to...

Study Abroad

Earn 6 credits this summer (in Medical Humanities and Healthcare Interpreting) living on the Mediterranean in Alicante, Spain, and working in direct collaboration with the Medical School at the Universidad Miguel Hernández.

This study abroad experience is for Spanish-speaking students in Medical Humanities, Spanish, Healthcare Interpreting, Public Health, and related fields. The trip will take place during summer session 1, during the month of June.

Join us at an information session via Zoom on Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm
https://utsa.zoom.us/j/99273119640

Contact Dr. Melissa Wallace
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The awards committee has put forth nominations for several awards this semester, and we would like to congratulate all the nominees.

**FACULTY AWARD NOMINEES**

**Makiko Fukuda**
**Regent's Teaching Award**

**Lilian Cano**
**Richard Howe Outstanding Teaching Award**

**Presidential Awards**

- **Devon Donohue-Bergeler**
  **Advancing Globalization**

- **Deukhee Gong**
  **Core Curriculum Teaching**

- **Valeria Meiller**
  **Performance and Creative Production**

- **Drew Chapman**
  **University Service**

- **Isabelle Hall**
  **Community Engagement**

- **Gilberta Turner**
  **Faculty Mentoring**

- **Malgorzata Oleskiewicz-Peralba**
  **Research Achievement**

- **Mimi Yu**
  **Teaching Excellence**
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LANGUAGE BUDDIES
KICK-OFF

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