Arkansas State Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration that begins on Sept. 15 and ends on Oct. 15, celebrating the history, cultures and the contributions of the Hispanic and Latino/a/x communities.

The month honors also celebrates the independence days of many Latin American countries such as Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Mexico and Spain, as well U.S. territories like Puerto Rico and Guam.

It's a time for those who come from these communities to be proud of their heritage.

Arkansas State University's Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha (SIA) and Hispanic Outreach and Latino/a/x Appreciation (HOLA) held festivities to kick-off the celebration.

It began with members of Hermana y Hermano and HOLA giving out cake and tropical drinks, as well as dancing to Latin music in the Reng Student Union.

Other events consisted of a Latin dance party, eating café con pan (coffee with bread), a tailgate and a movie night with "In the Heights." It concluded with panels to support other members in the community and to discuss the inequities that affect the Hispanic and Latina/x members in the community.



1. From left to right: Ignacio Medima, Ariana Rodriguez, Jissel Ramirez, Jesus Wences, Jennifer Alicia Sustaita, Haley Stiger, Natan Gómez, Angelly Sanchez, Dulce Vicente, Elizabeth Guzman, Kierra Harris, Jamyra Nelson, Monique George and Jadazee Glober. Students participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off event on Sept. 15 in the first floor of the Reng Student Union.





2. (Photo on the far left) Elizabeth Guzman, a sophomore political science major from Bryant, received a piece of cake during the Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off event.

3. (Photo on the direct left) Some conchas (Sweet Bread) were free to take and try with coffee during the Cafe Con Pan on Sept. 19 in the Multicultural office of the student union.



4. Pre-bought coasters were given out to all the students who attended the Cafe Con Pan event.



5. A group of students participated in the Después De La Playa (Translated: After the Beach Party) dancing to Latin music on Sept. 16 in the Collegiate Park Clubhouse.



6. A panel of A-State Faculty members take questions during a discussion event called First But Not Last on Sept. 15 in the Reng Student Union Auditorium.



7. Students who participated in the First But Not Last event ended the evening with an activity called Privilege Walk.

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