

# HSA Mission

- To unite the Hispanic/Latino group based at George Mason University by providing an opportunity for students to meet fellow students with a similar background.
- To enhance the education of the Hispanic/Latino student of the Latino culture, customs, traditions and geographical locations by attending cultural affairs and conferences.
- To empower Hispanic/Latino students with leadership skills by providing workshops, lectures and guest speakers.



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# HSA

Hispanic Student  
Association  
at  
George Mason University



*Student Organization  
of the Year 2006-2007*

*Sponsored by:*

Hispanic/Latino Student Affairs  
Office of Diversity  
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## ¡Bienvenidos a HSA!

The Hispanic Student Association (HSA), established in 2002, is a multinational Latino group based at George Mason University, Fairfax campus.



### HSA sponsored by ODPS

The Office of Diversity Programs and Services serves students, cultural organizations, and the Mason community by promoting an environment that fosters and values human understanding and diversity. ODPS provides co-curricular services and programs that will instill university-wide appreciation for diverse perspectives and ensure equal levels of inclusion, participation, and retention of underrepresented student groups in their quest for a quality education. ODPS aims to provide a collaborative array of University Life programs and outreach services at Mason in an effort to facilitate student scholastic, cultural, and social transition.



## HSA Events

- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** Every year in the U.S., from September 15 through October 15 the nation celebrates the Hispanic Heritage Month. Here at Mason, we too celebrate our month with guest speakers and cultural events. They include the Latin Night and “*Bienvenida Latina*” (to meet fellow Latino and non-Latino students).



- **Adopt-a-Highway Program:** HSA adopted a section of Ox Road (Rt. 123) in conjunction with the Virginia Adopt-a-Highway Program. The road is located right next to the Fairfax campus and our participation is contingent on maintaining the road clean and environmentally friendly.
- **Panel Discussions:** In 2006, HSA brought speakers to talk about Latino Identity (*the many colors we represent and how they affect us living in the U.S., and how our cultures are very much alike*); and La Voz Latina on Immigration.
- **High School Outreach Program:** HSA initiated a special series of panel discussions aimed at Latino high school students around the D.C. metro area. The panel discussions are designed to educate these young Latinos on the college-application process, college survival tips and how to seek scholarships and financial aid.

- **International Week (April):** It's a week dedicated to showcasing the many cultures represented at Mason's campus. Some of the events are: athletic sports tournaments, dance competition, fashion show & gala dinners.
- **Annual Gala** (Parent Appreciation Dinner): It's the most prized event of the year, where we thank our biggest supporters, our parents!!
- **Pro Niños Program:** HSA has developed a partnership with the Pro-Niños Program to help poor and homeless children in Honduras. HSA has organized book-drives and offered donations on behalf of the program.
- **DC Latino Organization (DCLO):** HSA is one of the founders of DCLO, which is composed of various Latino organizations around the D.C. metro area. We meet throughout the year to organize large scale annual events in the community. These events include: the D.C. Latino Winter Ball (*a night filled with music, performances, and authentic Latino cuisine*), and the Latino Symposium, which includes a series of workshops, panels, and guest speakers.

### Come Join Us!



If you feel that HSA is right for you, please come join us at our next meeting and events!!

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