

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection
National Hispanic Heritage Month 2012
“Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today”
Diversity and Inclusion Program Gallery of Events**

During the months of September 15 to October 15, CBP has planned 20 program events in program offices throughout the nation. The location and summary of each program is as follows:

Andrade Port of Entry

On October 11, 2012 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm the Andrade Port of Entry will celebrate “National Hispanic Heritage Month” and the 2012 national theme “Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today” with the opening of the proclamation, attendees viewing the PowerPoint presentation. During the celebration, staff and management will sample a variety of food from the Hispanic culture. The program will be held at the Andrade Port of Entry, located at 235 Andrade Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283. For additional program information, please contact Ms. Dawn Balanky-Dawson, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (619) 744-5228.

Baton Rouge BP Station

During September 15th through October 15th 2012, The Baton Rouge Border Patrol Station will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month “Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today” utilizing the HQ-issued PowerPoint presentation. In addition to the HQ-issued PowerPoint, other informational handouts and web links will be made available to all employees and the Station will display a glass cased bulletin board and Tri-Fold Poster Board for the event throughout the month. Employees will also assemble a 1,000 piece puzzle titled, “Spanish Dancers” by William Ternay. The cultural display will be located in the Station’s main hallway along with other items which will be displayed in the Station’s break room/kitchen area, located at 11655 South fork Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA. 70816. For additional information please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (504) 670-2107.

Birmingham Port of Entry

On Friday, September 14, 2012 from 2p.m. to 3p.m. the Birmingham Port of Entry will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Round Table Discussion of the HQ-issued PowerPoint presentation. The discussion will led by Ag Specialist James A. Little, Jr. in the conference room of their offices located at 950 22nd Street, Suite 550, Birmingham, Alabama. Informational handouts will be provided along with web links for additional viewing. For further information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (504) 670-2107.

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Buffalo Port of Entry

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Buffalo Port of Entry will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and “Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today” by hosting a sampling of Hispanic foods and refreshments along with educational handouts. The staff will also participate in the assembling of a 500 piece cultural puzzle titled, “La Tierra” by Sunsout. This event will be held at the second floor conference room at the Lewiston Warehouse, Lewiston Bridge, in Lewiston, NY. Additionally, program posters related to the theme will be displayed from September 15th through October 15th at the Port Office, the Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, NY, the Lewiston Bridge, Lewiston, NY and the Peace Bridge, Buffalo, NY. For additional information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (504) 670-2107.

Champlain Port of Entry

On Wednesday, September 26, 2012, the Champlain Port of Entry will be celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month from 11a.m to 1p.m., in the Cargo Processing Center Building. The program will start with a Latino dance event in the Cargo Warehouse, followed by a luncheon and display of photos of Cuba in the Cargo Conference Room. The Port’s very own CBPO Ariel Alvarado and his dance partner will lead the dance event, providing demonstrations and instruction. Participation is encouraged and a cornerstone to its success. Our diversity event will have an international, multi-agency flavor. In addition, to CBP personnel, invitations will be extended to our Canada Customs or Canadian Border Services (CBSA) counterparts, as well as other local government agencies (i.e., Food and Drug Administration and the Fish and Wildlife Service. This event will take place in the Trade Conference Room and Cargo Warehouse located at 237 West Service Road, Champlain, New York 12919. For additional information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer at (504) 670-2107.

Douglas Port of Entry

On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, from 12p.m. to 1p.m. the Douglas, Arizona Port of Entry will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage and the 2012 national theme, “Diversity United, Building America’s Future” by hosting a program featuring keynote speaker Douglas Mayor Daniel Ortega. This program will be held at the Douglas Port of Entry, located at First and Pan American Avenue, Douglas, AZ. A potluck will follow. For additional program information, please contact DCR Officer Larry White 520-225-6920.

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Gulfport Port of Entry

On Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 12p.m. to 1p.m., the Gulfport Port of Entry will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in the break room area of their office, located at 14108 Customs Blvd., Gulfport, MS. The staff will have the opportunity to participate in the sampling of a variety of Hispanic dishes. A quiz and puzzle for completion by all will be available. A PowerPoint depicting the theme of Hispanic Heritage Month will be sent electronically to all personnel in the Port of Gulfport to view. For further information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (504) 670-2107.

Houston Service Port

On Friday, October 5, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Houston Service Port will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a presentation from Bill Balleza, News Anchor, from a local TV station. This year’s theme is – “Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today”. The event will be held at the CBP SW Regional Science Center, 4150 Interwood South Parkway, Houston, Texas 77032. For additional information, please contact Nestor Santos, Assistant Director, Office of Diversity and Civil Rights, at 713-387-7238.

HQ-Washington DC

On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, from 10a.m. to 11a.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building Auditorium. Headquarters will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a program. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Frances Colón, Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to (202) 482-4481 or TTY (202) 482-2030 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. If you have any other questions about this program, please contact Cristina Bartolomei, Office of Civil Rights at (202) 482-8183,

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Los Angeles

On Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the Los Angeles Field Office will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month at the Shoreline Building, 301 E. Ocean Blvd. – 14th floor conference room, Long Beach, California. Loretta Sanchez, CBP Assistant Director of Border Security, will be the event keynote speaker. The event will feature cultural entertainment, exhibits, and ethnic food sampling. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Lewis, LA/LB Seaport Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chairperson at (562) 366-5445 or Sophon Shadraconis, Diversity and Civil Rights Specialist at (562) 256-8919.

Mobile Border Patrol Station

On Monday, September 17, 2012, U.S. Border Patrol Mobile, AL. will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Station Muster/Luncheon/ DVD presentation. This event will be held at the United States Border Patrol Mobile Station at 4425 Demotropolis Rd. at 11:00 am. Food samples will be served during the presentation. All who wish to attend please RSVP with BPA Shedrian Burnette by September 10, 2012 COB. (251-660-1445 x507) or SBPA Jordan x502. For additional information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer at (504) 670-2107.

Nogales Port of Entry

On Friday, October 5, 2012 from 12p.m. to 1p.m., the Nogales Port of Entry, along with the Tucson Field Office will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The event will feature guest speaker Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada who will present on the national theme: “*Diversity United, Building America’s Future today.*” Participants will be invited to sample traditional Hispanic dishes. The scheduled event will take place in the “Round Room” at the Nogales Dennis DeConcini POE, 9 North Grand Ave, Nogales AZ, 85621. For additional program information, please contact DCR Officer, Larry White at (520) 225-6920.

Pascagoula Port of Entry

On Tuesday, September 4, 2012, from 1:30 p.m. to 3p.m., the Pascagoula Port of Entry will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Observance. A group discussion of the Hispanic Heritage PowerPoint will be led by Port Director Andrew Samarripa. This program will be held in the Port of Pascagoula office, located at 535 Delmas, Pascagoula MS 39567. For additional information please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer at (504) 670-2107.

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Phoenix Port of Entry

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, from 1p.m. to 2p.m., the Phoenix Federal Inspection Station will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. Jason West will open the event by reading the Presidential Proclamation. The event will feature a slide-show presentation, food brought in by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and employees, trivia and gift bags. The event will be held at the Phoenix Federal Inspection Station located at 3002 e. Old Tower Road, Suite 400, Phoenix, Arizona 85034. For additional program information, please contact DCR Officer, Larry White at (520) 407-2364

San Luis Port of Entry

On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, from 12p.m. to 1p.m., the San Luis Port of Entry will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and the 2012 national theme, “Keeping the promise: Unity, Strength, Leadership” by hosting a program featuring guest speaker and folkloric dancers. This program will be held in the San Luis II Port of Entry. Attendees are invited to participate in a light ethnic food sampling. For additional program information, please contact DCR Officer, Larry White at (520) 407-2364.

Shreveport Port of Entry

On Friday, September 21, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., the Port of Shreveport will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Room 11 of their offices located at 6125 Interstate Drive, Bay 11, Shreveport, LA. The CBP Slideshow will be presented as well as an assortment of informational handouts chronicling Hispanic achievements will be on hand. These handouts will provide information on individuals such as Christina Aguilera and Franklin Chang-Díaz. For further information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, DCR Officer, at (504) 670-2107.

Spokane Sector

On Thursday, September 20, 2012, the Spokane Sector will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with ethnic food samplings from DeLeon’s restaurant. Hispanic artifacts will be on display, and the HQ power point will also be shown in the large conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Spokane Sector Headquarters, located at 10710 North Newport Highway, Spokane, Washington. Please contact Mission Support Specialist Kristin Kelly at 509-468-3800 for more information on this event.

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Tecate Port of Entry,

On Friday, September 21, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Tecate Port of Entry, San Diego Field Office, will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a special program highlighting the 2012 national theme, “*Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today.*” There will be a Spanish Heritage Cultural Display of art, artifacts, clothing and posters. A food sampling will also be provided. The program will be held at the Tecate Port of Entry, located at 405 Tecate Rd., Tecate, CA 91980. For additional program information, please contact Dawn Balanky-Dawson, Diversity and Civil Rights Officer, at (619) 744-5228.

Tucson Sector

On Tuesday, September 19, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tucson Sector Border Patrol will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The event will feature guest speakers Roberto Villasenor, Chief, Tucson Police Department, and Francisco Gamez, Tucson Padres Hispanic Marketing Director who will present on the national theme: “*Diversity United, Building America’s Future today.*” Participants will be invited to sample traditional Hispanic dishes. The scheduled event will take place in conference room 1070 at the Tucson Sector Headquarters, 2430 S. Swan Road, Tucson, AZ, 85711. For additional program information, please contact DCR Officer, Larry White at (520) 225-6920.

Vicksburg Port of Entry

During the period September 15, 2012 through October 15, 2012, the Vicksburg Port of Entry staff will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, with a bulletin board display in the multi-use office. October 3, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the staff will congregate in the multi-use office to discuss the bulletin board topics and personal Hispanic heritage interests. This program will be held at the Vicksburg Port of Entry, located at 710 Airport Road, Flowood, Mississippi. For further information, please contact Geraldine Hickman, Diversity & Civil Rights Officer at (504) 670-2107.