

Voces Unidas

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Welcome Back!!

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The spring semester is finally here and Nosotras has many events planned. The hilarious comedian, Alba Sanchez will be here on February 28th. By the end of March, we are hoping to celebrate our 25th anniversary with some delicious food and good music. We are collaborating with other organizations and alumnae in order to create workshops, discussions, and informational gatherings. However, our ultimate collaboration is with UMASS Amherst, Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, and Hampshire College. We are all preparing for Pa'Lante, which will take place the second week of April. We will need the support of everyone in carrying out these spectacular events. However, it does not end there. The graduation of our seniors will be the culmination of the semester.

These events are only made possible by the active involvement of anyone and everyone willing to participate. Many committees have been formed, so that members can contribute. Please email Nosotras if you are interested.

Creation of El Sol Brings Unity

The East Coast Chicana/o Student Forum (E.C.C.S.F.) has created an electronic newsletter called *El Sol* via a blog. This is a great way to encourage participation and foster a sense of community amongst all universities and colleges. Information regarding conferences will be accessible, pertinent current events will be uploaded, and student submissions will be posted. *Voces Unidas* will be supporting *El Sol* in any way that it can. Submissions made to *Voces Unidas* will be forwarded to *El Sol* as well. However, it is the ultimate decision of the creators of *El Sol* of what they will post.

Please check out their blog at the following address...

El Sol

<http://elsoleccsf.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Events

2/4

Nosotras General Meeting
Unity House
4:00pm

2/10

Suga' Baby
Diabetes Awareness Party
CC Carrol Room
10pm to 1am

2/18

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4:00pm

Sign up for a planning committee. More info on website.

<http://sophia.smith.edu/nosotras/>



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-Check out the very inspirational poem by Maria Holmes.

Waking the Dream

By: Maria Holmes

I refuse to call it American.

Every individual who steps on "American" soil comes with thirst
out of starvation for THE DREAM.

Through days of desert, with hope leading them to take the next tired step in stride.

No we are not just Mexican. We are Salvadorian, Nigerian, Arab, Jewish, Athiest, white.

Yes white.

Although you live my dream you are me, an immigrant on this soil.

What did you do to become the privileged? What must I do?

I've sold my labor, killed my sister, and even graduated from your colleges and universities.

Yes, I did.

America has made it hard for us to attend but we have made summa cum laude.

Am I sleeping?

Can you really not see me?

The American Dream, pshh NO!

This is my (our) dream. No one else can continue to defer it.

I am waking the dream.

Are you ready?
