Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year

¡Bienvenidos! Whether you are a senior getting ready to wrap things up once and for all or a freshmen getting ready to unravel the wonderful world of MIT, the Latino Cultural Center (LCC) wants to welcome each and every one of you to the 2013-2014 academic year!

The LCC is extremely excited to be a part of your MIT experience! Our lounge in the basement of the Student Center has provided affiliated Latino organizations and students with a welcoming, safe, and culturally-enriching environment for students to study, relax, meet, and even nap in between classes. For those of you who are a bit uncertain about the purpose of the LCC, we are here to provide Latino students and organizations with resources and a support network; our mission is to promote and support Latino culture at MIT by providing a bridge between Latino organizations in order to build a stronger community within the institute. The LCC was founded in order to provide the Latino community on campus with a voice, whether it was through dance, art, professional development, or political statements, and to strengthen that voice through unity. In simpler words, we are here to cater to the Latino needs by providing a medium for social, academic, professional, and cultural growth and interaction.

The LCC is welcoming of any MIT student who identifies with, or is interested in learning about, Latino culture. Students interested in being a part of our community are encouraged to join the LatinoLounge mailing list or by emailing the LCC Executive Board.

Furthermore, we, your executive board, are working hard in order to meet your needs as a Latino MIT student. We hope to get to know you better as friends, colleagues, compadres...you name it!

We encourage you to take a few moments to get to know us:

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**Affiliated Organizations**
- APR
- Casino Rueda
- LUChA
- MAES
- Mujeres Latinas
- SHPE

**Upcoming Events**
- LUChA Film Festival
  - 5 P.M. Oct. 12
- Cena a las Seis
  - 6 P.M. Oct. 26

**Recent Events**
- LUChA Independence Day BBQ (9/28)
- LCC Fall Retreat (9/28)

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**What is Voz Latina?**

**Voz Latina** is just that: a compilation of our *voces Latinas*. Voz Latina is a medium through which we hope to connect, inform, and inspire. We hope to strengthen the Latino community on campus by bringing our voices together to make sure we are heard. Therefore, if you would like to hear about a certain topic, ask for it! If you want to write about a certain issue you believe everyone should be aware of, write about it! Opinion pieces, whether you want to share relevant poetry, a thoughtful comment, or an enlightening YouTube video, are welcomed and encouraged. Voz Latina is also meant to inform you about events happening on campus in an effort to make the Latino presence felt by announcing upcoming and recent events. Likewise, make your presence felt by sending in photographs or events which you believe should be featured. Also, within Voz Latina will be 'Latin@ Spotlight', which is meant to give us all a different take on things and a little something extra to think about. 'Latin@ Spotlight' will feature students and staff, events, groups, or movements meant to inspire. If you have any suggestions for whom or what should be Spotlighted, exercise your Voz Latina and send us an email! Look forward to your monthly Voz Latina and remember to be the you that makes you proud!

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**LATIN@ Spotlight!**

**Eduardo Seyffert**

**Voz Latina's first ever Spotlight shines on Spanish House resident Eddie Seyffert.** Eddie is a Course 16 Senior from El Paso, TX. This past year found Eddie studying in Europe as part of the ERASMUS exchange program. He spent two semesters in a French aerospace school where he took technical, language, and cultural classes (all in French). After finishing his academic year, he continued his Euro-Trip by interning with BMW in Munich, working in their renewable energy department. On graduating in the spring, Eddie said that it will definitely be a bittersweet moment and that the friendships he has made here at MIT have been “some of the strongest” he’s ever made.” Eddie is also the President of MAES so be sure to catch him at one of their bi-weekly GBMs.

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**You are cordially invited to Cena a las Seis: Nuestra Familia Unida!**

Cena a las Seis, “Dinner at Six”, is an annual semi-formal event hosted by the Latino Cultural Center and the LCC affiliated organizations during MIT’s Family Weekend. We invite you all to come and enjoy some delicious Latin cuisine, become inspired by our phenomenal speaker, and watch some incredible student performances. Come for a fun and eventful evening where we invite students, families, staff, faculty, and alumni to experience the strong latino community on campus: nuestra familia unida!. Everyone is welcome!

**When:** Saturday, October 26th at . . . 6pm!
**Where:** Morss Hall of Walker Memorial
**RSVP:** cena.a.las.seis@gmail.com

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