

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx people make up almost 19 percent of the U.S. population. This vibrant diversity of life and identity in the US--in which some people of color associate with being American, others opt to identify through geographical, national, or racial heritage, and some seek identity through cultural mix--is itself very American.

For those who identify with the Hispanic and Latina/o/x labels, the details of culture and upbringing are significant. This includes specifics of ancestry (colonial and subordinated immigrants, slaves, native peoples) along with the appearances and opportunities afforded them.

Yet the aspirational quality of their experience in America remains heartening, and the intersection of many cultural elements creates a rich ground for the creative fusion of identities.



**Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa** was born near Mexicali, Mexico. At 13 he entered the U.S. illegally, eventually graduating from UC Berkeley and Harvard Medical School. Today he is an M.D. and chair of the Department of Neurologic Surgery at the Mayo Clinic's and leads NIH-funded research to find a cure for brain cancer.

**Yajaira Sierra-Sastre** is from Arroyo, Puerto Rico, and earned a Ph.D. in Nanomaterials Chemistry from Cornell University. She and her five crewmates spent four months in isolation a simulated Mars habitation module in Hawaii to test self-sustaining food and health routines.



Born in Miami to Cuban parents, **Marco Rubio** was drawn to public service in large part because of a close relationship with his grandfather, who left Cuba in 1962. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2010 and ran in the Republican presidential primary of 2016.

**America Ferrera** was born in Los Angeles to Honduran parents. An actor, director, and producer, she is known for her iconic roles in TV and film, including Ugly Betty, Real Women Have Curves, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, and Barbie.



## UPCOMING EVENT

### Let's Ride 4 Mental Health

Shining Light Through Brokenness, Tesfa Stewart is proud to announce a wonderful opportunity spearheaded by one of his former students:

Jaemilz and Adidas are thrilled to announce a powerful collaboration in support of the Men at Work Healing Foundation. This partnership goes beyond just coming together—it's about making a meaningful impact on the mental health of Black males, a community that has long faced unique challenges and systemic barriers. Jaemilz and Adidas are raffling off a bike and donating the proceeds, directly contributing to the foundation's vital work in providing the support and resources needed for healing. And to show our appreciation, we'll be giving away a ton of products to everyone in attendance, ensuring that no one leaves empty-handed!

Links: [https://www.instagram.com/p/C\\_BZepixo1W/?igsh=bHdscTk1b3UwdmVm](https://www.instagram.com/p/C_BZepixo1W/?igsh=bHdscTk1b3UwdmVm)



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Young Adult Forerunners Team (Y.A.F.)

The P-CoC is excited to introduce the Young Adult Forerunners (Y.A.F.) team leads: Ivanna N., Monica C., Alexander A., and Joshua T.

Karen N. has been appointed as the Y.A.F Team Coordinator to help facilitate the activities of the team under the Student Director of P-CoC Inc., Ms. Debora Konadu

The team leads came together to plan and host an upcoming virtual forum discussion as part of the Fall Workshop.

Workshop Date: September 29th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

The team discussed topics for the forum that will cover important issues such as colorism, self-reliance, empowerment, and building self-esteem. These discussions aim to inspire students by addressing key social challenges, encouraging personal growth, and providing strategies for fostering confidence and resilience.

Students will analyze key issues by first assessing the current state and identifying existing efforts to address them. They will then explore gaps in these efforts and propose practical solutions for improvement, with a focus on moving from problem identification to actionable change.

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