



La Voz Estudiantil

WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR ALLIES

Collaboration is one of the most important components to keeping El Centro thriving. Without the help of our allies El Centro would not be able to accomplish as much as

we do today. We would like to dedicate this Newsletter to our liaisons/allies who make the impossible possible and who never stop believing in education. We thank

you for all your hard work and dedication to this office.

This newsletter will highlight each of our allies and their duties, experiences, etc...

SAVA

El Centro has partnerships with organizations throughout the campus and in the community. One of these organizations is the Sexual Assault Victim Advocates (SAVA). El Centro finds it imperative to maintain strong ties with other resources to constantly be aware of issues that impact the community and to better serve our students.

SAVA is “a non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the needs of sexual assault survivors in Larimer County.” They are the local rape crisis center and they strive to reduce sexual violence and support individuals affected by sexual assault. The services pro-

vided by SAVA include: 24-hour crisis services, individual advocacy, support groups, educational programs, community outreach, and therapy.

Alba Williams holds the newly created position as Bilingual Victim Service Coordinator, which means SAVA’s services are now available to the Spanish speaking community. Williams specializes in Spanish speaking assistance in all aspects. Talking with Williams she said, “I am glad to be able to help victims take action step by step.” Her capabilities include crisis intervention, individualized support throughout the healing process, and prevention education. Williams looks forward to,

“Working with the Spanish speaking community to get real services to them.” In addition Williams expects to do lots of outreach and commented, “I really want to get together with other services; team up.”

SAVA’s services are free of charge and are confidential. SAVA also appreciates volunteers as prevention educators, fundraising committee, the speakers bureau, office assistants, and bilingual volunteers are always welcome.

Rape Crisis Hotline:
970.427.4200

Spanish: 970.481.2164



Dr. Norberto Valdez

For those of you who know Dr. Norberto Valdez, you know that he is one of the most actively involved faculty members on campus and in the community with Latino issues. Talking with Dr. Valdez he expressed, “I strongly believe student academic success is tied intimately to interactions with their professors as well as other supportive people on campus.”

Dr. Valdez has worked with El Centro in different ways since his arrival at Colorado State University in 1995. He’s been a mentor, a role model and an advisor to many students. His openness and expertise have been valuable assets to our office and to the student body. Dr. Valdez conveys a desire to aid with the recruitment, retention, and graduation of more Chicanos at CSU.

Thank You...

We know you are inundated with endless tasks... We are thankful for the time you give to us and for your continued support. Your hard work and dedication has provided El Centro with the capability of conquering endless obstacles: touching thousands of students, sponsoring student organizations, and your mentorship.

We also recognize:

Varo Maldonado
Barbara Mussllewhite
Arlene Nededog
Irene Vernon
Gloria Rice

Dr. Christine Jones

Dr. Christine Jones has partnered with El Centro through two programs. Triunfo and Math/Science and Technology Day. She has served as the major link between these two programs and CSMATE. Dr. Jones Co-coordinates Triunfo with our assistant Director, Rich Salas. The Triunfo program has tremendously grown throughout the years and the CSMATE program came just in time. Together we are able to assist more K-12 students in the Poudre School District. With her help the Triunfo program has been able to grow tremendously.



Fran Wilson

Fran Wilson is a part of the Colorado State University Bookstore staff. Aside from her main duties at the bookstore she also connects with departments across campus. Wilson is an advocate for diversity and said, “I am personally very interested in diversity and fostering amity between groups of people.” Wilson describes her favorite part of the job to be connecting with other people and cultures. Wilson has been working with El Centro for several years now. She hopes, to teach Anglo Americans that Latin American peoples and cultures are varied. She added, “Too many Anglos have bought into stereotypes about Hispanics.” Her work is felt in El Centro and we greatly appreciate every bit.