

The Alliance



**The Shops at Westshore | Friday May 4 from 5 - 9 PM
Saturday, May 5 from 11 AM - 5 PM**

Annual LAUP Fiesta to feature Tex-Mex musician from the Netherlands: Dwayne Verheyden and his band

On May 4 and May 5, the annual Fiesta of Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP) will return to The Shops at Westshore, sponsored by DJ's Landscape Management, to celebrate and honor Latino culture and heritage. Entry is free and the event includes a variety of craft vendors, an auto show, Latino musical acts and performers, children's crafts, plus food booths and the On the Border beer tent.

Internationally known Tex-Mex musician Dwayne Verheyden and his band will perform at 6 pm and at 8 pm on May 4. He's been a special guest with many well-known musicians, recorded a viral YouTube video with Flaco Jiménez, and performed on the popular Mexican TV show "Sabadazo."

Other performances are by Gabriel Estrada, Floor Fienz, Ballet Folklorico Azteca del Sol, Banda el Bajio, Alfonso Mier, and Moses Mares.

Children's crafts and activities will be available inside the lobby of The Shops at Westcore on May 5 (by Yonkers); local organizations will offer fun, interactive experiences for young children, and information for parents and families.

For the Fiesta schedule, visit www.laup.org/fiesta or email info@laup.org

NOTE: ACEH will not hold a general public meeting in May. Please consider attending the Summit on Race and Inclusion May 15. See details and registration information on Page 3.

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity

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Crowd Turns Out to See "Trails of Hope and Terror"



Rev. Brad Bartelmay (left) of First United Methodist Church welcomes Miguel De La Torre, screenwriter of the documentary. Deborah De La Torre, who also was present, was the producer. A shot from the film can be seen on the screen in the upper left corner of this photo.

Photos by Tania Dozeman.



De La Torre (left) listens to views of an audience member after the film.

People filled the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church of Holland April 14 to view the award-winning documentary "Trails of Hope and Terror" and to engage with its writer and producer in a lively discussion.

Written by Dr. Miguel De La Torre and produced by his wife, Deborah, "Trails of Hope and Terror" focuses on the long and problematic history between the U.S. and Mexico, U.S. political and economic strategies that have led to today's broken immigration system, and the effects on families trying to navigate that system

On the faculty at Hope College, 1999-2005, De La Torre now is an associate professor of social ethics at Iliff School of Theology, Denver.

The event was hosted by **ACEH**, with support from First United Methodist Church, Maple Avenue Ministries, St. Francis de Sales Church, the City of Holland Human and International Relations Commissions, Hope College Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA), Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP), and Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates.

Renewing members continue their support of ACEH: Thanks!

Our appreciation to **John Yelding** for renewing his membership; John is the past president of ACEH. And thanks also to **Hope Church RCA** for its renewal of membership. Please consider joining with John, Hope Church, and the many other individuals and groups committed to justice, appreciation for diversity, and making West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected. Dues are:

Individual: \$20.00 one year; \$35.00 two years; Family: \$30.00 one year; \$50.00 two years

Nonprofit: \$40.00 one year; Business: \$75 one year

In lieu of, or in addition to, paying dues, you may make a pledge of service to ACEH. Checks or service pledges should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Al Minert, c/o ACEH, at P. O. Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007. You may also join at any ACEH event. If you are not sure if your membership is current, please contact database manager Herb Weller at hpweller@comcast.net or 396-2201.

**Tuesday, May 15
8:15 am to 3:30 pm
at
Hope College,
Holland, MI**

**Deadline to register:
May 10 at
www.ethnicdiversity.org**



The Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance **Summit on Race and Inclusion** examines the **effects of racial disparities and strategies for their elimination** at a day-long conference involving hundreds of participants from across the state of Michigan.

The **2018 Summit on Race and Inclusion** will bring nationally recognized speakers to West Michigan to address sector-specific topics of diversity, inclusion, and equity. The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Joy DeGruy**, an inspirational and insightful expert on the residual legacy of trauma and stress, as it relates to issues of culture and race.

The day-long conference will also feature six sector-specific **breakout sessions**; attendees will be able to attend two: Health, Business, Gov't/Policy, Community, Faith, and Education.

Leaders of these sessions are: Enrica Ruggs, Ph.D., Business; Lucius Couloute, Community; H. Gerald Campano, Ph.D., Education; Marcia Mount Shoop, M.Div, Ph.D., Faith; Rachel Godsil, Govt/Policy; and Carmen Green, Health.

Cost for the day-long event, including lunch, is \$75. **The deadline to register is May 10. Go to www.ethnicdiversity.org to complete your registration.**

The event partner is **Hope College**. Major sponsors are **W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Meijer, Haworth, Spectrum**, and the **Brooks Family Fund**.

ACEH is one of the collaborating organizations for the Summit.



Save the Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018!

Each summer since its founding in January 1999, the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) has hosted a community potluck featuring music, delicious foods, activities for children, teens, and adults—and an opportunity to create relationships across cultures, ethnicities, and other perceived barriers that may keep us from getting to know one another.

This year's **Potluck in the Park—Number 20!**--will take place in Holland's Kollen Park at Lake Macatawa, on **Sunday, August 12, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm**. Mark your calendar, put it in your phone—however you keep track of upcoming events. See you there!

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Listen to their Voices...

Thurs, May 17, 6 pm to 8 pm: The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan will meet at the Ottawa County Commissioner Chambers, 12220 Fillmore, West Olive. The public is invited. For more information, call (517) 373-8339.

HLCOM, a state government agency, advocates for the well-being of the Hispanic/Latino population and an environment of social justice and economic parity, works to create awareness and support of Hispanic issues by government officials, and promotes better education and academic achievement of Hispanics.

Wed, June 6, 7 am to 4 pm: "Honoring, Healing & Remembering," a public event to mark the 84th anniversary of the closing of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, which operated from June 30, 1893, to June 6, 1934.

The all-day ceremonies are intended to "recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children who lived there over the years." Hosted by the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, 6650 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant. The boarding school site is 1400 West Pickard, Mt. Pleasant. Please call (989) 775-4750 for details of the event.