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**Welcome back!! The El Centro team hopes you had a nice long break and are ready to get back into the swing of things!!**

Below are some upcoming events and other updates to be aware of!

## ***What is El Centro?***

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Please note that due to COVID-19 safety procedures, El Centro now has a maximum capacity of 7 individuals. Wearing a mask or face-covering is mandatory and occupants are expected to practice physical distancing by keeping a safe, six-foot distance from other occupants.

**MLK 2021 VIRTUAL**  
**WE CANNOT WALK ALONE**  
 Sponsored by the Office for Inclusion & Diversity & The MLK Celebration Committee

**FEATURED KEYNOTES**

**Sybrina Fulton**  
 JANUARY 25TH (12-1PM ET)

**Ilyasah Shabazz**  
 JANUARY 18TH (5-6PM ET)

Tune in LIVE via the InclusiveVT YouTube Channel -  
[https://youtube.com/channel/UCCRUhX-BBeN\\_fo1LLQUQcaQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCCRUhX-BBeN_fo1LLQUQcaQ)  
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 Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke, VP for Strategic Affairs & Diversity

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**Nikki Giovanni**  
 OPENING POETRY READ

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**VT OFFICE FOR INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY VIRGINIA TECH.**

Join the Office of Diversity & Inclusion for a special live conversation with Sybrina Fulton.

Register [here!](#)

Date: January 25, 2021

Time: 12-1pm EST

The [Moss Arts Center](#) will be hosting with Afro-Colombian contemporary dance ensemble, [Sankofa Danzafro](#). During the week of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at VT, this conversation with internationally-acclaimed artists offers an opportunity to explore the vital role arts and culture can play in amplifying the stories of underrepresented communities and creating a more inclusive society.

Monday, January 25, 2021, 2 PM EST

Register [here!](#)

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[SANKOFA DANZAFRO, Afro-Colombian Dance Workshop](#)

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 7 PM EST

Online Event

Free; registration required

For more information and to register to attend, [visit this page.](#)

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[SANKOFA DANZAFRO, "The City of Others"](#)

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 7:30 PM EST

Online Event

\$10 individual tickets

Free for Virginia Tech students

For more information and to purchase tickets, [visit this page.](#)

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INTERESTED IN BEING A LEADER AND  
CREATING HISTORY??

# HISPANIC JOURNALISTS OF AMERICA

Join us to learn more about the start of a  
new Latinx organization!!!

\*\*You do NOT have to be a liberal arts  
major. Simply need to have an interest in  
the media industry! **All are welcome!!**

First Meeting Coming Up Feb. 3rd  
For any questions please reach out to  
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IG: hja\_vt

#MoreLatinosInNews



*Journalism*

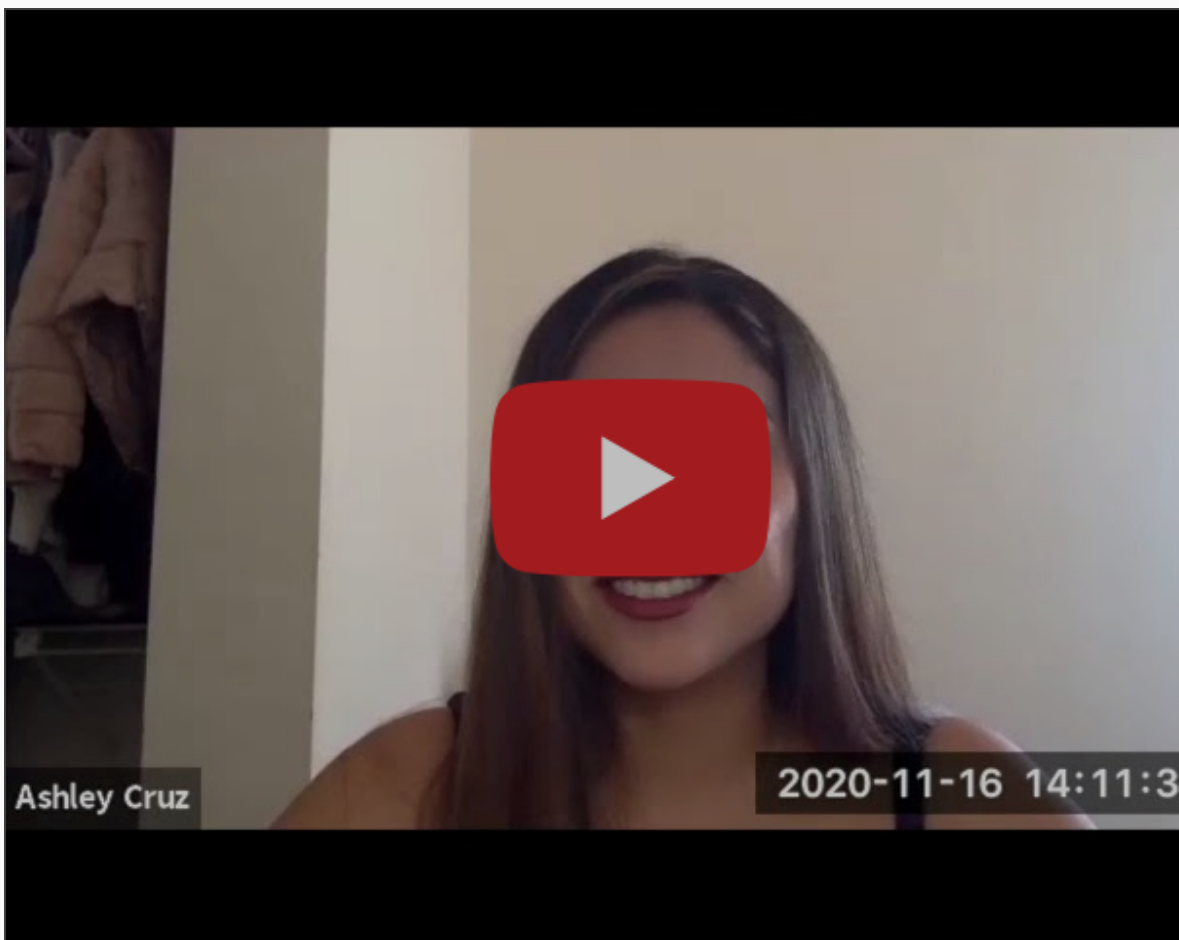


The [National Hispanic Journalists of America](#) is finally made it's way to Virginia Tech!

"The National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) is dedicated to the recognition and professional advancement of Hispanics in the news industry. Established in April 1984, NAHJ created a national voice and unified vision for all Hispanic journalists."

**The first interest meeting of the semester will take place February 3rd at 7pm!**

If you're interested in joining, please reach out to **Bryan Zapata** at [bryanz18@vt.edu](mailto:bryanz18@vt.edu) or [HJAatVT@gmail.com](mailto:HJAatVT@gmail.com)!



Our next installment of "En El Centro" will be available on our [YouTube channel](#) on Monday, January 25th! Tune in to hear a conversation between our very own Ashley Cruz and Dr. Mauro Caraccioli of the Political Science department!

Watch it here!



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# El Centro Presents: En El Centro

Learn more  
about  
notable  
people in  
the Latinx  
Community  
at Virginia  
Tech



*Dominique E. Polanco*

Dominique  
Polanco,  
Department  
Religion and  
Culture

Check it out on  
our youtube  
channel!  
"El Centro at  
Virginia Tech"



 **EL CENTRO**  
ADVANCING THE VIRGINIA TECH LATINX COMMUNITY

Check out our new episode of "En El Centro". This is a series where we interview faculty, staff, and students in the Latinx community and showcase the amazing work they do. Give us a thumbs up and share the video with your peers!



Here is the link to our interview with Dr. Polanco, Department of Religion and Culture with our very own Daniel Rico! Learn more about her background and experience.

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# Digital Connect SERIES

Panel Discussion & 1:1 Networking/Q&A

## Preparing for Career Fairs

Tuesday, February 2, 3:30-5:00 PM

## Job and Internship Searching

Tuesday, March 2, 3:30-5:00 PM

## Working Remotely

Thursday, April 1, 3:30-5:00 PM

## Register:

[vt.joinhandshake.com/events](https://vt.joinhandshake.com/events)

Keyword Search: Digital Connect

## Questions?

Contact Ashley Roberts

[ashleylr@vt.edu](mailto:ashleylr@vt.edu)



CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
VIRGINIA TECH™

Career and Professional Development is hosting this digital connect series to help students with all things Job Related!

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# WE'RE HIRING TUTORS!

Join our team to help your peers!



Visit our website for details about eligibility, application process, benefits and info sessions.

Compensation starts at **\$9.00/hour** for individual tutoring and **\$10.00/hour** for group tutoring

Learn more at [studentsuccess.vt.edu](https://studentsuccess.vt.edu)

**APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2021 WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 5, AND INTERVIEWS WILL START IN APRIL**

The Student Success Center is hiring tutors!  
Applications for fall 2021 will be accepted until  
March 5th!

Link to : [tutor application](#)

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Student Success Center

# PEER ACADEMIC COACHING

## WHAT WE DO:

PEER ACADEMIC COACHES (PACS) MEET WITH STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS TO SHARE STRATEGIES AND BUILD SKILLS RELATED TO TOPICS SUCH AS TIME MANAGEMENT, STUDY SKILLS, OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION, AND MORE.

## INFORMATION SESSION

### SCHEDULE:

- February 10 at 5:00 PM
- February 18 at 11:00 AM
- February 25 at 11:00 AM

ZOOM LINK FOR ALL SESSIONS  
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

You can find the eligibility requirements and application on our website:

[www.studentsuccess.vt.edu](http://www.studentsuccess.vt.edu)

The Student Success Center is hiring peer academic coaches to meet with students individually or in small groups to share strategies to build skills related to time-

management, study skills, and overcoming procrastination.

Link: [PAC application](#)

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**CALLING ALL STUDENTS FOR POSTER  
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE:**

**2ND ANNUAL LATINX  
SYMPOSIUM  
“LATINX EDUCATION AT  
VIRGINIA TECH”**

Increasing visibility of the VT Latinx Community.  
Providing a forum for conversation and scholarship.  
Sharing experiences and strategies that benefit Latinx and  
Hispanic faculty and students. For any questions contact Veronica  
Montes (vmontes@vt.edu) or Carlos Evia (cevia@vt.edu).

**When: March 4-5, 2021**

Where: Online

Theme: Latinx Education at Virginia Tech

For more details, <http://bit.ly/vtlatinxsymposium>



Calling students for submissions for the Latinx Symposium. For any questions contact Veronica Montes (vmontes@vt.edu) or Carlos Evia (cevia@vt.edu).

[Latinx Symposium Website](#)

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# SPRING 2021 GBM SCHEDULE

**FEB**  
**4** *GBM #7:  
WELCOME TO LATIN LINK PT. II*

**FEB**  
**18** *GBM #8:  
AQUÍ ESTAMOS*

**MAR**  
**4** *GBM #9:  
"¡YA ME ARTÉ!" STUDY BREAK*

**MAR**  
**25** *GBM #10:  
ANNUAL LL OLYMPICS*

**APR**  
**29** *GBM #11:  
ELECTIONS!!*

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