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Pictured right: Three generations: Linda Alvarado-Arce (left), her mother, Laura Alvarado (right), her grandchildren (future college graduates) Laurita (left) and Micaela Boes (right of center).



In the photo are (left) *Raquel Bravo, Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) Ambassador (TMAA), and (right) Marc Folk, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Arts Commission* in the Glass Pavilion for the Belonging at TMA event on Friday, April 25, 2025.
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1st Generation Ph.D., 1st Generation Master’s, and 3rd Generation Undergraduate from The University of Toledo
Because it is “not a sprint, but a marathon!”

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

After many years of never giving up, changing my dissertation title a few times, scrapping my initial data set, and getting stuck in the dissertation process, I finally did it!!! After this week, I will be *Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce*. Finally, I will have my Ph.D. in Education, Foundations and Leadership, with a minor in Gifted Education from The University of Toledo (UToledo). And I owe all of this to my wonderful husband, Roman (Ray) Arce, and my very supportive parents, who came to *el Norte* (Northwest Ohio) as Spanish-speaking teens, escaping the poverty that is so rampant along the southern U.S. border. My mother was 16 when she was pregnant with me, and my father was 18. The highest grade they both completed was Christian Junior High School in Laredo, Texas.

With nothing to lose, my parents decided to make a trip North with friends to seek employment and a better life for me and later my siblings. This car ride landed them in Lansing, Michigan, where the automobile factories were taking anyone and everyone. This is where I would be born, and my father would work his whole career at Power Train, AKA General Motors (Union PROUD), until his retirement. This decision to move North, out of Laredo, Texas, to give birth to me, and raise us, my sister and my brother, in Defiance, Ohio, was the best decision they could have ever made. Although I love Laredo, poverty remains rampant along the southern U.S. border, and educational opportunities are limited.

Once my father transferred to Defiance, Ohio, we lived across the street from Defiance College most of my life. There, my parents would take English as a Second Language (ESL) classes because they only spoke Spanish. They would get their General Educational Development (GED) degree. And my

mother would go on to get her Bachelor’s from Defiance College in social work, and become a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in the State of Ohio. She worked for Five County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, doing education around the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, and domestic violence, and at migrant farm labor camps, doing the same thing.

She even did her social work internships at Compass & SASI, right here in Toledo, Ohio. At that time, SASI was run by former Mayor Jack Ford, who, in this position and with my mother as his intern and numerous others in the Latinx community, created Adelante, a Spanish language substance abuse prevention agency once located in the historic South End of Toledo. She was friends with Sofia Quintero and is still friends with Arturo and many of the other founders of the Guadalupe Center. She retired from Children’s Services in Paulding County, where she was a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator and is currently working as a social worker at Compassion Toledo for a program she co-founded called “Con-Pasión,” which is a mental health and recovery services agency specializing in the Latinx, Spanish-speaking population, and that fills the gap Adelante, Inc. left behind.

My father earned an Associate’s degree in criminal justice, worked at GM, volunteered as a police officer when needed, was an active member of the United Auto Workers (UAW), the Knights of Columbus, and opened with his best friend, Jessie Juarez, the first “Taco Wagon” food truck in Northwest Ohio that was at every local festival and county fair. All my parents ever wanted to do was share their culture, language, and food with the folks in Northwest Ohio. My dad would bring pottery, marbles, and Mexi-

can products from Mexico to *el Norte* and sell them out of the barn we had outside of our house on the northside of Defiance. This love and preservation for our Latinx culture were also the reasons why my parents became founding members of the Hispanic Awareness Organization (HAO), and numerous other Latinx community organizations and churches, i.e., the Latin American Club, Vida Church, and now Compassion Toledo.

My parents were also very political, they worked on Richard Celeste’s campaign, state voting rights committees, and immigrant rights groups. Some of the most life-changing Latinx advocacy events my parents ever took me to were in Columbus, Ohio, with the establishment of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, the Latino “Get Out the Vote” Initiatives of the 1980s, and when we marched with Cesar Chavez for the United Farm Workers’ (UFW) when he came to Toledo. My mother was even the first Latina to run for the Board of Education in our hometown of Defiance, Ohio.

Due to my parents’ love for education, and my mother always taking me across the street from where we lived to her alma mater, either for classes she was enrolled in or campus events, I quickly fell in love with learning and university life. And, well, it also helped that we lived among all the college professors, I played and went to school with their children, and learned early on the importance of an education and being bilingual. My mother and I even taught Spanish out of our home to all the neighborhood kids when I was a child.

My uncle Eduardo would even take me to his alma mater, Michigan State University (MSU), in Lansing, Michigan, where he

earned his Bachelor’s in Education and retired as a bilingual education teacher in Denton, Texas. But this is not surprising because my great uncle, his uncle, was one of the first Latinos to graduate from Baylor University. So, education and the love of education, especially bilingual education, runs in my blood. I have spent my whole life going between the U.S. and Mexico, visiting and staying with family on both sides of the border. My family is scattered throughout Texas, Arizona, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey, and Saltillo, Mexico. I have spent my whole life bicultural, bilingual, translating, and code-switching between English and Spanish.

I have a Bachelor of Arts with a major in social work. I am also, like my mother, an LSW in the state of Ohio. I am a certified mediator and a grant writer. Since my undergraduate years, I have always worked within the Latinx community in one way or another. And my first undergraduate social work internships were at Adelante, Unison, Harbor, and the Community Health Centers that were once located in the old South End and the Eastside of Toledo. After interning at these local agencies, I became the program coordinator,



Linda Alvarado-Arce

program evaluator, and grant writer for Adelante, a Family Service Worker for E.O.P.A./Head Start, and later a Deputy Director for Monroe (MI) County’s Head Start program where I oversaw Program Governance, Social Services, Parent and Family Involvement, Fatherhood Initiatives, numerous classrooms, and the transportation department.

However, when one of my sons was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer that required my full-time care, and I had just given birth to my fourth child, I divorced and left my employer in Michigan. I took a position with the Toledo Public School (TPS Proud!) as their District-wide Parent Coordinator to be closer to home and to

better care for my newborn, my child with cancer, my autistic child, and my gifted son. It was at this time, under the direction of Superintendent Eugene Sanders, that I re-established the TPS’ Parent Congress, and thanks to him and Richard Jackson, I was offered a full scholarship to pursue my Master’s degree at UToledo and Bowling Green State University (BGSU) through the College of Education. I was actually offered a full scholarship to BGSU upon high school graduation, through a Latinx program my parents and others developed in Defiance, however, I wasn’t ready for college at that time and decided to marry and move to Virginia Beach, Virginia, instead.

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El Sheriff del Condado de Lucas, Mike Navarre, y la Coalición Afroamericana y Latinxs firman un “nuevo” Código de Conducta de la Comunidad del Comité Organizador de Trabajadores Agrícolas

Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

El martes 22 de abril de 2025, el Sheriff del Condado de Lucas, Mike Navarre, y la Coalición Afroamericana y Latinxs de la Comunidad del Comité Organizador de Trabajadores Agrícolas (FLOC) firmaron un “nuevo” Código de Conducta. Este Código de Conducta es un documento de cuatro páginas que describe qué debe esperar una persona si es detenida por un Sheriff del Condado de Lucas. A esta reunión estaban muchas personas, desde funcionarios públicos, locales hasta líderes comunitarios y residentes de Toledo/Condado de Lucas. En la reunión mensual de la Coalición Afroamericana y de la Comunidad del FLOC, numerosas personas asistieron para presenciar la firma del documento por parte de las fuerzas del orden y otros grupos interesados. Este acuerdo detalla cómo responderá y deberá responder la policía ante cualquier persona en caso de ser confrontada. Este acuerdo debería contribuir a fomentar la confianza, la buena relación y la transparencia entre las fuerzas del orden locales y la comunidad del Condado de Lucas.

Si quieres más información de FLOC o este acuerdo, llama 419-243-3456 o ir al <https://www.floc.com>



Lucas County Sheriff Mike Navarre and the Black Brown Coalition at the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) sign a “new” Code of Conduct

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Lucas County Sheriff Mike Navarre and the Black & Brown Coalition at the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) signed a “new” Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is a four-page document that outlines what a person should expect if stopped by a Lucas County Sheriff. At this meeting, numerous people were in attendance, from local public officials to community leaders and Toledo/Lucas County residents. At FLOC’s monthly Black & Brown Coalition meeting, numerous people were in attendance to witness law enforcement and other concerned groups sign the document. This agreement details how the police will and should respond to anyone when or if confronted. This agreement should assist with build trust, rapport, and transparency between local law enforcement and the Lucas County community.

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Advocates call for information on all people and families held at the U.S.-Canada border

Detroit, MI, April 24, 2025: The Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC), ACLU of Michigan and U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib are calling on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to end the detention and disappearance of people at the Ambassador Bridge. The group held a virtual press conference (see recording below) after learning that individuals and families were detained by CBP at the Ambassador Bridge in a setting not intended for long term detention. During these extended stays, individuals are not listed in the ICE detainee locator system and they are denied access to legal counsel and contact with family.

On March 21, U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib visited the site where CBP has been holding people at the Ambassador Bridge facility to inspect the conditions. Her visit revealed that CBP had detained more than 210 people, including families, between January and March 2025. More than 90% of detainees arrived at the bridge by accident. Shockingly, one individual held at the detention site at the tunnel attempted suicide.

On March 8, MIRC's client Sarahi was detained by CBP along with her two U.S. citizen children. They were held for five days in a windowless room without access to medical care, adequate food, and other essentials. She was not given the opportunity to call a lawyer or her Consulate.

Specifically, the advocates call for:

- An end to secret detention of people and families by CBP. Information should be immediately

added to a detainee locator tool for CBP detention sites.

- An end to CBP sites used for long term detention. Facilities were not designed for this purpose.
- An end to family separation. Families should be released together under supervision, except in extraordinary circumstances.
- Transparency about detention of families, children, and U.S. citizen children.
- Congress must ensure oversight of immigration detention and demand restoration of the Department of Homeland Security oversight offices: Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman, and Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman.
- Passage of common sense legislation to ensure individuals have access to counsel and humane conditions in detention: *Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act* and *Access to Counsel Act*.

MIRC and the ACLU also sent a letter and public records request to CBP asking for detailed information about people held at the Ambassador Bridge (see letter below).

Ruby Robinson, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center Managing Attorney, had this response:

"CBP detention is a virtual black box with no way to know where people are or how long they have been in custody. Individuals are not being allowed to call anyone, including an attorney. Every person has the right to access legal counsel in every deten-

tion setting in the United States, and that must apply to people in CBP custody. No matter who you are or where you're from, you deserve to be treated fairly and with dignity."

Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Representative, had this response:

"A wrong turn at the border should not lead to disappearance. It is outrageously cruel and inhumane to hold families at our northern border. We can't lose our soul as a country and stand by and let this happen to our neighbors. I urge everyone to vigilantly look out for one another, and continue to speak out against this lawless administration that is separating families and disappearing people."

Miriam Aukerman, ACLU of Michigan senior staff attorney, had this response:

"It is a dangerous day when our nation is disappearing people and denying them their constitutional right to legal counsel and due process. It is naïve to think that if we tolerate such incommunicado detention and disappearances for non-citizens, the government won't start doing the same thing to citizens. We demand transparency and oversight from our government. CBP needs to come clean about how many families and children have been held at the northern border, and it must immediately stop detaining them. Families belong together, and they belong in the community, not behind bars."



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Downtown Ann Arbor springs to life with Bloom Fest 2025

Downtown Ann Arbor is set to burst into bloom May 9–11, 2025, with *Bloom Fest 2025*, a vibrant celebration of spring, small businesses, and community presented by *Main Street Ann Arbor*.

Taking place over Mother's Day weekend, Bloom Fest is the perfect way to treat yourself—or the moms in your life—to a weekend full of charm, creativity, and connection. This three-day, walkable event invites locals and visitors alike to explore downtown through an interactive scavenger hunt and small business crawl, with exclusive offers, pop-up experiences, and spring-inspired fun at every turn.

From artisan workshops and limited-time discounts to birthday bashes and specialty spring flavors, participating businesses are going all out to make Bloom Fest a true celebration. *Plus, participants can enter to win exciting prizes by completing one of the two options below:*

Solve eight riddles the Bloom Fest Scavenger Hunt, where clues are hidden in storefronts across downtown.

Making three purchases at different participating Bloom Fest businesses and uploading proof via a QR-coded entry form.

Bloom Fest Highlights Include:

- A Paper Flower

Workshop with local artist Nora Fradin at the Ann Arbor Art Center

- A "Make Your Own Truffles" Experience at Mindo Chocolate Makers
- Bløm Mead + Cider's 7th Birthday Party, complete with new flavor launches and in-store pop-ups
- Spring flavors at Blank Slate Creamery and House of Chimney Cakes
- Mother's Day Macaron Giveaway at Le Bon Macaron
- Cocktail specials, giveaways, and more

Maps, clues, and entry details will be available at participating locations and online at mainstreetannarbor.org. Bloom Fest is free and open to all.

CINCO DE MAYO

Did you know that Franklin D. Roosevelt promoted Cinco de Mayo to improve the U.S.'s relationship with Latin America?

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In the photo are (left) Raquel Bravo, a Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) Ambassador (TMAA), and (right) Roberto Bedoya, Former Manager for the City of Oakland's (CA) Cultural Affairs in the Glass Pavilion for the Belonging at TMA event on Friday, April 25, 2025.

Belonging at TMA

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

From April 24 through April 26, 2025, the Glass Pavilion was the location for the *Belonging at TMA* event. This event was packed with artists, poets, writers, the Detroit Institute of Arts was in attendance, TMAA volunteers were helping with the check-in, and the community came out to hear “change makers exploring the future of inclusion in museums and cultural spaces” (toledomuseum.org).

This event brought “national and international experts together to share insights, strategies, and innovations,” that according to the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) would ADVANCE: Forward-

Thinking Strategies for Belonging in Museums, and shared lessons learned and pathways forward. One of the forward thinkers in attendance and whom I was able to catch up with during lunch was Roberto Bedoya (in the photos). Roberto is a recipient of the United States Artist 2021. He is a writer, poet, grant writer, and the former Cultural Affairs Manager for the City of Oakland in California. In Oakland, according to the TMA website, Roberto is known as the “Godfather of Belonging.” His essays have “reframed the discussion on exclusionary practices in cultural decision-making policies” (Reference: TMA website). Roberto



was raised in Tucson, Arizona, and later moved outside of Oakland, CA. In an interview with him, he told me stories of his 95-year-old mother, about how his mother knew Cesar Chavez, and how he lost his Spanish language at a very young age.

For more information about the museum, to see a schedule of events, or to visit the family center, which is free for kids to make things, play, read a book, or meet new friends, visit: <https://toledomuseum.org>.



Mujer Divina: Salud y Bienestar
Divine Women: Health and Wellness

The Mujer Divina: Salud y Bienestar (Divine Women: Health and Wellness) Resource Fair was held on April 22, 2025, at the Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center (SQACC).

In this photo are (left) Zoila Ortiz and her granddaughter (right) Sierra Ortiz Calamunci, Clinical Referral Liaison, Physician Engagement & Outreach for UToledo Health.

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Recipe of the Week

By Alicia Boes, aliciaboes1@gmail.com

Baked Mac and Cheese

This mac and cheese is pure comfort—creamy, cheesy, and seasoned just right. It's the kind of dish that shows up and shows out, whether it's on the table at a cookout, a holiday spread, or just bringing some extra love to your plate any day of the week.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb elbow macaroni
- 8oz Philadelphia cream cheese, cubed
- 2 block Cracker Barrel Extra Sharp Yellow Cheddar, shredded (approx. 16 oz)
- 1 block Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (approx. 16 oz)
- 1 block Mild Cheddar cheese, shredded (approx. 16 oz)
- 1 block Muenster cheese, shredded (approx. 16 oz)
- 4 Tbsp butter
- Salt (for boiling water)
- 1/2 tsp black pepper (or to taste)
- 1/2 tsp ground mustard
- 1 tsp Lawry's Seasoned Salt (or to taste)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp chicken bouillon powder
- Dash of paprika
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2-2 1/2 cups half and half

Instructions:

Cook Pasta: Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a rapid boil. Add macaroni and cook until al dente. Drain pasta and return it immediately to the warm pot.

Season & Combine: Add butter to the hot pasta and stir until melted. Season with black pepper, ground mustard, seasoned salt, garlic powder, onion powder, chicken bouillon, and paprika. Stir well.

Add Creaminess: Add cubed cream cheese and stir until mostly melted and combined. Add beaten egg(s) and half and half, stirring quickly to fully incorporate.

Cheese It Up: Stir in about two-thirds of the shredded cheese mixture. Mix until evenly distributed. Add more half and half as needed to reach your desired consistency.

Bake: Pour mac and cheese mixture into a greased baking dish. Top with remaining shredded cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350°F (175°C) for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 10–15 minutes, or until the top is golden and bubbly.

Notes: Shred cheese from blocks for best melting and texture. Cheese quantities can be adjusted to your preference—about 16 oz. of each is a rich, cheesy amount.



Alicia Boes

Cinco de Mayo

Did you know that Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day?

¿Sabías que el Cinco de Mayo no es el Día de la Independencia de México?

Did you know Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexicans' victory over the French in Puebla, Mexico?

¿Sabías que Cinco de Mayo celebra la victoria de los mexicanos sobre los franceses en Puebla, México?

En un auto iban dos madres y dos hijas, pero en el auto solo había tres pasajeras. ¿Cómo es esto posible?

Answer: Una abuela, una madre y una hija.

SPANISH IDIOMS



Spanish:

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Literal:

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Meaning:

Barking dogs never bite

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Columbus Crew won 2-1 against the San Jose Earthquakes at Lower.com Field on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The Crew face Charlotte FC at Lower.com Field on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Max Arfsten photo courtesy Columbus Crew.

4-H Summer Camp at Camp Palmer

Toledo, Ohio: Join Lucas County 4-H for an exciting overnight camp for youth ages 9-13 years old. The camp weekend is Saturday, July 26, 2025 through Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at Camp Palmer located in Fulton County — less than an hour drive from Toledo. Beautiful Camp Palmer sits on 146 acres near Harrison Lake State Park.

This fun-filled summer camp will feature hands-on 4-H activities, outdoor exploration, and engaging learning experiences.

Activities available are kayaking, zip lining, rock climbing, arts and crafts, swimming, nature study, archery, hiking, teambuilding, and scavenger hunts.

“We want to grow our camp this year,” said Jess Burns, 4-H Educator for Extension in Lucas County. “Membership in a 4-H Club is not necessary for youth to attend the overnight camp. This opportunity is perfect for area youth who want to engage in activities, learn fun skills, and make new friends. Don’t miss out on this summer adventure! Register now —



come explore, learn, and have a blast with Lucas County 4-H,” said Ms. Burns.

Registration is \$200 per youth and includes lodging, meals, and activities. A discounted rate is available to siblings. In addition, scholarships are available for youth with financial need.

Register online at: lucas.osu.edu/4-Hcamp.

Southwest Detroit's Cinco de Mayo Parade and Fiesta

The 60th Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade
Sunday, May 4, 2025
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The Fiesta hosts local entertainment, food trucks and vendors.
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Lista de ganadores de los Premios Platino

Apr 27, 2025 (AP): Lista de ganadores de la 12a edición anual de los Premios Platino entregados el domingo en Madrid.

Película iberoamericana de ficción: “Ainda Estou Aqui”
Dirección: Walter Salles, “Ainda Estou Aqui”
Comedia iberoamericana de ficción: “Buscando a Coque”
Interpretación masculina: Eduard Fernández, “Marco”
Interpretación femenina: “Ainda Estou Aqui”
Interpretación masculina de reparto: Daniel Fanego, “El jockey”
Interpretación femenina de reparto: Clara Segura, “El 47”

Ópera prima de ficción: “El ladrón de perros”
Película documental: “El Eco”
Película de animación: “Mariposas Negras”
Música original: “The Room Next Door”
Guion: Arantxa Echevarria, “La infiltrada”
Dirección de montaje: “La infiltrada”
Dirección de arte: “Pedro Páramo”
Dirección de fotografía: “The Room Next Door”
Dirección de sonido: “Segundo Premio”

Miniserie o teleserie de ficción o documental: “Cien años de soledad”
Interpretación masculina en miniserie o teleserie: Claudio Cataño, “Cien años de soledad”
Interpretación femenina en miniserie o teleserie: Candela Peña, “El caso asunta”
Interpretación masculina de reparto en miniserie o teleserie: Jairo Camargo, “Cien años de soledad”
Interpretación femenina de reparto en miniserie o teleserie: Carmen Maura, “Tierra de mujeres”

Creador de serie: Vicente Amorim, Fernando Coimbra, Luiz Bolognesi, Patrícia Andrade, “Senna”
Premio Platino al Cine y Educación en Valores: “Memorias de un cuerpo que arde”
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A vibrant advertisement for the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium's 125th Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The top half has a solid red background with the zoo's 125th anniversary logo and event details. The bottom half features a large, colorful rainbow arching over a group of five women in traditional Mexican folk costumes (wearing large, multi-layered skirts and colorful blouses) who are performing a dance. The background behind the dancers is a light blue sky.



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Columbus Crew won 2-1 against the San Jose Earthquakes at Lower.com Field on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The Crew face Charlotte FC at Lower.com Field on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
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LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
UPCOMING EVENTS

Life and Home
Organization

Tuesday, May 6; 11 a.m.
South Lorain Branch
Tips on how to organize your life and home. Preregistration required.

Teen Gaming: Open
Play

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27; 3 to 5 p.m.
Avon Branch
Bring your friends and join us during our free gaming hours! For ages 12 and up. Preregistration required.

Create Space Open
Studio

Tuesday, May 6, 20; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Main Library
Stop by the Create Space to work on a new project or bring your work in progress. Staff will be available to assist with basic instruction and problem solving. The embroidery machine and laser cutter and engraver require completion of a 101 program. Preregistration required.

Folktales and Fun: A
Toni Morrison Story
Time

Tuesday, May 6; 6 to 7 p.m. at the Main Library
Discover the magic of storytelling with a reading of Toni Morrison's beloved folktales, followed by engaging hands-on activities that bring her stories and themes to life. Preregistration required.

Memory Cafe

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27; 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Avon Branch
Fridays, May 9, 23; 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Domonkas Branch
A relaxing and comfortable gathering for people living in the early stages of memory loss and their caregivers to connect, socialize and build new support networks. Enjoy meaningful activities that promote social interaction, companionship and learning. Preregistration required.

Anime Night

Tuesday, May 6; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Avon Branch
Join fellow fans for an



evening of anime, manga and light refreshments. For ages 12 and up. Preregistration required.

Books, Beats and
Bubbles

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30 p.m. at the South Lorain Branch
Move to the music in this high-energy story, music and bubbles experience for toddlers and preschoolers. For ages 2 to 5 with their caregiver. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, May 6; 6:30 p.m. at the Domonkas Branch "Learning Korean: Recipes for Home Cooking" by Peter Serpico
Wednesday, May 7; 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Branch "The Father She Went to Find" by Carter Wilson
Thursday, May 8; 6:30 p.m. at Speak of the Devil "Brooklyn" by Colm Toibin

MAIN LIBRARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Curious Garden Party

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, GIVEAWAYS

Saturday, May 10
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

DON'T BE LATE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

Fall Down the Rabbit Hole and Celebrate 100
years of Cleveland's Main Library

CLEVELAND, OH, April 25, 2025: Don't be late—Cleveland Public Library is celebrating a very important date! Join us on Saturday, May 10, 2025 as we mark the 100th anniversary of Main Library with a whimsical Alice in Wonderland-themed celebration. This milestone event is part of a year-long commemoration of Main Library's centennial.

The Library's centennial celebrates a series of exciting updates in and around the historic Main Library building—including the unveiling of a historical marker honoring its architectural and cultural legacy, the debut of a newly enhanced TechCentral department, and the grand opening of The Library Shop, featuring library- and Cleveland-themed gifts.

In 1916, Cleveland Public Library launched a national design competition to create a Main Library worthy of a growing, modern city. Designed by renowned

Cleveland architects Walker and Weeks, the building opened to the public on May 6, 1925. The Ohio state marker will recognize Cleveland Public Library's trailblazing influence in librarianship, status as one of the largest research libraries in the United States, and continued role as "The People's University" for generations of Clevelanders.

"This isn't just a centennial celebration," said Felton Thomas Jr., Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Public Library. "It's a vibrant tribute to how far the Library has come—as a place where culture, community, and creativity come alive. It's a joyful reminder that imagination and learning belong to us all."

On May 10, guests of all ages are encouraged to step through the looking glass and dress as their favorite literary character while exploring exhibits, performances, and hands-on activities throughout the day. Visitors will collect passport stamps and keepsakes as they explore

an Alice in Wonderland pop-up exhibit, DIY crafts and puzzles, family-friendly programming, and laser engraving stations. Special exhibits such as "Alice in All Languages," "Library Love Letters," a historical photo wall, and The Ballet of Joy performance from The BAND will bring the magic to life.

Also ready for unveiling is the next chapter of the Library's downtown TechCentral department. In addition to computers with free access to Wi-Fi and over 100 research databases and learning apps, the upgraded TechCentral will build on the popularity of its makerspace with even more state-of-the-art equipment, including sewing machines, an embroidery machine, a recording studio, and more space for people to create.

Learn more about the 100th anniversary of Main Library and The Curious Garden Party at CPL.org/Main100.

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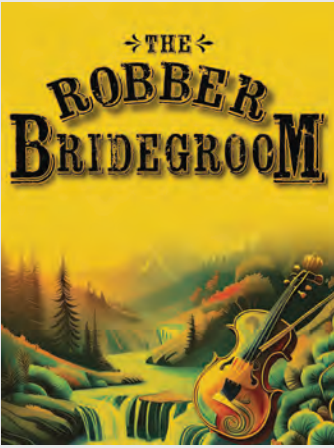
Beck Center for the Arts steals the stage with
The Robber Bridegroom

Lakewood, OH: Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to announce a classic musical that will steal your heart and entertain your ears with bluegrass music, *The Robber Bridegroom*.

The Robber Bridegroom, has music by Robert Waldman, book and lyrics by Alfred Uhry. Directed by Scott Spence, music direction Larry Goodpaster, and choreography by Lauren Marousek. Running in the Studio Theater from May 30 to June 29, 2025, with THURSDAY June 12, and June 26, 2025 performances.

This musical is produced with special arrangements with MTI Musical Theatre International.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Preview performances are 7:30 p.m. the Thursday before opening night, with general admission seating for just \$15. Smart Seats are available for each performance at just \$15 per person. For more information on the 2025-2026 Professional Theater Season please visit beckcenter.org.



All performances are at theaters inside Beck Center for the Arts located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available. For more info visit beckcenter.org.

The City of Fremont sponsors its 7th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival in Downtown Fremont

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

The City of Fremont Sponsors the 7th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival in Downtown Fremont on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Lydia Alejandro, chair of this event, says, “It is FREE and very family-friendly.” DJ Jacob Estrada, from Toledo, Ohio, will be playing music. The event will have a Jalapeno y “El Grito”

contest with prizes. FREE kids’ games, prizes, and a piñata. And for the adults, there will be Mexican Bingo from 1 pm – 2 pm, a 50/50 Raffle, and Raffle Baskets with winners presented every hour.

Agency tables with resources and vendors will be there. A Fremont Fire Department Truck will be there from 12 pm – 2 pm. And following food trucks: Los Agave, Pub 400, Anit-

A-Tacos de Patron, Los Pollo Loco, Mr. G’s Snowball Paradise, and many more.

This year’s, 2025, event will honor Roberto Valle as the Heritage Award Honoree at 2 pm., as well as recognizing the college scholarship recipients.

If you need more information, please call or text Lydia Alejandro, Chair, at (419) 522-1542.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scan the QR code to submit an event!



Homes and Dreams Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Thurs. May 1, 2025 5:30 - 8:00 pm The Fair Housing Center’s Annual Fundraiser 144 N. Superior St. Toledo

Mexican Mutal Society Cinco de Mayo Parade and Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 2025 2:00 p.m. Parade begins at the Armory at Oakwood Park 3:00–5:00 p.m. Food Available 3:30-5:30 p.m. Mariachi Band 5:00 p.m. Little Queen Coronation 7:00 p.m. Evil Ways Santana Tribute Band

FLOC March & Rally for immigration reform

May 3, 2025 2:30 pm. March begins at South & Broadway, Toledo 3 pm Rally at Golden Rule Park

Toledo Plant Exchange

May 3, 2025 8:30 – 11:00am at the Lucas County Fairgrounds.

HOLA’s Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 2025 12:00 noon–10:00 pm Veteran’s Park, Painesville, Ohio Live music, food, games, folkloric dancers, refreshments & more!

Fremont’s 7th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival

Saturday, May 3, 2025 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Downtown Fremont Food, music, loteria, piñatas and various games and prizes.

Toledo Zoo’s Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Sunday, May 4, 2025 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre The Toledo Zoo’s annual Cinco de Mayo celebration will feature DJ Tony Rios, performances by El Corazon de Mexico Folklorico Dance Group, crafts, pinatas, and more! In the case of inclement weather, activities will be moved to the Museum of Natural History.

Clue! Live on Stage

May 6 – 11, 2025 Stranahan Theater StranahanTheater.com

Evento Dia de las Madres

May 9, 2025 6:00 pm VDS Cleveland 3202 Fulton Rd., Cleveland OH 6:00 pm: Taller de autocuidado para la mujer: Dr. Aynette Ramos-Cardona 7:00 pm: Presentación del mariachi “Santa Cecilia” Regalos, comida y más

Moises Borges Quartet

Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:00 PM \$20 GA, \$30 VIP Seating at Market Garden Brewery Tasting Room 1849 W. 24th St., 2nd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio

Brazilian Vocalist and Guitarist plays Bossa Nova, Samba and more in a Special International Show! marketgardenbrewery.com

Sammy DeLeon Latin Jazz Sextet

Friday, May 16, 2025 8:00 PM \$20 GA, \$30 VIP Seating at Market Garden Brewery Tasting Room 1849 W. 24th St., 2nd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio marketgardenbrewery.com

NAMIWalks Greater Toledo

Saturday, May 17 Walk begins 10:00AM Middlegrounds Metropark, 111 Ottawa Street, Toledo, OH Free, inclusive, high-energy event that supports mental health awareness and builds community around the message: “Mental Health for All.”

CHIP’s 25th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference & Gala

Saturday, May 24 8am - 3pm Conference Lorain County Community College Spitzer Center 1005 Abbe Road North Elyria, OH 44035 Saturday, May 24 7pm - 11pm Gala Doors at 6pm Residence Inn at The Emerald Event Center 33040 Just Imagine Drive Avon, OH https://chiplorain.org/

MICHIGAN 60th Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade in Southwest Detroit

Sunday, May 4, 2025 12:00 noon The Mexican Patriotic Committee of Metro Detroit The parade will begin at Patton Park (Woodmere St. & Vernor Hwy.) and conclude at Clark Park. detroitcincodemayoparade.com

Southwest Detroit Business Association Impact Mixer

Wednesday, April 30 6 to 8 p.m. La Joya Gardens 4000 W. Vernor Hwy, The event provides an opportunity for attendees to connect, exchange ideas, and build partnerships in a welcoming atmosphere. www.southwestdetroit.com.

La Ciudad de Fremont presenta el 7 Anual del Cinco De Mayo Festival en el Centro de Fremont

Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

La Ciudad de Fremont Presenta el 7 Anual del Cinco de Mayo Festival en el Centro de Fremont este sábado, 3 de mayo de 2025, de 11 a.m. a las 3 p.m.

Lydia Alejandro, presidenta del evento, comenta que es una fiesta: “muy familiar.” El DJ Jacob Estrada, de Toledo, Ohio, estará a cargo de la música. El evento incluirá un concurso de jalapeños y “El

Grito” con premios. Los juegos infantiles, premios, y una piñata son GRATIS. Para los adultos, habrá Bingo Mexicano de 1 a las 2, una rifa 50/50 y canastas de rifas con ganadores cada hora.

Habrà mesas de agencias con recursos y vendedores. Un camión del Departamento de Bomberos de Fremont estará disponible de 12 p.m. a 2:00 p.m. Y van a tener camiones de comida: Los Agave, Pub

400, Anit-A-Tacos de Patrón, Los Pollo Loco, Mr. G’s Snowball Paradise y muchos más.

El evento de este año (2025) honrará a Roberto Valle como el ganador del Premio a la Herencia a las 2 p.m., además de reconocer a los becarios universitarios.

Si necesita más información, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Lydia Alejandro, presidenta, al (419) 522-1542.

La Ciudad de Fremont Presenta el 7 Anual

Cinco De Mayo Festival

El Centro de Fremont

El 3 de Mayo, 2025 - Sabado

11:00 de la mañana hasta 3:00 de la tarde

ANUNCIO DE GANADORES DE BECCAS de COLEGIO!

La Música: DJ Jacob Estrada de Toledo

Trocas de comida: Los Agave, Pub 400, Anit-A-Taco, Tacos del Patron

Los Pollo Loco, Mr. G’s Snowball Paradise y mas...

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Concursos: Jalapeño y “El Grito”-Premios Piñata’s y Juegos para niños con premios Troca de Bomberos del Ciudad (12– 2pm) Camisetas de Cinco de Mayo por venta! Canastas de Rifa– Ganadores cada hora 50/50 Rifa–Ganador no tiene que ser presente Agencias y Vendedores para comprar! Loteria de 1-2 pm (El Strand) Premios!



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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION! AT MEXICAN MUTUAL SOCIETY SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

2:00PM PARADE BEGINS Join along the parade route beginning at the Armory at Oakwood park, through St. Frances Cabrini Church parking lot, Homewood Dr. right on Clinton Ave., left of 31st St., right on Pearl Ave., ending at Mexican Mutual Society.

3:00PM FOOD AVAILABLE 3:00 - 5:00 PM - Scholarship Committee will serve a Mexican Dinner, \$20 4:00 - Sold out: Dominic's Food Truck, Hawaiiin Shaved Ice and Paisanos Mexican Food Truck. Raffles available!

3:30PM MARIACHI BAND Playing from 3:30 - 5:00 PM

5:00PM LITTLE QUEEN CORONATION Join us as DJ Rey introduces Mexican Mutual Society's 2025 Court! Raffle Winners Announced

7:00PM EVIL WAYS SANTANA TRIBUTE BAND

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26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference

On May 24, 2025 the Coalition for Hispanic Issues & Progress (CHIP) will host the 26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference at Lorain County Community College’s Spitzer Conference Center from 8:00am – 3:00pm. The Hispanic Leadership Conference serves as a forum where civic leaders, educators, students, social workers, non-profit organizations, union and corporate representatives, Hispanic/Latino advocacy groups and concerned citizens, can exchange views, network, and review information provided, enabling us all to better understand major issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino and greater community. The theme selected for this year’s conference is Unidos Podemos (United We Can). The Lorain County Commissioners Visitor’s Bureau is serving as this year’s Conference and Gala Title Sponsor.

The 26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference will feature multi-media presenta-

tions on Opening Digital Doors: harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for empowerment & progress (Dr. Vince Granito,, Professor), discerning Fact from Fiction within Social Media (Scot Allyn, Librarian/Journalist), Surviving Domestic Violence (Mari Colon, Riveon Mental Health & Recovery), understanding the Legislature and how to utilize its processes (Representative Joe Miller), locating Resources for Older Adults (Nicole Bellmore-Pierce, Lorain County Office on Aging), accessing Counseling Services for newcomers and Migrant Communities (Daniel Aguado Orneloas, Deputy Consul of Mexico), Social Determinants of Health (Erin Murphy, Lorain County Public Health), Empowering Your Future (Attorney Robert Cabrera), Keeping “Cool” during Turbulent Times (Rebecca Jones, MHARS) and how to utilize Chair Yoga to enhance one’s health (Marie Contreras Deshuk, Certified Instructor),

During the morning plenary sessions Sheriff Jack Hall will share with area communities the Lorain County Sheriff’s Office policies, processes and considerations when interacting with undocumented individuals. This will be followed by a panel discussion on “Defamation, opinion, or free speech” featuring Lorain County Commissioner David J. Moore, Chief Editor for La Prensa Newspaper Linda Alvarado-Arce and well-known Attorney Robert Cabrera. This panel will be moderated by Rey Carrion, Safety Service Director for the City of Lorain.

CHIP will continue to feature a free Medical Corner where medical professionals and organizations dedicated to providing medical expertise to the community offer free health screenings, supplies and information, Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services offers anxiety and depression testing and advice to participants, and Dr. Robert Thomas MD and Mercy

26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference

Conference: LCCC-1005 N. Abbe Rd, Elyria, OH 44035

Event begins at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 24, 2025

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Unidos Podemos, United We Can

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Evening Gala: Emerald Event Center 33040 Just Imagine Dr. Avon, Oh, 44011

Doors open at 6:00p.m.



Comedian Dennis Gaxiola



Nursing professionals will be on-hand to answer questions and address health concerns. Vendors from a host of organizations serving the Hispanic/Latino and greater community will also bring their services and expertise to the conference at no cost to participants.

The Youth Leadership tract will provide students with hands-on strategies to help verify whether internet material is fact based or mostly fiction and Riveon Mental Health & Recovery Services Mari Colon will provide her much needed “Basta Ya” (Enough is Enough) workshop on Domestic & Sexual Violence.

The conference will be followed by a Saturday evening Gala at the Emerald Event Center from 6:00pm-11:00pm. Comedian Dennis Gaxiola will headline the evening’s entertainment followed by award winning band Son Gitano. The evening’s featured DJ is Abner “Gozadora” Santiago.

Cost for the Conference and Gala is \$100 (which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner), \$50 for the Conference (breakfast/lunch included) or Gala (dinner included). College student registrations are half priced and registered high school students can attend the conference at no cost. High school students participating in the conference receive a no cost Gala registration.

If interested in serving as a Co-Sponsor, or in placing an ad in the conference program booklet, or securing a display table at the conference, call 440-336-1501 or via email at mf777df@msn.com.

For updated information prior to the conference please visit the CHIP website at www.chiplorain.org.



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1st Generation Ph.D., 1st Generation Master's, and 3rd Generation Undergraduate

(Continued from Page 2)

My decision to return to school and attend UToledo was because I needed a job that would pay well, had days off to be with my children, and needed to be close to home. So, I switched my area of specialization from social work to education, THANKS to Dr. Laurie Dinnebel and Hernan Vasquez, a former UToledo Board of Trustees member. I was given a full-time graduate and research assistantship, scholarships, and employment at the university, which allowed me to provide for my family and complete my Master's in Education, in Educational Foundations and Leadership (FOED), minor-ing in Gifted Education. I worked with Judge Devine, David Kontur, and others to create a Parent Center at UToledo. I worked with Dr. Dagmar Morales through the Office of Latino Initiatives (OLI), and once she retired, I was offered her position under President Dr. Daniel Johnson and the Provost of Academics. In that position, Dr. Dagmar Morales and I created the Latino Alumni Association (LAA), PRIMOS (an undergraduate mentorship program), and I re-started the defunct Graduate Stu-

dent Association (GSA) at UToledo. My Master's thesis topic was on *The Factors Related to the Academic Success of Undergraduate Latino/a Students at a Large Midwestern University*. Since obtaining my Master's, I have taught undergraduate classes at UToledo and BGSU on democracy and education, race, class, and gender, schools and society, and bilingual education for preservice students going into the education and teaching field. And I have presented, co-authored, and published reviews in educational academic journals that ranged from topics specific to the Latinx culture and higher education, qualitative research, book reviews, and co-authored a book chapter on *Teachers' Cultural and Professional Identities and Student Outcomes* (Kumar & Alvarado, 2013, pp. 250-253). I was the first Latinx director for the Board of Community Relations (BCR) for the City of Toledo until Mayor Kapszukiewicz's administration rewrote a city ordinance to eliminate this position. I purchased and became the owner of the only feminist mobile bookstore in Ohio, People Called Women, LLC. I am the editor of this bilingual (Spanish/English) news-

paper, La Prensa, Inc. The president of the non-profit board, Avance Latinx Académico Society (ALAS), which oversees the only Latinx bilingual Toledo Public School, Escuela SMART Academy. I volunteer my services along the U.S. northern and southern borders and in other countries, such as Poland, Germany, and Mexico. I cofounded the Greyhound Connection, am a member of the International Sanctuary Declaration Campaign Committee, the Canadian Border Network, and co-chair of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR)-USA, sit on the International Committee (ICOMM) for the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), and I am an Ambassador at the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA). As a speaker at this year's 2025 UToledo's Multicultural Graduation said on Saturday, April 26th, higher education is not a sprint- it is a marathon. He couldn't be any more right about that. It has been a very long and tiresome marathon for me, but I am finally at the finish line, and I THANK GOD for all of these experiences and for giving me the strength and courage to never give up!

Demanda: Migrantes sufren aislamiento e intimidación en centro de detención de EEUU en Guantánamo

Por MORGAN LEE Associated Press

Apr 26, 2025: Defensores de derechos de los inmigrantes y derechos civiles han renovado sus preocupaciones de que los inmigrantes detenidos en la Bahía de Guantánamo están siendo retenidos en un aislamiento extremo, privados de acceso significativo a asistencia legal o comunicación franca con sus familiares, según una nueva demanda legal presentada el sábado. En la demanda, presentada en nombre de dos inmigrantes nicaragüenses detenidos en la base naval de Estados Unidos en Cuba, los abogados afirman que existe un clima de "miedo e intimidación extremos" que interfiere con los derechos constitucionales al debido proceso y a la asesoría legal. La nueva demanda solicita a un juez federal en Washington que intervenga en nombre de todos los inmigrantes que sean enviados a Guantánamo, que las autoridades han utilizado como estación de paso para inmigrantes a quienes el presidente Donald Trump llama "los peores", con órdenes finales de deportación, al tiempo que su gobierno busca intensificar las deportaciones masivas. "Los oficiales en Guantánamo han creado un clima de miedo e intimidación extremos donde los detenidos inmigrantes

tienen miedo de comunicarse libremente con sus abogados", se lee en la demanda, añadiendo que las condiciones son más restrictivas que en las instalaciones de detención en el continente, prisiones y, en algunos casos, custodia militar en tiempo de guerra en la Bahía de Guantánamo. El Comando Sur de Estados Unidos, que supervisa la base, declinó comentar sobre la demanda y remitió las solicitudes al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, que de momento no respondió a un correo electrónico el sábado. En marzo, un juez federal falló en contra de los intentos de los defensores de ayudar a los migrantes en Guantánamo y prevenir más traslados allí, días después que el gobierno estadounidense sacara a todos los migrantes de la instalación. Dos nicaragüenses que llegaron desde entonces han presentado declaraciones judiciales que describen su travesía a través de centros de detención en Luisiana hasta Cuba y describen sus preocupaciones de que las conversaciones telefónicas están siendo monitoreadas y podrían causarles castigos o represalias. Los abogados no tienen contacto en persona con los clientes en la base y dicen que están encadenados y enfrentan restricciones durante las llamadas telefónicas le-

gales que se transmiten por altavoz con oficiales sentados fuera de una puerta abierta. Eso socava el derecho a la comunicación confidencial y el privilegio abogado-cliente, sostiene la demanda. La querella también señala que algunos detenidos han sido interrogados por el FBI sobre posible afiliación a pandillas estando rodeados de oficiales militares. Una persona fue desnudada en busca de un cepillo de dientes perdido, y otra fue encerrada en una celda de concreto sin ventanas ni luces durante cuatro días, añade. "Se me ha permitido hablar con mi familia unas 20 veces. Cada llamada dura unos cinco minutos", dijo Johon Suazo-Muller en una declaración escrita al tribunal que fue traducida al inglés. Él dijo que emigró a Estados Unidos desde Nicaragua en octubre de 2023 en busca de asilo por conflicto político y una vida mejor. "No se me permite dar ninguna información sobre mi permanencia en Guantánamo", añadió Suazo-Muller. "No puedo decir dónde estoy ni detalles sobre cómo estoy". Esta historia fue traducida del inglés por un editor de AP con la ayuda de una herramienta de inteligencia artificial generativa.



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Después de muchos años de no rendirme nunca, de cambiar el título de mi tesis varias veces, de desechar mi conjunto de datos inicial y de atascarme en el proceso, ¡por fin lo logré! Esta semana me llamarán *Dra. Linda Alvarado-Arce*. Finalmente, obtendré mi doctorado en Educación, Fundamentos y Liderazgo, con una especialización en Educación para Talentosos de la Universidad de Toledo (UToledo). Y todo esto se lo debo a mi maravilloso esposo, Román (Ray) Arce, y a mis padres, quienes me apoyaron mucho y me trajeron al Norte (noroeste de Ohio) siendo adolescentes hispanos y que no mas hablaban español, escapando la pobreza que tienen en la frontera sur de los Estados Unidos. Mi madre tenía 16 años cuando estaba embarazada de mí y mi padre 18. El grado más alto que ambos completaron fue Christian Junior High School en Laredo, Texas.

Con nada que perder, mis padres decidieron viajar al norte con amigos para buscar trabajo y una vida mejor para mí y, más tarde, mis hermanos. Este viaje en coche los llevó a Lansing, Michigan, donde las fábricas de automóviles llevaban a cualquiera. Allí nací, y mi padre trabajó toda su carrera en Power Train, también conocida como General Motors (ORGULLOSO del Unions), hasta su retiro. Esta decisión de mudarse al norte para darme a luz y criarnos, a mi hermana y a mi hermano, en Defiance,

Ohio, fue la mejor decisión que pudieron haber tomado. Aunque adoro Laredo, la pobreza es rampante en la frontera sur de los Estados Unidos y las oportunidades educativas son limitadas.

Cuando mi padre fue trasladado a Defiance, Ohio, vivimos frente al Defiance College la mayor parte de mi vida. Allí, mis padres tomaban clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL), ya que solo hablaban español. Obtuvieron su título de Desarrollo Educativo General (GED). Mi madre, por su parte, obtuvo su licenciatura en trabajo social en Defiance College y se convirtió en Trabajadora Social Licenciada (LSW) en el estado de Ohio. Trabajó para los Servicios de Adicción al Alcohol y las Drogas de Five County, impartiendo educación sobre los efectos negativos de las drogas, el alcohol y la violencia doméstica, y para los campos de trabajo agrícola para migrantes haciendo lo mismo.

Incluso, mi mamá, realizó sus prácticas de trabajo social en Compass & SASI, aquí mismo en Toledo, Ohio. En aquel entonces, SASI estaba dirigido por el exalcalde Jack Ford, quien, desde este puesto y con mi madre como estudiante y con muchos otros miembros de la comunidad latina, creó Adelante, una agencia de prevención del abuso de sustancias en español que alguna vez estuvo ubicada en el histórico South End de Toledo. Incluso fue amiga de Sofía

Quintero y sigue siendo amiga de Arturo y muchos de los otros fundadores del Centro Guadalupe. Se retiró de los Servicios Infantiles del Condado de Paulding, donde fue investigadora de abuso y negligencia infantil, y toda vía trabaja como trabajadora social en Compassion Toledo para un programa que ella misma cofundó llamado "Compasión," una agencia de servicios de salud mental y recuperación especializada en la población latina, hispanohablante, que llena el vacío que dejó Adelante, Inc.

Y mi padre obtuvo un título de asociado en justicia penal, trabajó en GM, fue voluntario como policía cuando fue necesario, fue miembro activo del United Auto Workers (UAW), de los Knights of Columbus y, junto con su mejor amigo, Jessie Juárez, abrió el primer camión de comida, el "Taco Wagon," en el noroeste de Ohio, que estaba presente en todos los festivales locales y ferias del condado. Mis padres siempre quisieron compartir su cultura, idioma y gastronomía con la gente del noroeste de Ohio. Mi papá traía cerámica, canicas y productos mexicanos de México al Norte y los vendía en el granero que teníamos afuera de nuestra casa, en la zona norte de Defiance. Este amor y la preservación de nuestra cultura latina también fueron las razones por las que mis padres se convirtieron en miembros

fundadores de la Hispanic Awareness Organization (HAO) y de muchas otras organizaciones e iglesias comunitarias latinas, como el Club Latinoamericano, la Iglesia Vida y, ahora, Compassion Toledo.

Mis padres también eran muy políticos; trabajaron en la campaña de Richard Celeste, en los comités estatales de derecho al voto y en grupos proinmigrantes. Algunos de los eventos latinos que más me cambio mi vida fue en Columbus, Ohio, con la creación de la Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, las iniciativas latinas "Get Out the Vote" de la década de 1980, y cuando marchamos con César Chávez por la Unión de Trabajadores Agrícolas (UFW) cuando él llegó a Toledo. Mi madre incluso fue la primera latina en postularse para la Junta de Educación de nuestra ciudad, Defiance, Ohio.

Gracias al amor de mis padres por la educación, y a que mi madre siempre me llevaba a su alma máter, Defiance College, al otro lado de la calle y a sus clases o eventos del campus, rápidamente me enamoré del aprendizaje y la vida universitaria. Y, bueno, también ayudó que vivimos entre todos los profesores universitarios, jugara e fuera a la escuela con sus hijos, y aprendí desde muy joven la importancia de la educación y de ser bilingüe. Mi madre y yo incluso enseñábamos español fuera de casa a todos los niños del vecindario cuando era niña.

Mi tío Eduardo incluso me llevaba a su alma máter, la Michigan State University (MSU), en Lansing, Michigan, donde obtuvo su Licenciatura en Educación y se retiró como profesor de educación bilingüe en Denton, Texas. Pero esto no es sorprendente, ya que mi tío abuelo, su tío, fue uno de los primeros latinos en graduarse de la



Linda Alvarado-Arce

Universidad de Baylor. Así que la educación y el amor por la educación, especialmente por la educación bilingüe, corren por mis venas. He pasado toda mi vida viajando entre Estados Unidos y México, visitando mi familia en ambos lados de la frontera. Mi familia está en Texas, Arizona, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey y Saltillo, México. Y toda mi vida lo pase siendo bicultural, bilingüe, traduciendo y en inglés y español.

Yo tengo una Licenciatura en Artes con especialización en Trabajo Social. Al igual que mi madre, soy Trabajadora Social en el estado de Ohio (LSW). Soy mediadora certificada y redactora de subvenciones. Desde mis años de estudiante universitaria, siempre he trabajado con la comunidad latina de una forma u otra. Mis primeras prácticas de trabajo social durante mi licenciatura fueron en Adelante, Unison, Harbor y los Centros de Salud Comunitarios que antiguamente se ubicaban en el antiguo South End y el Eastside de Toledo. Después de realizar prácticas en estas agencias locales, me convertí en coordinadora, evaluadora y redactora de subvenciones para Adelante, Trabajadora de

Servicios Familiares para E.O.P.A./Head Start y, posteriormente, Subdirectora del programa Head Start del Condado de Monroe (MI), donde supervisé la Gobernanza del Programa, los Servicios Sociales, la Participación de Padres y Familias, las Iniciativas de Paternidad, numerosas aulas y el departamento de transporte.

Pero cuando uno de mis hijos le diagnosticó con un cáncer cerebral, y yo acababa de dar a luz a mi cuarto hijo, me divorcié y dejé mi trabajo en Michigan. Acepté un puesto en las Escuelas Públicas de Toledo (¡Orgulloso de TPS!) como Coordinador de Padres de Distrito para estar más cerca de casa y cuidar mejor de mi recién nacido, mi hijo con cáncer, mi hijo autista, y mi hijo talentoso. Fue en ese momento, bajo la dirección del superintendente Eugene Sanders, que restablecí el Congreso de Padres de TPS, y gracias a él y a Richard Jackson, me ofrecieron una beca para completar mis Maestría en la Universidad de Toledo y la Universidad Estatal de Bowling Green (BGSU) a través de la Colegio de Educación. De hecho, me ofrecieron una beca completa para BGSU al graduarme de la preparatoria, a través de

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Did you know that Mole Poblano is considered the official Cinco de Mayo dish because it comes from Puebla, Mexico?

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un programa para latinos que mis padres y otros desarrollaron en Defiance. Pero no estaba lista para la universidad en ese momento y decidí casarme y mudarme a Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mi decisión de regresar a la universidad y asistir a UToledo se debió a que necesitaba un trabajo bien cerca y que tenía días libres para estar con mis hijos. Así que cambié mi especialización de trabajo social a fui con educación, GRACIAS a la Dra. Laurie Dinnebel y a Hernan Vasquez, ex miembro de la Junta Directiva de UToledo. Obtuve una beca completo y empleo en la universidad, lo que me permitió mantener a mi familia y completar mi Maestría en Educación, en Fundamentos Educativos y Liderazgo (FOED). Trabajé con el Juez Devine, David Kontur y otros para crear un Centro para Padres en UToledo. Trabajé con la Dra. Dagmar Morales a través de la Oficina de Iniciativas Latinas (OLI), y una vez que se retiró, me ofrecieron su puesto bajo la dirección del Dr. Daniel Johnson. En ese puesto, la Dra. Dagmar Morales y yo creamos la Asociación de Alumnos Latinos (LAA), PRIMOS (un programa de mentoría para estudiantes en UToledo) y reinicié la

extinta Graduate Student Association (GSA). El tema de mi tesis de maestría fue “Los factores relacionados con el éxito académico de los estudiantes latinos en una universidad del Medio Oeste.”

Desde que obtuve mi maestría, he impartido clases en UToledo y BGSU sobre democracia y educación, raza, clase y género, escuelas y sociedad, y educación bilingüe para estudiantes de educación. Además, he presentado, coescrito y publicado en revistas académicas educativas de la cultura latina y la educación superior, investigación cualitativa, reseñas de libros y coescrito un capítulo de un libro sobre *Identidades culturales y profesionales docentes y resultados estudiantiles* (Kumar y Alvarado, 2013, pp. 250-253).

Fui la primera directora latina de la Junta de Relaciones Comunitarias de (BCR) de la ciudad de Toledo hasta que la administración del alcalde Kapszukiewicz reescribió una ordenanza municipal para eliminar este puesto. Compré y me convertí en propietaria de la única librería móvil feminista de Ohio, People Called Women, LLC. Soy la editora de este periódico

bilingüe (español/inglés), La Prensa, Inc. Soy presidenta de la junta directiva, Avance Latinx Académico Society (ALAS), que supervisa la única escuela pública bilingüe latina de Toledo, Escuela SMART Academy. Ofrezco mis servicios como voluntaria en las fronteras norte y sur de Estados Unidos y en otros países, como Polonia, Alemania y México. Cofundé el Greyhound Connection, soy miembro del Comité de la Campaña de la Declaración de Santuario Internacional, de la Fronteriza Canadiense y copresidenta de la Comunidad de Reconciliación (FOR)-USA, formo parte del Comité Internacional (ICOMM) de la Comunidad Internacional de Reconciliación (IFOR) y soy embajadora del Museo de Arte de Toledo (TMA).

Como dijo un estudiante en la Graduación Multicultural 2025 de UToledo el sábado 26 de abril, la educación superior no es una carrera de velocidad, sino un maratón. Y tenía toda la razón. Ha sido un maratón muy largo y agotador para mí, pero por fin he llegado a la meta, y le doy gracias a Dios por todas estas experiencias y por darme la fuerza y el coraje para nunca rendirme.



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(Cleveland) – The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is making voters aware of an **Emergency Voting Location Change for Cleveland Ward 3, Precinct M voters**. The Quinn Chapel is closed for voting due to maintenance issues. The Board of Elections has moved 929 voters who live in Ward 3, Precinct M. They will now vote at the Murtis Taylor Human Services Center located at 13411 Union Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. All affected voters are receiving notification letters informing them of their new Voting Location.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is advising **all voters** to confirm their Voting Locations before going to the polls. Voters may confirm their voting locations on the Board of Elections website: boe.cuyahogacounty.gov or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683).

The City of Cleveland has new Wards, Precincts and Voting Locations due to the number of Wards being reduced from 17 to 15. There are over 250,000 voters in Cleveland, 254 Precincts and 93 Voting Locations. There are also 31,127 suburban voters affected by Voting Location changes in 44 Precincts from the cities of Brooklyn, Euclid, Lakewood, South Euclid, Maple Heights, North Royalton, and Warrensville Heights.

Voter Location Change letters and Voter Guides were received by all affected Cleveland and suburban voters over the past two months.

City of Brooklyn: Voters in three Precincts have been moved out of the Brooklyn High School at 9200 Biddulph Road

Voters who live in Brooklyn Precinct B will now vote at the Brooklyn Senior Community Center School located at 7727 Memphis Avenue.

Voters who live in Brooklyn Precincts D and G will now vote at Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church located at 4470 Ridge Road.

City of Euclid: Voters in three Precincts have been moved out of the Euclid Public Library at 631 East 222nd Street.

Voters who live in Ward 8, Precinct A will now vote at the Arbor Elementary School located at 20400 Arbor Avenue.

Voters who live in Ward 8, Precinct D will now vote at Our Lady of the Lake located at 175 East 200th Street.

Voters who live in Ward 5, Precinct C will now vote at the Euclid Lakefront Community Center located at 1 Bliss lane.

City of Lakewood: Voters in two Precincts have been moved out of the Lincoln Elementary School at 15615 Clifton Boulevard.

Voters who live in Lakewood Ward 2, Precincts A and C will now vote at the Lakewood Women's Club Pavilion located at 14532 Lake Avenue.

City of South Euclid: Voters in one Precinct have been moved out of Vics Event Center located at 1512 South Green Road.

Voters who live in Ward 2, Precinct D will now vote at the South Euclid Community Center located at 1370 Victory Drive.

City of Maple Heights: Voters in four Precincts have been moved out of the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School located at 6009 Dunham Road.

Voters who live in Ward 1, Precincts A and B and Ward 2, Precincts A and B will now vote at the Maple Heights Board of Education located at 5740 Lawn Avenue.

City of North Royalton: Voters in four Precincts have been moved out of the North Royalton Christian Church located at 5100 Royalton Road.

Voters who live in Ward 4, Precincts A, B, C and D will now vote the North Royalton Elementary School located at 16400 State Road.

City of Warrensville Heights: Voters in six Precincts have been moved out of the Warrensville Heights Senior Center at 4567 Green Road.

Voters who live in Ward 1, Precincts A & B, Ward 2, Precincts A & B and Ward 3, Precincts A & B will now vote at Mount Zion Fellowship located at 4265 Northfield Rd.

Voters in five Precincts have been moved out of Mount Zion Fellowship located at 4265 Northfield Road.

Voters who live in Ward 5, Precincts A and B, Ward 6, Precinct A and Ward 7, Precincts A and B will now vote at the Warrensville Heights Senior Center located at 4567 Green Road.



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