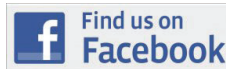




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Méxicanas en Michigan invitan a 5K MujerRun 2025

Por: Isabel Flores

La 5K MujerRun vuelve a Rochester, Michigan, este próximo 7 de septiembre, con una invitación abierta a toda la comunidad para correr, caminar y celebrar la unidad en torno a una causa urgente: apoyar a las personas migrantes y refugiadas del estado. Este evento, que año con año crece en participantes, se ha convertido en un símbolo de solidaridad y compromiso comunitario.

El día de la carrera, el registro iniciará a las 8:30 de la mañana bajo la Bloomer Tent en Bloomer Park; a las 9:10 a. m. habrá un calentamiento conjunto y la salida será a las 9:30 a. m. Se trata de una actividad incluyente, abierta a edades de 5 a 100 años, con una cuota de inscripción de \$30.00 dólares. Todas las personas participantes deben estar registradas para poder tomar la salida, y se recuerda que aunque la ruta admite carriolas, el camino es sin pavimentar.

Quienes crucen la meta recibirán una medalla conmemorativa y habrá premios

para los tres primeros lugares. Además, al finalizar se ofrecerán agua, refrigerios y snacks de proteína para recuperar energía. Mexicanas en Michigan invitan a prolongar la convivencia quedándose en el parque para disfrutar de un picnic familiar: cada quien puede llevar su propio lunch y compartir en un ambiente de unión y amistad. El área cuenta con sanitarios cercanos a la Bloomer Tent y amplio estacionamiento.

La carrera tiene este año un aliciente muy especial, por cada dólar recaudado en inscripciones y donativos, la Fundación de **Friends on Board** igualará el monto hasta alcanzar un máximo de \$10,000. Gracias a este esfuerzo, cada aportación tendrá el doble de impacto. Los fondos serán destinados al **Michigan Immigrant**

Rights Center (MIRC), una organización sin fines de lucro que brinda apoyo y recursos legales a la comunidad inmigrante y refugiada en el estado.

Como en todo evento al aire libre, la dirección se reserva el derecho de cancelar en caso de clima severo, siempre priorizando la seguridad de los asistentes.

El proceso para inscribirse es muy sencillo: basta con ingresar a la página oficial <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Rochester/5KMujerRun>, donde también se puede consultar el mapa de la ruta y la información logística más actualizada. El registro en línea permanecerá abierto hasta el 5 de septiembre de 2025 a las 11:59 p. m.

Las empresas y

organizaciones que deseen sumarse como patrocinadores y colocar un stand el día de la carrera pueden llenar el formulario disponible en <https://forms.gle/hwzyku1xkqDpADgq9> o escribir a mexicanasenmichigan@gmail.com para obtener más información. De esta manera, también el sector privado podrá aportar a una causa de impacto real para miles de familias.

La invitación final es clara: registrarse, donar y compartir la convocatoria con familia y amistades. Cada paso aportará, cada inscripción sumará y, con la fuerza de la comunidad, cada dólar se transformará en esperanza para quienes más lo necesitan. El 7 de septiembre, la 5K MujerRun será más que una carrera, será una jornada de unidad y solidaridad que dejará huella en Michigan.

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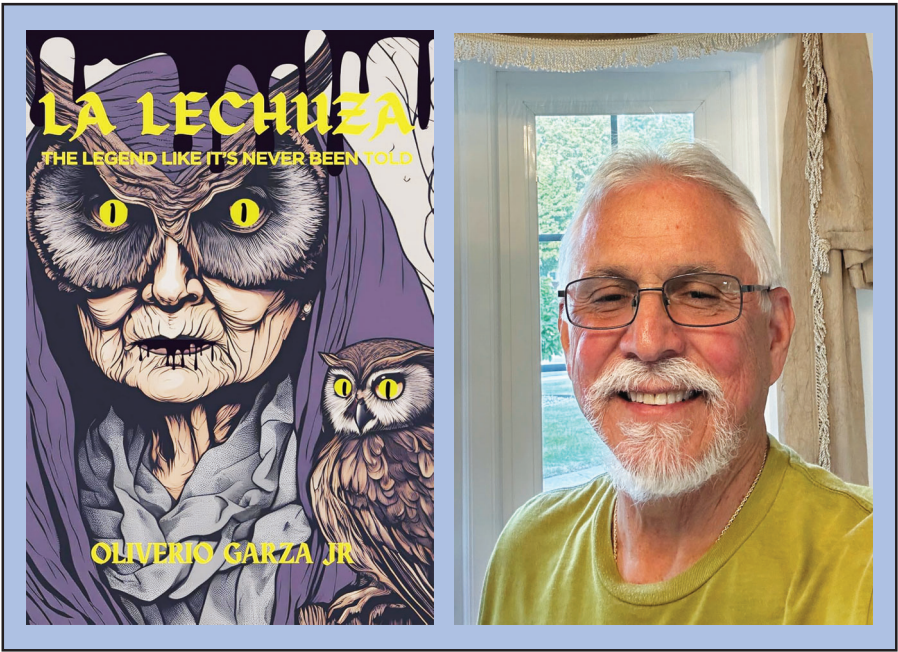
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Oliverio Garza, Jr.’s Book “La Lechuza”

Oliverio Garza, Jr., born in Cotulla, Texas, but a current resident of Adrian, Michigan, has written a book called “La Lechuza.” La Lechuza was inspired by his grandchildren, who wanted him to write the story about “La Lechuza,” a woman who would transform into an owl at night and a woman during the daytime. His grandchildren want him to write a book about the very story he would tell them, and so they would never forget it. Now published, this book can be purchased through Amazon (online). It is offered as an e-book or in paperback.

El Libro de Oliverio Garza, Jr. “La Lechuza”

Por Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce

Oliverio Garza, Jr., nacido en Cotulla, Texas, pero es residente de Adrian, Michigan, ha escrito un libro titulado “La Lechuza.” La Lechuza fue inspirada por sus nietos, quien quería que el escribiera la historia de “La Lechuza,” que fue una mujer que se transformaba en búho de noche y en mujer de día. Sus nietos querían un libro sobre la misma historia que les contaría, para que nunca la olviden. Este libro, ya publicado, se puede comprar a través de Amazon (en línea). Está disponible en formato electrónico o en papel.

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Hispanic/Latino Statewide Post-Secondary Graduation celebrates 2025 graduates

On April 25, 2025, the *Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan (HLCOM)* hosted their annual *State-wide Post-Secondary Graduation Celebration at the Michigan Historical Center* in downtown Lansing. Over 40 students from technical programs, community colleges, four-year universities and graduate programs located throughout the state attended. Over 115 students and guests were welcomed with a reception prior to the ceremony with food, music and photos. Students were presented certificates and serape stoles, inspired by Latino culture to wear with pride at their respective graduation ceremonies.

“The graduation serves as an opportunity to recognize Latinos who make up a small percentage of those graduating from post-secondary institutions,” said HLCOM Executive Director Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez. “These are the future policy makers, educators, scientists and leaders we need for our community to have a voice and to succeed.”

During the ceremony the students were inspired by the wise words of keynote speaker, former chair and current commissioner of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, Gloria Lara. Commissioner Lara shared her journey through the Harvard Business School and into the male dominated automotive industry. The celebration also welcomed remarks from two student keynote speakers. The first student speaker was Sofia Rosales, she earned her master of arts in political science at Michigan State University and will continue on to pursue a doctor of philosophy. The second speaker was Alexie Milukhin who earned her master of arts from the University of Michigan in Public Policy and has accepted a position as Director of Policy with Michigan’s Population Growth Office.

The commission is always excited to celebrate students’ educational achievements and encourage students to apply their myriad of skills as a part of the Michigan workforce. The commission understands that many of the challenges Latino students face impart a certain level of resilience that can be applied as they move forward in their careers. Commission Vice Chair Florenio Hernandez shared words of encouragement to the students reminding them to never forget where they come from and to stay grounded: “No matter where you go from here, I hope you stay rooted. Rooted in who you are. Rooted in the love and strength that brought you all this far because being Latino isn’t just your heritage—it’s a blessing and a superpower.”



<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Degree or Certification</u>
Alexandra Marie Gavirio	2025	Albion College	Psychological Science (Psychology major and a double minor in Educational Studies and Teaching English as a Second Language)
Alexie Milukhin	Spring 2025	University of Michigan	Master of Public Policy
Andersen Herminia Martinez	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Master of Rhetoric and Writing, concentration in Pedagogical Approaches to Cultural Rhetorics
Angela Marie Reyna	Spring 2025	University of Phoenix	Bachelor of Business of Science Supply Chain Management
Areli Hernández	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Biomedical Laboratory Science major, concentration in Medical Laboratory Science
Brianna Lopez	May 2025	Albion College	Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry
Chalondra Jewell	Fall 2025	Albion College	Computer Science/ Earth Science
Cindy Avila	Spring 2025	Albion College	Biochemistry
Colleen Marie Green	Spring 2025	Central Michigan University	Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership
Daffne Ruby	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Bachelor of Science in Advertising Management
Diana Pallares-Juarez	Spring 2025	Albion College	Bachelor of Arts and biology major
Dyani Parada-Cortes	Spring 2025	Aquinas College	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Essence La’Tavia Flores	Spring 2025	Central Michigan University	Master of Arts Speech Language Pathology
Eva Ramirez	Spring 2025	Western Michigan University	Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Development
Faith Angelica Quevedo	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Bachelor’s degree in Human Biology
Fatima Cruz Ramirez	Spring 2025	Albion college	Kinesiology major, Spanish minor
Gabriela Rivas Amaya	Spring 2025	Albion College	Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Honors Program
Jessica Gomez-Sanchez	Spring 2025	Aquinas College	Bachelor of Arts in Spanish
Jessica Rivas	spring 2025	Albion College	Bachelor’s degree in finance
Jessie Iliana Gutierrez-Arredondo	Summer 2025	Oakland University	Master of Organizational Leadership
Katy Cobian	Summer 2025	Albion College	Bachelor’s in Political Science, concentration in the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service
Kevlyn Aguirre	Winter 2025	Wayne State University	Bachelor Of Science in Neuroscience, Chemistry minor
Lydia Isabel Borges De Castilhos	Summer 2025	Grand Valley State University	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Mariana Lee Moreno	May 2025	Alma High School	Art and Business Management
Michelle Hernandez	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Bachelor of Science in Zoology
Natalie Selena Alvarado	Summer 2025	GrandRapidsCommunityCollege	Associate of Music in Music Performance, Certificate in Entrepreneurship
Perla Yobana Reyes	Winter 2025	Siena Heights University	Bachelor’s in Criminal Justice, Psychology minor
Russell Andrés Brown Depablos	May 2025	Albion college	Kinesiology
Sofia Lisette Rosales	Spring 2025	Michigan State University	Master of Arts in Political Science
Vanessa Mejia-Sanchez	Spring 2025	Central Michigan university	Early childhood education
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