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# LASO Newsletter

## Spring 2009

Bienvenidos!

Welcome back, everyone! We hope Winter Break gave you a chance to relax from a semester of classes/co-op . On behalf of the Executive Team, we would like to thank you, the membership, for giving us a wonderful and successful fall. This spring, we plan to have an even better semester . We hope to host everything from events on campus to parties. We encourage you to stick around and check out what we have planned!

Con Mucho Carino,  
E-Team

### Re-Cap Of The Fall Semester



Despite lack of funding from the Budget Review Committee (BRC), LASO showed its perseverance and dedication by pulling off a successful Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM). Just to re-cap some of the events, the Parade of Flags had several members come out to Centennial Commons and make their voices present. Cultures from all over Latin America and others came out with their flags and paraded around Northeastern's campus.

Beatless was a collaboration event between LASO, Northeastern Black Student Association (NBSA) and the Haitian Student Union (HSU). Well known artists including Shihan and Lemon performed spoken word. Beatless also featured student performers from Boston-area schools.



The fall also marked LASO's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We celebrated with a two-week long series of events that included a general meeting outlining the history of LASO, a barbeque in Centennial Commons, a Thanksgiving potluck with the staff at the Latino/a Student Cultural Center (LSCC), and an event we called "LASOlympics", where members competed for prizes.



We topped it off with the LASO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. DJ Case and DJ Shorty spun the latest and best in salsa, merengue and bachata. Everyone who came had a great time, and LASO Alumni and other schools such as Boston University also came to have fun and to support.



We kicked off 2009 with our annual LASO/NUHOC Familia trip. This year we had about twenty members travel to the NU Hiking and Outdoors Club's (NUHOC) Lodge located on the NH/ME border, where we hiked, sledged, played board games and bonded over hot chocolate.



## Team Leaders and Special Representatives



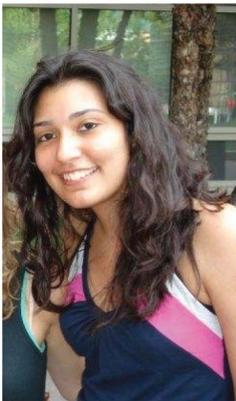
Team Leaders and Special Representatives have always been important to LASO. This year we had a number of members who stepped up and took on these roles. We would like to first thank Shade Switzer-Berrios, who team led HMM. She dealt with many obstacles, primarily having to cut the program in half due to lack of funding. Regardless, she pulled off a successful HMM and went on to team lead the LASO/NUHOC Familia trip. The next team leader we would like to thank is Gabriella Caseres, who team led the successful Beatless with NBSA's Maxine Roca.



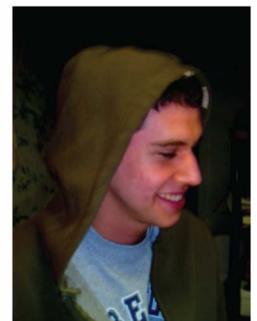
Yadira Arias led this year's Staff Appreciation Day with help from PSA. It was a great success as many staff members came out to enjoy food, dance, and music. We had student speakers come to show their thanks to the staff for all their hard work and devotion to North-eastern as well as the student population. This has been an event that has been done yearly and it has got better as the years progress. We would like to extend gratitude to Yadira as well as her committee members who were dedicated to make this event such a great achievement.



With the lack of funds from the administration, LASO had to look for other means to raise money. We want to thank Krystal Quintanilla, chair of LASO's Fundraising Committee, who has brought many fundraising opportunities this year. These include Team-Ops, dance parties, potlucks and many others. It is due to her and the committee's efforts that LASO has had enough money to continue its events.



Lastly, we owe another great thanks to LASO's Historian Jaime Cucalon, who designed LASO's event flyers and hoodies. He is also responsible for the powerpoint slides and photos on the LASO website.



We would like to thank once again all the Team Leaders and Special Representatives who helped make the fall semester possible, for all their hard work and perseverance despite all the setbacks.

## What To Expect For The Spring

We have much planned for the spring. LASO's Culture Show will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. at the CSC Ballroom. This year we will have a combination of performers expressing Latino culture to its fullest. The night after we plan to have merengue artist Armarfis in afterHours beginning at 10 p.m.

Lastly, we will be hosting the Latin Dance Competition on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We're still looking for competitors, so sign up and compete for prizes if interested. Last year's grand prize was floor tickets to the Celtics game! Please contact Krystal Quintanilla at [quintanilla.k@neu.edu](mailto:quintanilla.k@neu.edu).

Much love and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

LASO Executive Team

