



HERMANOS UNIDOS

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Every November, Hermanos Unidos de UCSB throws one of its largest community service events alongside La Escuelita (LE). We invited hundreds of members of the surrounding community to come and enjoy a free dinner, entertainment, gifts, and dancing with HU and LE. Through weeks of planning, generous funding, and a lot of manpower from both organizations, Thanksgiving Dinner 2017 was the most successful occurrence in recent history.

Thanksgiving Dinner was hosted on November 20, 2017. This year we had over **300 members and families from the community** in attendance.

We have associated this large increase with our increased efforts in outreach. Many members from both HU and LE were hard at work reaching out to the community, whether it was at neighboring churches, local community centers, or going door to door to inform the families of our event.

Planning for the event started weeks earlier in October. Every week, members



from HU and LE met on campus to discuss the planning for the event. Committees were formed to handle different aspects of Thanksgiving Dinner. These include the outreach, entertainment, food, and daycare committees, all formed by dedicated members whom put in a lot of time to help make the event run as smoothly as it did.

The food committee was critical in this years planning. They spent weeks looking at various prices of foods various locations to ensure we used the most cost-efficient, quality food for the community. As the event neared, it was still difficult to pinpoint



HU MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER

New Member: Jesse Camano (top right)

Jesse hit the ground running as soon as he joined Hermanos Unidos. Active in his duties since the first week of school, He has attended most, if not every, social, community service, and internal events. However, Jesse really shined when he played for our football team in Pavo Bowl and is easily the MVP of the team.

Returning Member: Chris Bernardino (bottom right)

Chris joined Hermanos in the 2016-17 school year. Since he began coming around, he has put in a lot of work alongside other Hermanos, and he quickly grew comfortable in our midst. An active member, Chris was also just as critical to winning the Pavo Bowl trophy as a





HU Members of the Month: November

New Member: Daniel Rangel (top right)

Though he is new to the organization, Daniel grew comfortable with everyone very quickly. He enjoys coming to events, and he has been extremely helpful in making sure all of our events run smoothly.

Returning Member: Ulysses Leyva (bottom)

Ulysses has been a great addition to Hermanos Unidos since the day he joined. He has formed close bonds with all of us and he loves hanging out with Hermanos. He is a very bright individual who has given HU so much, and will continue to do so for years to come!



which location would have the best values, but sure enough, the committee was successful in calculating how much food to prepare and from where to purchase the ingredients. In total, we had turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, soda, water, cheesecake and more to give to the happy families. Daycare was in charge of creating a safe, fun space for the kids of the families to enjoy. For this, they bought snacks for the children, including juice and pizza, and played some family movies, all in a room near the actual event. The kids had a great time, and were sure the parents enjoyed their stress-free dinner knowing their children were in a safe place.

The entertainment committee also played a large roll in this years Thanksgiving Dinner. This committee created the games and competitions for participating community members, and they also created the gifts given to the families and winners. These gifts included gift baskets full of gift cards, health care products, and flowers. Additionally, the entertainment committee was in charge of booking performances from several groups including a banda, hula dancers, an acapella group, and more. It truly was a lively setting for the families to enjoy their meals with a show.

THANKSMAS 2017

Thanks-mas is the time when all Hermanos can come together to be grateful for two things: the quarter is almost over and the holidays are almost here. This year was very cheerful with the new members settling in with returning members. After this event, it hardly feels like there was ever new members because everyone was very comfortable and the bonds between members had been cemented.

Alongside these new bonds, lineages were expanded. Our Outreach Chair, Carlos Ocegueda, did an amazing job in making sure the pairings were enjoyable and plentiful. This year we had over 20 new members receive an HU Big, and many returning Hermanos received one or even two new Littles ! Thanks-mas was a great time for everyone to enjoy some good food and grow closer together.