



HERMANOS UNIDOS

Hermanos Unidos UCSB Newsletter November and December

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Every November around thanksgiving time, 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 an evening filled with 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 2019 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, such as one for outreaches, the entertainment, food preparation, and the daycare. All of the committees were formed by dedicated members whom put in a lot of time and effort

to ensure that we would be able to make the event run as smoothly as possible.

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HU MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER

New Member: Leo Hernandez

Leo has quickly become a familiar face in HU, to being the defensive captain for Pavo Bowl to being a great psychics tutor. He always strives for academic excellence by putting in work in the library and always making bonds with his fellow hermanos! Maybe a future intern position is on the rise for him

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: November

Returning Member: Gilbert Ramos

Gilbert has been active since day one! Always shows support where it is needed from helping out families at Thanksgiving dinner to being a beast at Pavo Bowl. Gilbert has showed what is to be an Hermano! Also by being a intern for our new PAL (Public Affairs Liaison) position shows how much does organization means to him. If you ever need a hand, you can always count on Gilbert Ramos.

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, pumpkin pie, 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, where's the Happily Ever After for Black Women?ile the parents got to relax while they are eating. 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. some of the entertainment provided included a live mariachi, performances by an acapella group, and grupo folklóricos, one comprised of some of the attendees children, the other of students of UCSB.

THANKSMAS 2019

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 done quite early due to scheduling conflicts with other events, but it was a great time with both established members and new members settling in with one another.

Alongside these new bonds, lineages were expanded upon. Our internal chair , Jaime Ugalde, aka Buster, and Outreach chair Willy Lopez, made a fun and memorable event, and made great pairings as those who picked up have been ensuring those big and little relationships flourish. many even managed to pick up multiple littles, ensuring the tradition continues and lineages get stronger.