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MALCOLM X COLLEGE

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH OPENING EVENT  
and  
MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

THE CHANCELLOR

**REPORTS** that the Latino Heritage Month Committee chaired by Professor Gabriela Murrallles-Ball in conjunction with the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Services celebrated Mexican Independence Day (September 16) with a rousing display of music and entertainment.

**FURTHER** that this year's activities for the month of September opened on September 15, 2005, as a prelude to Mexican Independence Day, with the musical sounds of a Mariachi band, "Cuerdas de Oro (strings of gold), and where ESL Latino students sang songs along with the Mariachi band and danced in public in the Student Union from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; and following the opening event with the Mariachi Band, Professor Gabriela Murrallles-Ball showed a film entitled "Motorcycle Diaries and engaged participants in stimulating discussion. Approximately 100 participants were present.

the Opening Event for Latino Heritage Month not only provided the college with a colorful and exciting announcement of Latino Heritage Month but provided the venue to recognize and celebrate "Mexican Independence Day" for the Latino students' on-campus and provide a cultural and educational perspective for the rest of the student body.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor

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