

# PUENTE PROJECT NEWSLETTER



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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Puente Project would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of happiness and success!



Puentistas completed the Fall 2019 semester by enjoying the Annual Puente Christmas Potluck which included a variety of dishes. Following tradition since 2011, Puente Project students crafted Christmas ornaments that will be hung for next year's celebration.



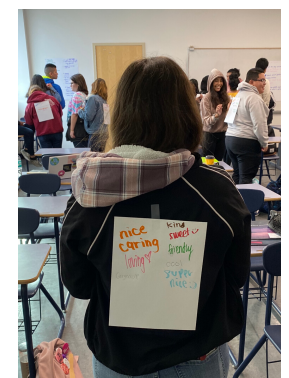
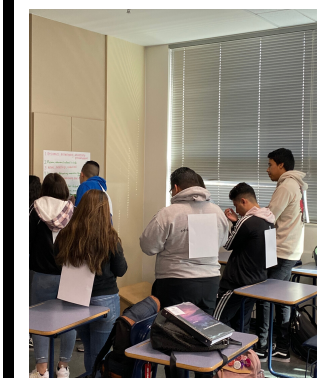
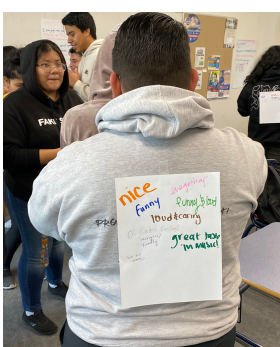
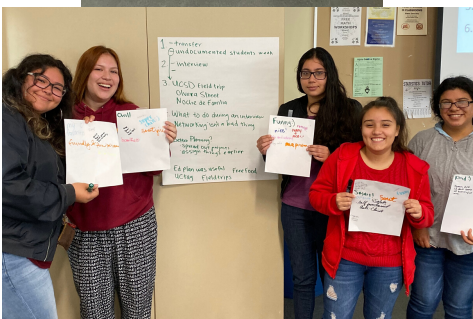
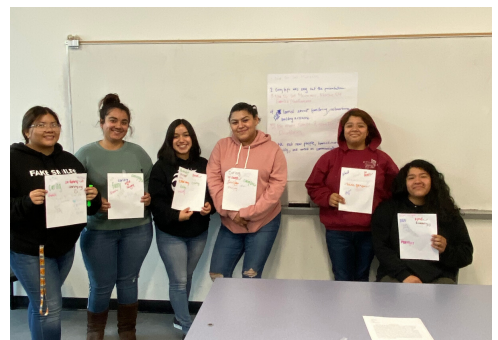
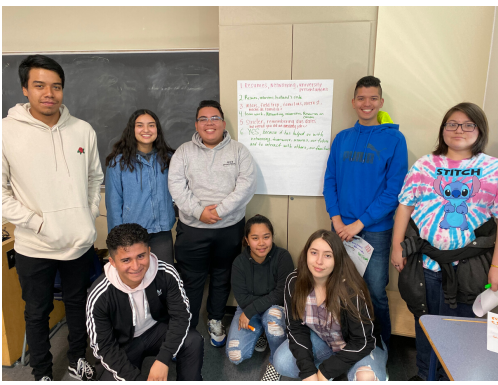
# Fall 2019 Reflection

One of the last Counseling 20 class sessions, Puentistas reflected in their semester. Using posters, Puentistas answered a few questions about their overall experience at Los Angeles Harbor College. Questions included: What was your favorite class topic? What did you learn the most? What was your most difficult topic? And name something that you will never forget about your first semester at Los Angeles Harbor College. All the Puentistas got the opportunity to answer the questions. And as Puentistas walked around the class and saw their classmates posters, they also wrote positive comments and compliments on their back.

Puentistas enjoyed learning what their peers thought of them and some expressed gratitude to each other.

For the posters, Puentistas shared their responses with the class and the consensus was how they genuinely enjoyed supporting each other and how "Familia" was important to them.

When the program began in August, the majority of the Puentistas did not know each other. But in time, they united and through the Puente events, conferences, field trips and class time they became a Puente Familia. And as a result, they have supported one another with class assignments, transportation, networking, internships, jobs, and closure. This is what Puente is all about!



# ASO Scholarship Recipient



**Guillermo Rodriguez** was the recipient of the Associated Student Organization (ASO) Scholarship. Born in El Salvador, Guillermo came to the United States in 2016. In a short amount of time, Guillermo learned how to speak, read, and write in English. Guillermo says "English, which was my biggest challenge to overcome if I wanted to graduate from high school. As an English language learner, I faced many academic barriers, from not understanding anything in class to needing to use Google Translate for every single word I did not know. Nevertheless, thanks to my commitment, responsibility, and perseverance, I was able to become English proficient in high school." Guillermo has quickly become a successful student at Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC). In a short amount of time, Guillermo has not only shown academic excellence but he has also has been involved with various extracurricular activities at LAHC. With the addition of the Puente Project, Guillermo is also in the Honors Program, Honors Transfer Club, ASO Senator, and one of the ambassadors for Harbor Advantage.

Guillermo's goal is to transfer to the University of Southern California or UC Berkeley and study Business Administration. He later would like to pursue his MBA with an emphasis in Healthcare Management to achieve his ultimate goal of becoming a healthcare administrator. Guillermo says "I would like to contribute to the improvement of the healthcare system in the United States. I want to help provide patients better and more efficient access to the medical care of high quality."

Guillermo thanks ASO "ASO Fall Scholarship would be of great financial contribution to me"

The Puente Project commends Guillermo for his hard work ethic and determination. Congratulations Guillermo!



# LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MENTORS!



## BE A PUENTE MENTOR

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### REQUIREMENTS

- ATTEND MENTOR TRAINING
- ATTEND MENTOR & MENTEE MIXERS
- COMMIT TO 3 MEETINGS WITH MENTEE

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS
- SHARE YOUR PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES
- BE A ROLE MODEL
- GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

The Puente Project thanks you for your continued support

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