



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

**On behalf of the Latino/a Caucus, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO), and University colleagues,** we write to ask for your generous support to help establish the Carlos M. Ortiz Memorial Fund, which will support an annual lecture and a student scholarship to commemorate Carlos' legacy at Montclair State University and beyond.

Carlos M. Ortiz, who passed away on October 15, 2015, was a long time member of the Montclair State University community. He started his MSU career as a counselor in the Educational Opportunity Fund Program and served in several capacities at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences both as a professor and Assistant Dean. Carlos was also responsible for founding LASO, The Latin American Student Organization, whose aim is to provide programming on campus to promote culture, education, and timely discussions associated with Latin America and Latino communities. LASO was established in the 1970's when there was very limited support for Latinos on campus. Carlos also played an influential role in the development of MSU's Latino Caucus and the Latin American and Latino Studies Program. Additionally, Carlos was a well-regarded artist. He was a printmaker and donated some beautiful pieces to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences like the beautiful mural in Dickinson Hall. Those who worked with Carlos knew him as a devoted teacher and artist, an inspiring mentor to his students, and a selfless friend.

The Carlos M. Ortiz Memorial Fund will pay tribute to the dedication and commitment that Carlos had for his students and the Montclair State University Community. The annual Carlos M. Ortiz Lecture will allow the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to bring recognized speakers, who embody the ideals and essence of Carlos' legacy. The fund will also provide a modest scholarship award to a deserving student who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, volunteerism and commitment to the Montclair State University community.

We hope that we may count on you to reach our goal of raising between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to seed this fund in his name. Our aim is to reach the \$25,000 level, so we can endow the fund in perpetuity. Please help us reach our goal in establishing a long lasting and well-deserved legacy for Carlos M. Ortiz. Any amount, small or large, is appreciated. **Please note that your contribution is tax deductible. All checks shall be made payable to the Montclair State University Foundation. Please designate the funds as restricted to the "Carlos M. Ortiz Memorial Fund."**

If you have any questions regarding a contribution, please contact Ely F. Santoni, Director of Development and Planned Giving, College of Humanities and Social Sciences at 973-655-3695 or via email at [santonituere@montclair.edu](mailto:santonituere@montclair.edu). Questions can also be directed to Latina/o Caucus representatives, Milton Fuentes ([fuentesm@montclair.edu](mailto:fuentesm@montclair.edu)) or Carmen Cuevas ([cuevasc@montclair.edu](mailto:cuevasc@montclair.edu)). For your convenience attached is a contribution form. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
The Latina/o Caucus and the Latin American Student Organization

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