

AMHERST COLLEGE SPANISH DEPARTMENT



MID-SEMESTER NEWSLETTER

MEET OUR DEI FELLOWS!

The Amherst College Spanish Department has been working to create a more diverse and inclusive space for our language learners. As part of this initiative, three student diversity, equity, and inclusion fellows were hired this semester. Their research will contribute to the department by maintaining and supporting the anti-racism initiative.

Learn more about them below!

ETHAN FOSTER



"My name is Ethan Foster, and I am a sophomore and Spanish major from Indiana. In addition to being a DEI fellow for the department, I am a research intern for Professor Schroeder-Rodriguez, a News editor for the Amherst Student, and an avid enjoyer of all things culinary and musical. I look forward to working with the department this upcoming semester to ensure that an inclusive and equitable environment is available for all students."

CIGAN
VALENTINE



"My name is Cigan Valentine and I am a first year student. I am a prospective double major in English and Spanish, and Spanish has been a huge part of my life since I began bilingual schooling in preschool. I wanted to get involved with the Spanish department because I was curious to see how students and staff could work towards implementing changes and creating a more diverse department. Outside of the department, I love reading and writing and am a junior captain for the school's club soccer team. "

FRANCISCO
TORRES

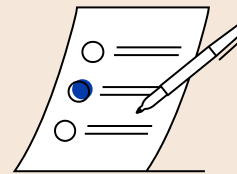


"My name is Francisco Torres, and I am a first-year planning to major in Latinx/Latin American Studies and psychology. I was born and raised in Los Angeles but recently moved to a small town north of the U.S.-Mexico border. Spanish is my first language and throughout my entire life, it has been an essential part of my identity. It's a beautiful, diverse language that I am proud to speak. I hope that, through this work, I can show how DEI is essential to a community with Spanish speakers from all around the world."

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Class of 2024 and 2024E:

- If you are a Spanish major graduating 2024 or 2024E, please fill out [this form](#) regarding your final project.



SENIOR CELEBRATION!

- There will be a celebratory dinner for the graduating class of 2023 and 2023E on **May 8** from **5pm to 7pm**. Join us in the **Powerhouse** as we celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors!



REMINDER

- SENIORS: If you are currently writing a Spanish thesis, please submit your final draft to Lauren Gladu (lfgladu@amherst.edu) by **April 7**.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WRITING A THESIS?

- If you are a student of the class of 2024 and are interested in writing a thesis, the deadline to submit your proposal is **April 3**. More information about Spanish theses can be found [here](#).



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