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Indigenous cultures of south Texas celebrated during annual Palo Alto College Heritage month

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will celebrate its 2018 Heritage Month from Sept. 17 to Oct. 12 to honor the indigenous heritages of South Texas, such as Native American, Mexican American, Hispanic, Latino/a, Mexican, Chicano/a and Afro-Latin. The month will include a series of free events including live music, panel discussions, film screenings, author readings, and more.

A kickoff celebration will take place Monday, Sept. 17, with special guest District 4 City Councilman Rey Saldana; a blessing featuring Grupo de Danza Azteca Xinachtli; live music from Los Nahuatlatos; screen printing from Snake Hawk Press; and free food.

All 2018 Heritage month events at Palo Alto College are free and open to the public. The events are sponsored by several Palo Alto College programs including the Center for Mexican American Studies, Office of Student Life, Working Writers Series Committee, Teatro Palo Alto, and the Student Activities Fee. Featured events include:

- Sept. 20: Artist talk/plática with Luis Valdez, renowned American playwright
- Sept. 25: Film screening of Sú Voto es Sú Voz (Your Vote is Your Voice) and Q&A
- Oct. 1: Community discussion with artist Ernesto Cuevas Jr.
- Oct. 3: Book reading and author talk with Dr. Gabriela Gonzalez (*Redeeming La Raza: Transborder Modernity, Race, Respectability, and Rights*)
- Oct. 8: Indigenous People's Day/Día de la Raza Ceremony and exhibit featuring The Tehuan Band of Mission Indians
- Oct. 11: National Coming Out Day and poetry open mic

For a full list of scheduled events including times and locations, visit alamo.edu/pac/heritage-month. Additional information can be requested through Student Life at 210-486-3125.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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