September 2017 Spokane Area Diversity/Cultural Events

National Hispanic Heritage Month – In 1968, Congress first designated the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week to celebrate the cultural, heritage, and contributions of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. This week was chosen because of two historical events: independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15, 1821 and Mexico’s Independence Day, which was the beginning of the struggle against the Spanish on September 16, 1810. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a full 31-day period from September 15 to October 15.

What will you do on 9/11 Day Campaign?
Join the movement, how will you give back on 9/11? Take the pledge to do a good deed on 9/11, for more information visit their website at http://www.911day.org/.

9/11 Day is the international non-profit movement to observe September 11 every year as a day of charitable service and doing good deeds. This observance was created soon after 9/11 to provide a positive way to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world.

9/11 Day was founded and is lead each year by MyGoodDeed, they were successful in their effort to secure the formal designation of September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, which was supported on a bipartisan basis by former President George W. Bush, formally authorized in 2009 under federal law approved by Congress, and established officially by President Barack Obama under Presidential Proclamation in September.

WSU Spokane Student International Potluck
Please bring a dish to share that celebrates your culture! Also, please list the ingredients used in your dish.
**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017
**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
**Location:** SAC 345
For more information contact Kristie Brink at kkclark@esu.edu or 509.358.7740 and for accommodations. Sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Student Diversity Center.

Diversity at WSU - Its Relevance to the Student Community and Washington History
Pattie Hirahara is the donor of the largest private collection of over 2,000 photos taken by her father, s WSU 1948 alumnus, and her grandfather of Heat Mountain, Japanese-American Internment Camp from 1943-1945. Through WSU’s collection of photographs, oral histories, document, and artifacts, WSU is now a key resource about the Japanese American incarceration in the United States.
**Date:** Friday, September 18, 2017
**Time:** noon – 1:00 pm
**Location:** SAC 147
**Cost:** Free and open to the public
For more information contact Dion Crommarty at dion.crommarty@wsu.edu or 509.358.7514. Sponsored by the Student Diversity Center.

Bias Busters – Hispanic Heritage Month
**Date:** Thursday, September 21, 2017
**Time:** noon – 1:00 pm
**Location:** SAC 147
**Cost:** Free
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