



Raza Day brings Latino students to Ohlone

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Ohlone opened its Newark campus to high school students for the annual Raza Day event on April 24.

Raza Day was established in 2004 and is supposed to empower Latino students with the hopes that they will decide to continue on to higher education.

The event also shows the benefits of being an Ohlone student, including showcasing the Chicano studies classes.

One of the discussions was about how life for a college

student can be very difficult and expensive. Student Panelist Andres Garcia explained how everything is a sacrifice, but it's worth the struggle in the end.

The afternoon was full of music and food from Tony's Tacos who agreed to provide food for the event. As students finished their workshops and a tour of the Newark Campus, they ate and watched Aztec dancers perform at the theatre outside of the Newark Campus. Students also joined the Aztec, learning the steps on stage.

Before the event was complete, they held one more

student panel to answer any more questions from the high school students.

Students raised question on how college students are able to pay for their classes and how costly the books are.

This year the number of high school students who were able to attend to Raza Day dropped due to school budgets. Despite lower turnout, the event was successful in its attempt to attract high school students to continue in their education and hopefully to here at Ohlone, which is known for welcoming and celebrating different cultures.



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Traditional Aztec dancers perform at Raza Day.

Ohlone aims to avoid swine flu

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These outbreaks prompted a rise in the threat level, and WHO is urging countries to take immediate action against the spread of the virus.

The CDC issued a recommendation to suspend any non-essential travel to Mexico because of the large swine flu outbreak in that country, and that those who have traveled to the country in the past couple weeks who feel sick seek immediate medical attention.

The official name of swine flu is Influenza Type A H1N1, which is

normally found in pigs. The symptoms are similar to that of a normal flu, but there are no current vaccines for humans against Swine Flu.

Although humans normally cannot be infected by swine flu themselves, exposure to infected pigs can result in infection, which can be passed on to others. Eating pork or pork products, however, does not result in infection, so there's no need to worry about getting swine flu from your breakfast bacon. Even so, it is recommended that all pork products be cooked well to be safe.

The virus can also be spread through contact with other objects, such as door knobs or table surfaces. Frequent hand washing and even carrying a bottle of disinfectant are recommended to prevent infection from these sources.

Because Ohlone College is a community college that serves thousands of students who commute to and from the campus every day, it is important to know that the risk of infection is high, and that students take extra care of themselves and of others around them. To stay updated on the latest about swine flu, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu.



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