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Arts Alliance Awards \$750 to College of Southern Maryland Foundation



Partnership Agreement Helps Fund the Latin Festival

On February 24, 2016, Charles County Arts Alliance President Robert Rausch presented a \$750 check to Chelsea Brown, College of Southern Maryland Foundation Representative, to help fund the concert to be held on April 16 that is part of the two-day Latin Festival taking place on April 15 and 16, at the La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center Theatre, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, Maryland.

The Saturday concert features CSM's Latin Ensemble, Ritmo Caché, directed by Dr. Stephen Johnson, along with a special performance by Pa' Gozar, a well-known ensemble that performs concerts, workshops and festivals throughout the mid-Atlantic/DC area. The program will include styles as diverse as salsa, Latin Jazz, and other Latin American and Caribbean cultures. This event also serves the goal of providing diverse cultural fine arts events, in this case for Southern Maryland's Hispanic community. The concert starts at 8:00 pm; tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door.

Michelle Goodwin, Vice President, Advancement, for the Foundation, stated in her letter to the Arts Alliance:

We are pleased to acknowledge your donation to the CSM Foundation in support of the Arts Fund. Your donation will have a significant impact on the lives of our students. Thank you for your generosity and support of the initiatives and programs at the College of Southern Maryland.



From left to right: Back Row: CCAA President, Robert Rausch, Jonathan Fray, Joshua Peter, Nick Fastnaught and Johnny Ray. Middle Row: Chelsea Brown, CSM Foundation Representative, Elliot Grantham, Michelle Mercado, Kelsey Walter and Dr. Stephen Johnson. Front Seated: Tom Hudson and George Adamson.

The College of Southern Maryland Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization, established in 1970, to raise funds to support students and college initiatives. For more information about the Foundation, go to <http://foundation.csmd.edu>.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.