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The Future Is Today

OLAS stands as a powerful bridge-builder, connecting diverse communities and fostering intercultural understanding both on and off campus. Looking to the future, OLAS envisions expanding these bridges even further, creating more opportunities for students to explore Latino cultures, languages, and histories while embracing the richness of Salisbury University's diverse community.

At the heart of OLAS' vision is a commitment to intercultural dialogue and mutual respect, including language justice. The organization plans to deepen collaborations with local organizations, schools, and other campus groups to create new spaces for cultural exchange.



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“When I think of the future of OLAS I picture it full of diverse young leaders who are united by their passion for their culture and who champion diversity and inclusion. OLAS has formed a community that has transcended generations and continues to grow as time passes.”

– Angela Cordoba-Flores, Interview, November 2024



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In the coming years, OLAS also aims to strengthen its community service programs, focusing on mentorship and educational outreach to Latino youth in the surrounding areas, opening the doors of Salisbury University to new generations.

By extending its network of community and professional partners, OLAS seeks to offer students hands-on experiences where they can use their bilingual skills and cultural knowledge to support Latino communities directly, building empathy and bridging generational and cultural divides.



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“Data has shown that the Hispanic/Latino population going into higher education is skyrocketing and initiates undeniable awareness. I see OLAS flourishing; inviting all different groups in the shared space to promote and celebrate Latino excellence. ¡Sí se puede!”

– Kelly Martinez, Interview, November 2024

OLAS' vision includes empowering its members as intercultural leaders, who will build bridges between communities, advocate for inclusion, and celebrate the beauty and strength of Latinidades.

¡Sí se puede!

1. Karla Chicas and Raquel Ordoñez with students from the Pinehurst Elementary School Mentor Program, May 16, 2019
2. Latino high school students receiving a scholarship to study at Salisbury University, in front of Fulton Hall, October 5, 2024
3. Cine Debate [Movie Discussion]: *A Bridge Apart*, Leila Borrero, Dr. Tim Dunn (Sociology), and Meg Barret (film producer) presenting the film to the audience at Salisbury University, April 27, 2019
4. Thomas Zinzi and Camila Esquivel-Goelkel at La ZMX radio broadcast promoting the Festival Latino, September 27, 2024
5. Graduation Cap of Ronald Contreras, class of 2019
6. Diana Cordoba, co-founder of OLAS, with members of the current executive board, Salisbury University, Fulton Hall Lawn, October 5, 2024



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