



Binational Forum

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Universities from Northeastern México visit the Campus

The National Association of Higher Education Universities and Institutes of the country of Mexico, ANUIES (Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior) was founded in 1950, and since then it has participated and promoted the creation of national programs, plans and policies as well as the creation of organizations oriented towards developing higher education in the country of México.

ANUIES, a consortium of 175 public and private Mexican institutes, represents 80% of the nation's population enrolled in higher education studies.

On April 12 the TAMIU Binational Center hosted the first meeting with the Northern Chapter of ANUIES at our campus. Thirty representatives from different Mexican universities from the states of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, Tamaulipas, Durango, San Luis Potosí and Zacatecas were

present. After this historical meeting it was agreed that an MOU would be signed with the Association in order to link all these Mexican universities to TAMIU, focusing on collaborations for joint degree programs and joint research projects. Our guests, the Mexican universities were able to link with our colleges and program directors at information booths that were set up at the Western Hemispheric Trade Center.



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CONAHEC Conference

From April 30 to May 2, the Binational Center was present at the CONAHEC Conference in Alberta, Canada.

About the Conference:

As stakeholders in international higher education we face a major challenge: how do we contribute through our daily activities to building a more sustainable future and moreover, how sustainable is our approach towards international education in a rapidly changing global environment?

News:

- The Binational Center is presently engaged in entering an agreement with Compostella, a consortium of over 70 universities from Europe, United States and South America.



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GET TO KNOW US: Quarterly Highlights from the Binational Center

February 11: *International Community for a Civil Society (ICCSO), a Texas-based NGO born on our campus and comprised of Mexican non-profits from northeastern México, met at the Binational Center to discuss their website design and future projects. The next ICCSO meeting will be on June 17.*

March 3-7: *The Binational Center (BINC) was in Washington, D.C. visiting the Department of State to discuss the 100,000 Strong Initiative, and also met with different federal officials to review new opportunities for the TAMIU Binational Center (TAMIU BINC).*

April

11: *Marisa Rivera, President of **Mpowerment Works**, a consulting firm designed to impact global change by empowering people, provides unique domestic and international seminars, keynote presentations and innovative programs, designed to empower and impact women to become agents of social change. Rivera spent the afternoon at the Binational Center with women from Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, sharing her experience as a social entrepreneur.*



17: *International Executive Seminar (IES): “Rio Grande River: Our Friend and Foe”. Speakers from both sides of the border, the Rio Grande International Study Center, the International Boundary and Water Commission and the Comisión Internacional de Límites y Aguas (CILA) of Nuevo Laredo, presented to a group of non governmental organizations from Nuevo Laredo, as well as students from the Universidad Tecnológica de Nuevo Laredo and other guests from Laredo. BINC is organizing a program for binational youth related to environmental issues.*



Students and representatives of NGOs during a group discussion in the last IES.

20: *Measuring Success as Regional Partners: A total of 95 engineering students from the Instituto Tecnológico de Nuevo Laredo visited TAMIU exploring possibilities for additional education here. The Seminar included presentations on the Eagle Ford Shale as well as a presentation on student and work visas by Consul James Jiménez, from the U.S. Consulate General in Nuevo Laredo.*



Students from the Instituto Tecnológico de Nuevo Laredo.



Consul James Jimenez with María Eugenia Calderón and a student of the Instituto Tecnológico de Nuevo Laredo.

April 22: Border Liaison Mechanism Meeting: The U.S. Consulate General in Nuevo Laredo, and the Mexican Consulate General in Laredo, Texas, as guests of the Binational Center, coordinated a meeting with sessions open to the public. Representatives of the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute presented their most recent material titled: *"Working Together: Economic Ties between the United States and Mexico."* Later, a private meeting was held with officials from both sides of the border, including Congressmen Henry Cuellar, and Mexican Congressman Glafiro Salinas, from Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas as well as visitors from the State Department in Washington, D.C.

22: The Woodrow Wilson Center and Steven Dudley, a fellow at In Sight Crime, spent their afternoon at the Binational Center coordinating new projects.



May 6: In conjunction with the Rio Grande International Study Center, two screenings of the movie, *"Bag It: Is your life too plastic?"* were held at the Student Center Theater. The movie raises awareness of our roles in creating change in our life style in regards to the use of plastic, a non-biodegradable product.



Binational Summer Schedule: 2013

June:

- BINC travels to Mexico City to meet administrators of key Mexican agencies to collaborate on new projects.
- PNE Workshop: **Grant Writing Tools Workshop (Seminar I)**
 Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2013.
 Time: 8 to 11:30 a.m.
 Cost per person: \$35
 Place: TAMIU / WHTC 104
- **ICCSO:** International Community for Civil Society will have its Board meeting Monday, June 17.



July: Grant Writing Tools Workshop (Seminar II)

Call BINC office for more information.

August: Summer Institute

Keynote Speaker: Robert M. Penna, Ph.D.

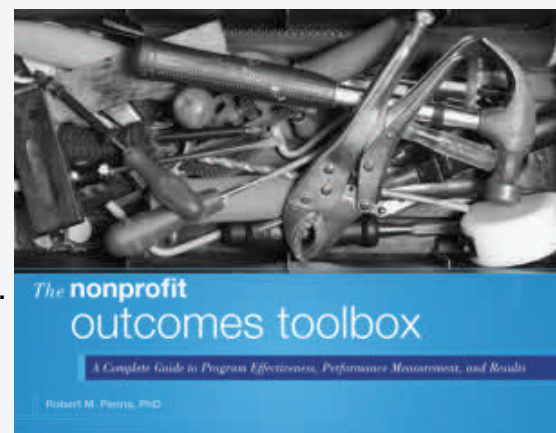
Author of *"The Nonprofit Outcomes Toolbox."*

Dates: Starting Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9.

Time: 8:30 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

Place: SC 236 (Theater)

Call BINC office for more information.



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The Binational Center welcomes Mariana Barberena, as the new U.S. México Relations Coordinator. Barberena is a 2008 TAMIU graduate from the Masters Program in Public Administration.



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