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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!

While officially starting on September 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month is a time we celebrate and remember the contributions Hispanics have made throughout history. This month invites us to reflect on the rich culture and impactful legacies that Hispanic and Latino individuals have brought to our society.

In the arts, we see the influence of Hispanic culture in music, dance, literature, and visual arts. The rhythms of salsa and the murals of Diego Rivera have enriched our cultural landscape. In science and technology, trailblazers like Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman in space.

Education has also been shaped by Hispanic leaders like Jaime Escalante, who proved that high expectations can lead to success, and Antonia Pantoja, who dedicated her life to empowering Latino youth.

Hispanic Heritage Month isn't just about famous figures; it's about everyday contributions. It's about the parents working hard to provide better lives for their children and the students striving for excellence. The BEEE Foundation would like to use this month to celebrate of the past and to continue honoring and uplifting Hispanic voices that shape our world.

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Interview Spotlight



INTERVIEWING AISHA SULAIMAN:

We had the pleasure of interviewing Aisha Sulaiman, a first-year teacher originally from the DMV area who moved to Charlotte, NC. Aisha, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and a Hampton University graduate from the class of 2020, discussed her balanced use of technology, the importance of fostering independent thinking, and building a strong classroom community. She also shared insights on handling burnout, work-life balance, and applying her teaching strategies to parenting.

Interviewer: Claudia Benoit, BEEE Foundation
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(BEEE-Miami, FL) In my conversation with Aisha Sulaiman, a passionate middle school teacher, I was struck by the depth of her dedication and the thoughtfulness she brings to her role. Aisha opened up about her journey into teaching, sharing how her lifelong dream and the influence of strong role models guided her to this career. Despite some initial doubts, she embraced teaching as a way to fulfill her aspirations and make a meaningful impact, which she finds incredibly fulfilling.

When it comes to technology in the classroom, Aisha has a refreshingly balanced approach. She opts for minimal tech use, instead focusing on traditional skills like writing and using dictionaries. She pointed out how many students lost these skills during the pandemic and believes that hands-on learning offers more lasting benefits than relying too heavily on digital tools.

Aisha also touched on the challenges posed by AI in education. She's noticed students turning to AI to complete assignments and emphasizes the importance of developing independent thinking and writing skills. For her, it's crucial that students engage with their own work rather than depending on technology to do it for them.

Interview Spotlight

To foster a sense of community in her classroom, Aisha regularly changes seating arrangements to help students interact with different peers. She values creating a supportive environment where students from diverse backgrounds can connect and build relationships.

Social media has helped Aisha connect with other educators and share her experiences. After her gender reveal video went viral, she received numerous inquiries from aspiring teachers, which allowed her to offer advice and support. She acknowledges the importance of both sharing and receiving support within the educational community.

As a new parent, Aisha plans to apply her teaching strategies to parenting, emphasizing communication and confidence-building. She aims to instill in her child the same skills she taught her students, such as effective communication and self-reliance.

Aisha also discusses handling burnout and maintaining work-life balance. She stresses the importance of setting boundaries and not taking work home to avoid fatigue. She advises new teachers to focus on their classrooms, establish routines, and avoid engaging in school gossip.

If she could change one aspect of the education system, Aisha would reform how districts handle individual schools. She believes that districts should allow teachers more flexibility to address the unique needs of their students rather than imposing one-size-fits-all requirements.

Overall, Aisha's approach to teaching combines dedication to student development, careful use of technology, and a commitment to fostering meaningful relationships and communication. She encourages new teachers to establish clear boundaries, seek out supportive colleagues, and prioritize their well-being while navigating the complexities of the education field.

**Check out our website for more interviews like Aisha's at
www.beeefoundation.org/news**

Playlist of the Month

As an educator, staying motivated for the new year can be challenging with various stresses constantly on your mind. To kickstart your day, simply put on your earphones and tune in to this invigorating playlist designed to uplift and inspire amazing teachers like yourself.

These motivational songs are curated to keep you motivated and energized as you dedicate yourself to creating a caring and secure learning environment for your students.

1. **Sunday Candy - Chance the Rapper**
2. **Youth - KIHUN**
3. **Act My Age - One Direction**
4. **Love On - Selena Gomez**
5. **Girl - Destiny Child**
6. **Hold On - Adele**
7. **Vapor Trail / Hikouki Gumo · Yumi Arai**
8. **Supermarket Flowers - Ed Sheeran**
9. **Angels - Khalid**
10. **Remember Me (Dúo) - Miguel ft. Natalia Lafourcade**
11. **September - Earth, Wind & Fire**
12. **Stay With Me - Miki Matsubara**
13. **ENERGY - Beyoncé**
14. **Stand Up - One Direction**
15. **august - Taylor Swift**
16. **Dynamite - Taio Cruz**
17. **Destiny - Lovelyz**
18. **Pompeii - Bastille**
19. **Unstoppable - Sia**
20. **Wake Me up Before You Go-Go - Wham!**

**Kickback, Relax,
and Unwind**



September Events



Monthly Observances

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Suicide Prevention Month

Weekly Observances

September 22-28:

- Banned Books Week

Daily Observances

September 2

- Labor Day

September 11

- Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance Day)

September 17

- Constitution Day

September 22

- First Day of Autumn



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Your donation will help us provide educational resources such as books, online courses, and instructional materials to assist educators in their professional journey, ensuring that every teacher has the necessary tools to succeed.

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