

# LIFE and HACE's Latino Dance Party Heats Up the Bog

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Latinos Involved in Further Education (LIFE) and Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE) held their annual Latino Dance Party at the BOG on Thursday, September 25, 2014. Students of all ethnicities gathered at the BOG to dance the night away to smooth and energizing Latin tunes.

The event began as students slowly entered the BOG, a bit shy and timid, but as the LIFE and HACE executive boards warmed up the dance floor, that shyness dissipated into the night. At 9 p.m., a few students were scattered, dancing around the perimeter of the dance floor in the comfort of their corners,

but as the DJ began to play suave Latin tunes, they couldn't stand still. By 9:30 p.m., students formed circles in the middle of the dance floor. Breakdancers were breaking it down, salsa dancers were shaking their hips, and people who had clearly never danced before even started getting into the groove of things. By 10 p.m., the BOG was past human capacity and Public Safety had to carefully monitor student entry and exit.

Students were sweating, mingling, and dancing to their heart's content. Even the bartenders were dancing for the majority, if not the entirety, of their shifts. LIFE and HACE celebrated not only the Latino presence at IIT with this Latino Dance Party, but also celebrated all diversity on Thursday night. La-

tinians, Filipinos, Indians, Asians, Brazilians, the French and so on filled the dance floor. Latino Dance Night was a shout out to the diversity of the IIT community, and a clear representation of the melting pot of cultures and ethnicities IIT embraces, encourages, and accepts. Students had a blast. Public Safety had a blast. Bartenders had a blast. It truly was a night to remember.

So, with all the buzz about LIFE and HACE, one may ask themselves, "what's next and how do I get in on it?" Well, the answer is simple. For a year of fun, excitement, and productivity, contact LIFE and HACE at [iit.life@gmail.com](mailto:iit.life@gmail.com). LIFE and HACE not only have events that every student can benefit from, but they are also open to new membership and

new member ideas. Students involved in LIFE and HACE have access to networking events, one on one career mentoring, and discounts (if not free) for conference events that happen outside of Chicago.

Whether it's a Latino Dance party, or a career conference in Kansas City, Missouri, LIFE and HACE are committed to ensuring members have a great time, while developing professional skills to reach career success. So, whether it's break dancing on the dance floor, or attending an I-Branding event, be sure to connect with LIFE and HACE to be a part of the next best thing on campus.

# African Students Organization hosts Ennoblement of Africa event in MTCC Welcome Center

