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Dear Dr. Nina Hellerstein and department:

As the semester starts, what better way for students to learn about the Hispanic community than a trip to the Atlanta History Center?

Beginning September 16 through January 3, 2010, the Atlanta History Center presents the exhibition *Through the Lens of Mundo Hispanico: Atlanta's Hispanic Community*.

Based on *Mundo Hispanico*, first published in 1979, students will learn about the paper that documented every stage of the Hispanic community's growth along with the challenges faced by Hispanic Atlantans.

Since Atlanta is one of the fastest growing Hispanic population centers in the country, with Atlanta's Hispanic population increasing in the past 30 years by nearly 1000% to 583,000 people and growing, this exhibition will be an asset to your students' educational experience.

Mundo Hispanico's former publisher, Lino H. Dominguez, curates this exhibition showcasing 80 photographs and selected newspapers that highlight the contributions of Hispanics to Atlanta and Georgia including those of leaders in business, politics, and the arts. Students will also learn about the history of the community including the arrival of various national groups over the last 30 years, cultural differences within the Hispanic community, the accelerating growth of the Hispanic community, and contributions of Hispanics to Atlanta.

Students also have the chance to experience complimenting special programs throughout the run of the exhibition such as *Dancing Through History*, *Day of the Dead*, and *Three Kings Day*. These programs are free with admission.

In order for students to get an out-of-class experience and further learn about the Hispanic community, take a trip to the *Mundo Hispanico* exhibition at the Atlanta History Center, or have students visit for extracredit opportunities from you. Either way, *Mundo Hispanico* will give students a better insight of what they are learning in the classroom.

Mundo Hispanico is included with general admission and free to Atlanta History Center members. For more information about the exhibit or programs, please call 404.814.4000 or visit AtlantaHistoryCenter.com.

If you have further questions, please contact me. Thank you.

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