

UNITED VOICES

January 2024



Advocacy Update: Smithfield-Selma High School

Addressing the Issues

Our relentless efforts continue in addressing the serious incidents at Smithfield-Selma High School, focusing on ensuring the safety and well-being of Latino students.

The situation has gained attention through coverage in WRAL News, Univision 40 North Carolina and The Johnstonian News, bringing vital public awareness to these issues.

We urge the school board to engage with us proactively. The safety and dignity of our students are paramount.

Sponsors: Your support will directly contribute to the causes and programs of Latinos Activate JOCO.

Vendors and Food Trucks: Share your crafts and cuisines while contributing to our fundraising efforts.

Volunteers: Offer your time and skills to ensure the festival's success, aiding our fundraising goals.

Each contribution at the festival, whether it's through sponsorship or participation, plays a vital role in furthering our mission. The funds raised will empower Latinos Activate JOCO to continue advocating for education, safety, and equality in our community.



Citizenship Preparation Classes Commencing

This January 2024, take a significant path to U.S. citizenship with comprehensive preparation classes.

Register by contacting Debbie Herrera:

Phone: (424) 223-1814

Email: DebbieHerrera1223@gmail.com

Upcoming Events: Support and Celebrate at the JOCO Latino Festival

JOCO Latino Festival 2024 - May 12, 2024, on Raiford Street, Selma, N.C.

Get ready for a day steeped in our heritage's vibrant colors, sounds, and flavors! The JOCO Latino Festival invites you to a grand celebration that promises connection and cultural richness and supports the initiatives of Latinos Activate JOCO. Please contact us for details on how you can be involved and make a difference. Let's make the JOCO Latino Festival a symbol of our solidarity and commitment to enriching our community. We are calling for:



As we embrace the hopeful onset of 2024, we invite every one of you to join us in a year rich with advocacy, cultural celebration, and communal solidarity. Your steadfast enthusiasm is the cornerstone of our progress, lighting the path to a more prosperous future for the Latino community in Johnston County.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- **Advocacy:** Be a voice for Latinos in our community.
- **Networking:** Connect with like-minded individuals.
- **Education:** Stay informed about important issues.
- **Community:** Be part of a supportive, inclusive family.

CONTACT US!

- latinosactivatejoco@gmail.com
- 919-351-9642

Join us in empowering the Latino community in Johnson County!



Our cultural pride shone brightly as the Miss Hispanic Heritage Johnston County Court and our exuberant Folkloric Dancers participated in local parades across Johnston County. Their vibrant presence and stunning portrayal of our heritage earned us the title of 'Best Float' in various categories at the Four Oaks and Selma parades. This recognition is a testament to the beauty and spirit of our traditions.

Membership Opportunities

We are excited to offer three distinct classes of membership, catering to the varied needs of our community:

Professional Membership \$75:

For those who seek engagement without the need for regular meeting attendance.

General Membership \$25: Ideal for active community participants who wish to contribute through service and fundraising.

Non-Resident Membership \$25:

Designed for members who have moved away but wish to stay connected with our cause.

Each membership class is tailored to facilitate your involvement in ways that suit your level of commitment. Please reach out for further details and application procedures.



Latinos Activate JOCO is excited to participate in the International Fair organized by Selma Middle, scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to celebrating the diverse countries and cultures in Selma Middle School and the community.

Connect and Share

Join our vibrant online community and don't miss out on any news or events:

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We stand united in pursuing advancement, education and celebrating our Latino heritage. Here's to a year filled with progress, unity, and cultural pride.