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# ONDA PORTADORA

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## FROM: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Hello dear members, friends and families hope you are good. 2020 has been different but we hope you are overcoming the obstacles.

## WHAT'S NEW?

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**October what a month**

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**Our first virtual event**

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**We have a new webpage**

## Christopher Columbus, for us "Cristobal Colon"

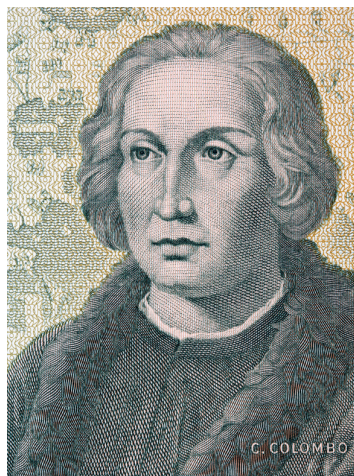
Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer and navigator who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean, opening the way for European exploration and colonization of the Americas. His expeditions were the first European contact with the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. His journey was the beginning of centuries of exploration on the American continent. The Columbian exchange transferred animals, food and cultures, and allowed the creation of new mixed races.

Columbus wanted to find a different way to get to India, China, Japan and the Spice Islands. Columbus believed the world was round and thought that by sailing west instead of east he would still reach his destination. However, he did not have the money to embark on his sail so in 1484, he presented his plans to the King of Portugal John II, but he declined because his advisors thought the trip was too short.

He went to both Genoa and Venice, but neither approved the idea. In 1488, he asked King John II but he disapproved again. In 1492, he went to Spain and Queen Isabella agreed to fund Columbus's trip and that if he succeeded he would be given the rank of Admiral of the Ocean and appointed Viceroy and Governor of all the new lands he could claim for Spain.

On the evening of 3 August 1492, Columbus departed from Palos de la Frontera with three ships. The largest was a carrack, the Santa María; the other two were smaller caravels, nicknamed the Pinta (painted one) and the Niña (little one). Columbus arrived to Guanahani, - now known as the Bahamas-, on October 12, 1492. After that he traveled three more times but he always thought he was going from India to Spain, never realizing that he had discovered a whole new continent (the New World) and without knowing he changed an entire continent and exchanged from the old world to the new world and vice versa. Columbus brought coffee, horses, turnips, grapes, wine, etc; he also introduced things from the new world to the old world like potatoes, tobacco, chocolate, sugar, etc.

The reason why I think Cristopher Columbus is the most important person in history is that he connected to different worlds and transformed them. In doing so, many new races were born from different ethnicities mixing with one another. He died without even knowing what he had accomplished; he had discovered a world a different world and changed it forever.



Andres Ortiz  
Sophomore at VMHS

The year 2020 has been a year of challenges, so as "**Día de los Muertos**" approaches thinking about other ways to celebrate it, we found a list of a few movies and short films (most of them animated), that enlighten us in how Mexican's celebrate that special day to remember the ones that have left the living, but will never be forgotten.

**Macario (1960)**

**Hasta los Huesos (2001)**

**La Leyenda de la Nahuala (2007)**

**De un jalón hasta el panteón (2009)**

**Día de Muertos (2012)**

**Día de los Muertos (2013)**

**The Book of Life (2014)**

**Coco (2017)**

**Día de Muertos (2019)**

<https://remezcla.com/lists/film/dia-de-muertos-movies/>



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## CAFE CULTURA

We initiated **Café Cultura**, -an idea that was going to be in person, but since COVID appeared we adapted-, we have had two recordings. The first featured Elizabeth Pastor from the Corpus Christi Peruvian Society who will be teaming up with the Instituto to offer virtual citizenship classes, -we are currently filling virtual seats for the course-. In the second edition, we had a great discussion with Lumpia House; what we wanted to highlight was the Philippines who for over 300 was under Spain's domain. We had a chance to sit with the owner and taste several traditional foods that is a bit of an Asian-Spanish fusion.

Be sure to visit the Instituto on social media and view our new website that will feature **Café Cultura**.

For **Hispanic Heritage month** our President Xavier Fonz Gonzales, presented a rich Hispanic culture talk for **ExxonMobile's** Diversity and Inclusion Outreach sessions. He highlighted the Instituto and the mission to share various aspects of Hispanic culture to the Coastal Bend. A copy of his presentation will also be available on the website.

## VIRTUAL FASHION SHOW

And last but not less important, **on** Saturday Oct. 24 we had our first Virtual Fashion Show to celebrate "Día de los Muertos". **RAD talent agency** models were radiant, -with very expressive makeup representing the dead-; walking outside the museum, our beautiful Hispanic dresses collection from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Spain and Venezuela,

We would like to thank the **Art & Cultural Commission of Corpus Christi** for their contribution, **Dignity Memorial** for the "Día de Los Muertos" altar, the altar starter kits (that you can come and pick-up at the museum) and there sponsorship.

THANK YOU to our sponsors who believe in promoting Hispanic Culture.

If you haven't seen the show go to our facebook page and enjoy!

