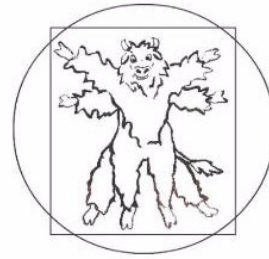


The Smithsonian *Newsletter.*



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"Get Your Ya-Ya's Out" Bubble Wrap Stomp.

7pm

Tuesday, 17 November

Smith Hall Great Room

No shoes allowed

Stomp followed by an informational meeting for future flock leaders.

Dance to "The World's Greatest Rock and Roll Band" on a Carpet of Bubbles!

Find out about next year's Honors RAP student leader opportunities!



Events
&
Reminders

**No Flock Nights this
Week**

Ginger Bread House Contest

Tuesday, December 8

Smith Hall Resident of the Week: Bruno Tapia



Bruno Tapia lives in East Second, he is the editor of the Smitsonian, he works two other jobs on the side, is involved in campus organizations and is a first generation, DACA student. He is the Smith Hall resident of the week.

Where are you from?

Bruno: I was born and raised in Zacatecas, Mexico but I've been living in Aurora, CO for over eight years now.

What are you studying?

Bruno: I've changed my major a bit since I got here but I plan on sticking with Advertising and declaring Pre-Law.

What type of things are you involved in on and off campus?

Bruno: I'm actually working three jobs right now and I'm involved with a couple of organizations on campus. My first job is with a company called 'Fax Aurora, the company is a business league that supports locally owned businesses along Colfax Avenue in Aurora, CO. I handle their social media presence, their website (faxaurora.biz) and I also do graphic design for them, different types of postcards, advertisements, flyers and stuff like that. My second job is with the Office for Outreach and Engagement here on campus, I'm an office assistant but I mainly do graphic design for them also. My third job is as editor of the Smithsonian! I'm the one who puts the visuals and information together and sends it out to everyone. I'm also involved with a student group on campus named ID at CU, (Inspired Dreamers at CU) which supports the undocumented students on campus, and with Umas y Mecha.

What is like to be a first generation college student and a DACA student?

Bruno: Applying and coming to college as both a first generation college student and a DACA (Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals) student, has been the most challenging thing I've ever faced. When I was in high school I had no idea how to go about applying for schools or for scholarships, and because I am undocumented, I am not granted federal aid or federal loans, scholarships are also fairly limited. There was a time when I thought I would never end up coming to college, but I kept on looking, researching, and talking to as many people as I could both from my high school and from here. I worked in construction and with 'Fax Aurora all summer to save

money, and because of a few scholarships that I applied for at CU I was able to afford coming here. Once I was here, figuring out how to navigate my way through everything was really overwhelming, it's like a whole different world for me.

What do you plan on doing when you graduate?

Bruno: I'd love to do something with the advertising experience I'm gaining with 'Fax, but at some point down the road, and when I can afford it, I'd like to go to law school and eventually become an immigration lawyer and help out people who are in the same situation as I am.

How do you handle having so many jobs and what advice would you have for time management?

Bruno: I like working because I get to gain experience early on and I can pay my college tuition on my own, but it does get stressful sometimes. I'd say I've been blessed with really understanding and flexible bosses who know that sometimes I'm overwhelmed with work. When it comes to time management, I'd say organizing yourself is the most important thing, if you're not organized things pile up really quick, if you can spread your work throughout the week it's a lot easier to handle. I've got a lot of organizational apps on my phone to remind me of stuff like, Busy, Studious, and Coach.me. I also use an app on my computer called StayFocusd which lets me block distracting websites like tumblr and Facebook while I work.

Smith Hall Book Club

Monday at 8 pm



East Second Open Lounge

