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# The Path Between

*culture and news that connect us*



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## Get Connected

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## Cultural Spotlight: Mexican Culture

How much do you know about Dia del los Muertos?

Mexico commemorates Dia de los Muertos "the Day of the Dead" on November 2nd. Dia de los Muertos in Mexico is not a mournful commemoration but a happy and colorful celebration where death takes a lively, friendly expression. Indigenous people believe that souls do not die, that they continue living in Mictlan, a special place to rest. In this place, the spirits rest until the day they could return to their

## Welcome To The Path Between!

### Culture Connect at TEA Walk 2010

Culture Connect walked in solidarity with the [Center for Pan Asian Community Services \(CPACS\)](#) and 1,500 friends of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities of Atlanta on October 9th. We were able to disperse hundreds of "I Speak" Cards in 12 different languages, empowering LEP individuals with information on their language access rights. Check out our [Facebook page](#) for more pictures.



### Culture Connect Program Highlights

The Go-Betweener™ Mentoring Program held its first quarterly workshop for mentors and mentees on Sunday, October 17th! This healthy lifestyles workshop consisted of

homes to visit their relatives. Two celebrations honoring the memory of loved ones who have died take place: On November 1st, the souls of the children are honored with special designs in the altars, using color white on flowers and candles. On November 2nd the souls of the adults are remembered with a variety of rituals, according to the different states of the Mexican republic. The celebrations of Day of the Dead or All Souls Day are referred to differently in some of the states. For example in the state of Durango I remember my whole family going to the cemetery on November 2nd to decorate the graves of loved ones that were not with us anymore with yellow and orange flowers.

A special thank you to Olga Rivas, Culture Connect Spanish interpreter, for sharing her culture with us!

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a kickboxing class, a talk from a nutritionist, healthy snacks, and a meditation and yoga session. The mentees and mentors who participated were able to learn about new ways to keep both their bodies and minds healthy for a successful future. Culture Connect would like to thank everyone that came out for the event and especially all of the facilitators who volunteered their time: Waleed Ahmed of The Martial Arts Center, Andy Wood of Wellness Coaches USA, and Evan Bovine of Nirvana Yoga Grant Park.



**Writers Needed!** Culture Connect is offering an opportunity to get your voice heard! We will be launching the Education & Advocacy Blog in November. The blog will feature testimonials by Go-Betweener™ Mentors and

Mentees, reflections by interpreters and volunteers, cultural book reviews, and pieces by local students on issues pertaining to immigrants in Atlanta.

If you would like to write for the blog, contact the Education & Advocacy Program Coordinator at: [program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org](mailto:program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org) or call 404-292-8457 ext.5#.

**Culture Connect is pleased to introduce it's new Cultural Competency workshop series.** This series is designed to build cultural competency in professionals so that they can be more successful in a globalized workplace. This series will feature workshops on: General Cultural Competency and awareness, culture-based perceptions of identity, culture-based approaches to power, culturally dictacted communication styles, culturally influenced perceptions of time, culture-based perceptions of status and culturally shaped attitudes toward taking action.

To learn more about how you or your company can receive this customizable training, contact the Education & Advocacy Program Coordinator at [program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org](mailto:program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org) or call 404-292-8457 ext.5#.

### **In the Community**

#### **3rd Annual Oakhurst Medical Center - Sagal Radio International Festival & Health Fair**

November 13th

11:00AM - 4:00PM

Clarkston Community Center

3701 College Ave.

Clarkston, GA 30021

### **In the News**

[Five Public Colleges in Georgia Ban Illegal-Immigrant Students](#) - The New York Times

[Lawsuit Challenges Local Immigration Enforcement](#) - Atlanta Journal Constitution

With the gubernatorial race heating up and election day (November 2nd) just around the corner. Please consider each candidates stance on immigrant and refugee rights when voting. Click on each candidate's name for a link to their website: [Nathan Deal](#) and [Roy Barnes](#).

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