



LASO

Latin American Student Organization

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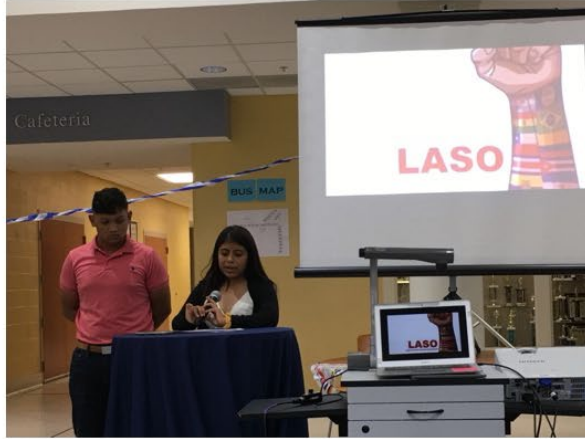
What is LASO?

- ❖ LASO is an organization at Cape Henlopen High School with the purpose of helping the community and building leadership skills.
- ❖ LASO also provides a social and educational atmosphere in which students and community members can come together, support each other, and learn about one another's culture.

How LASO helps the community?

- ❖ LASO is often involved with La Esperanza, which is a non-profit multi-service organization dedicated to help the Latino community.
- ❖ LASO is also involved with La Colectiva, which is an organization that provides many services to the Latina American community in Sussex County. Their goal is to help Latin American's live a successful life in the United States.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



Interview with Dulce Perez, Student President, Latin American Student Organization (LASO)

Dulce Perez, a senior at Cape Henlopen High School joined LASO during her freshmen year. She has served as Secretary and now President of the club. Dulce, born in Seaford, is of Mexican and Guatemalan descent and is the second of 4 siblings. Dulce will be the first in her family to attend college and is excited to embark on her journey of becoming an elementary school teacher and giving back to her community in Sussex County.

"I just want to give back and help other students who are just arriving to the country. They don't know the language and it's hard for them and in LASO we are like a family and we help each other."

Dulce is currently completing an internship at Shields Elementary that supports teachers and tutoring students. She is a member of the Green Club and the National Honor Society. Dulce shared that her experiences in LASO have helped her understand and accept others from different backgrounds, grow into a leader in and out of school, and commit to giving back to her community.

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How Do We Help Each Other?

- ✧ Support students who are new to the country
- ✧ Provide after school tutoring
- ✧ Translating
- ✧ Fundraising
- ✧ College application help
- ✧ FAFSA workshops



LASO & AP Spanish Proficiency

- ❖ Last school year, Cape administered the AP Spanish exam for the first time.
- ❖ 11 out of 14 students who took the AP Spanish exam last year were LASO students.
- ❖ The AP Spanish exam had the highest proficiency scores out of all of the AP exams administered last year.

How Do We Share Our Culture?

- ❖ By spending time with one another, we connect and grow as a family.
- ❖ We share and utilize our combined bilingual abilities with teachers, students, and community members.
- ❖ We try our best to host or participate in an event each month. Some events are for community building within our organization and some events are community service within our community and school district.

