LaLSA had a busy spring semester filled with many events. We had the chance to speak with Dean Johnson at our annual Charla; we spoke with alumni during culture week; and hosted study sessions geared towards helping 1Ls prepare for finals. To the left, you’ll see a few flyers from some of our events this semester.
Class of 2022 LaLSA graduates, congratulations on your law school graduation and all your accomplishments while at King Hall. While the past three years have been filled with unprecedented challenges raised by a global pandemic that turned every aspect of our lives upside down, you have shown resilience, incredible strength, and leadership. You have treated these challenges not as obstacles to your success, but as opportunities to learn and creatively overcome adversity. You have demonstrated your commitment to serving the most vulnerable in our community by using the tools you have learned in law school to work for social justice, equity, and ensuring that everyone has access to legal representation.

It is one of my greatest privileges every year to attend the Patiño Banquet, and help honor and thank Raza and Latinx graduates, whose commitment and social justice work is not only inspiring, but changes lives. While we were not able to have an in person Patiño banquet the past two years due to COVID protections, I am excited to be able to celebrate with you and your families your wonderful accomplishments at this year’s Patiño Banquet.

The Patiño Banquet is a public service awards ceremony and scholarship fundraiser named in memory of Judge Lorenzo Patiño, whose career exemplified the commitment to public service and diversity that defines King Hall. The Patiño banquet funds scholarships for students whose work helps bring justice and equality to underserved communities and recognizes a student who has demonstrated extraordinary service and dedication to underserved communities.

Judge Lorenzo Patiño was a 1973 UC Davis School of Law graduate and the first Chicano municipal judge in Sacramento. Judge Patiño was dedicated to student and community empowerment, equity, and access to justice. He was appointed to the Municipal Court of Sacramento in 1980, and co-founded the University of Northern California in 1983 before succumbing to leukemia the following year. Year after year, King Hall’s Raza and Latinx students honor Judge Patiño’s memory and legacy of service through their social justice work, cultural and education events, and the Patiño Banquet.

We wish you all the best as you finish your legal careers at King Hall, in your bar studies, and your future careers. Though the bar exam can be stressful, please remember you have the tools to pass the CBX. Take your bar studies seriously, be diligent, take care of yourselves, and most importantly, believe in yourselves.

As I tell my daughters before every test, “tú puedes!” (you can do it!)
Congratulations!!!

Armando Aguilar Lopez
Lorena Castillo
Ana Dominguez
Yoxira Espinoza
Gladys Hernandez Cisneros
Catalina Huang
Gladys Morales
Grecia Orozco
Monica Ortega
Jasmine Parra
Paula Rebelo
Jesse Ricks
Hector Ramirez
Andrea Lopez
Blanca Sandoval
Jacqueline Yago