



Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance

Since 1996, the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance has sought to dismantle barriers to ensure people of all ethnic backgrounds have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in the life of the community.

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The **2019 Summit on Race and Inclusion** is being held Tuesday, June 11 at Hope College in Holland, MI. [Registration](#) is now open, and space is filling up fast. So be sure to reserve your seat at this event soon!

Our keynote speakers for the event are Rudy Valdez and John Pavlovitz. Check out their brief bios below, or take a look at our full list of [Summit speakers](#), including a great lineup of breakout sessions.

Rudy Valdez | Morning Keynote



Rudy Valdez is a Michigan-raised, Brooklyn-based filmmaker committed to making cinematic, meaningful documentary films about social,

John Pavlovitz | Afternoon Keynote



John Pavlovitz is a writer, pastor, and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. In the past four years his blog *Stuff That Needs To Be Said* has

cultural and political issues. At Summit 2019, he will host a viewing of his 2018 documentary The Sentence and provide a dialogue on related prison policy issues.

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reached a diverse worldwide audience. At Summit 2019, his keynote address will inspire and challenge participants to continue making a positive impact for racial equity and inclusion.

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- Spanish Language Academy - Courses starting next week!

Spanish courses at LEDA start soon! 8-week community courses for only \$145, meeting weekly. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced courses available. Check out the starting dates, and click the link below for more details and to sign up!

Level 1 (Beginner): Starts Tue, May 7

Level 2 (Intermediate): Starts Mon, May 6

Level 3 (Advanced): Starts Thu, May 9

[Click here for details and times.](#)



[Sign Up Now for Spanish](#)

Local News and Upcoming Events

LAUP Fiesta 2019

A community favorite, the annual FIESTA is full of fun for the whole family! With live music and performances, delicious food, amusement park, and more, this gathering is a true celebration of Latino culture.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Date: Fri, May 3 & Sat, May 4

Time: Fri. - 5-10pm | Sat. - 11am-5pm

Location: The Shops at Westshore, Holland



Shared Space/Shared Place: Caring for Mother Earth

Join a collaborative of interfaith and environmental organizations working on the lakeshore for a conversation on ways our communities care for the Earth. This family friendly event will include a short interfaith panel discussing ways local religious and secular communities care for our planet. [Click here for more details.](#)

Date: Sat, May 18

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Location: Hemlock Crossing County Park, West Olive

Housing Next: Community Update

Housing Next began working across the greater Ottawa County region in January of 2018 with the goal of supporting more housing supply at all price points. On June 4, we invite you to a special event to hear about the work in progress and the opportunities to move the needle on housing supply and affordability over the next few years. [Click here for more details.](#)

Date: Tue, Jun. 4

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex, West Olive

Conversation In Spanish

Introducing Conversation In Spanish, hosted by LEDA. This is a new opportunity to learn Spanish in a fun and relaxing atmosphere, under guidance from our experienced instructor. Join our Spanish class participants and community members for this meeting of people interested in learning and speaking in Spanish. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced learner. Meets bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings, starting May 8.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Dates: May 8; May 22; June 5; June 19

Time: 6 - 7 p.m. w/ opportunity to stay after

Location: May 8: [Brew Merchant](#), Holland; final three meetings: [Great Legs Winery](#), Holland

Fee: \$50 for access to all four meetings (participants signing up to also take LEDA Spanish classes get 20% off)

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