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RSVP for our Multicultural Mixer!

There will be great door prizes
from our location sponsor including an overnight
stay with breakfast for two.



November 15th, 2012

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Hotel Black Hawk, Davenport, IA

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This Week

November 1 - [St. Ambrose University Engineering Night](#): High school and community college students considering a career in engineering can enjoy pizza- and the chance to visit with engineering professionals, faculty and students. The event is free.

November 1 - [International Food and Wine Experience](#): QC United invites you to this event that will help sponsor Unity Fest International. This event will be at Red Stone Room of River Music Experience.

November 2 - [Catrina Showcase: Keeping the Spirits Alive](#) - The iconic figure of La Catrina is an integral part of Dia de los Muertos celebrations, and one thing is certain about this traditional holiday, death is not a sign of taboo or fear, instead, its a concept that is embraced and celebrated with the full gusto of the living.

Upcoming Member Events

November 8 - [World on a Plate Symposium](#): QC United invites you to World on a Plate Symposium. This is a new and exciting educational component to



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Unity Fest International.

November 8 - [St. Ambrose Graduate Business Programs](#): Learn about St. Ambrose graduate business programs during this informative session. Learn about specific graduate programs:

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Organizational Leadership
- Master of IT Management
- Master of Accounting
- Doctor of Business Administration

November 10 - Casa Guanajuato seeks volunteers for their Deferred Action Workshop. For more information call (309) 736-7727 or email mwoods@casaqc.org.

November 11 - Unity Fest International 5th Annual [UNITY FEST INTERNATIONAL](#) is a multicultural celebration that allows you to EXPERIENCE THE WORLD...WITHOUT PACKING A BAG!! QC United, in partnership with the Putnam Museum, will present this free, family friendly event.

News You Can Use

Don't let holidays dampen your cheer. Download the [Small Business Holiday Success Guide](#) today and help ready your business for success this season.

Visa has teamed up with renowned small business ambassador and expert Rhonda Abrams to create the Small Business Holiday Success Guide. Inside, you'll find easy-to-implement tips to help you start planning for the holiday season. The guide will show you the basics of how to:

- Develop a marketing plan
- Use social media and advertising to drive sales
- Attract customers with special deals and discounts
- Come up with creative merchandising ideas

We've also included checklists and worksheets that you can download separately, print out, and keep at your fingertips.

[SBA Increases Support for Hispanic Entrepreneurs](#) - The U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) are teaming together on a pilot

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Bethany for Children and Families

Family Awards Celebration will be held November 1 at the Arsenal Golf Club in Rock Island. The Family Awards honor the outstanding individuals, families, and businesses in the Quad Cities that make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Enter the Latina Smart Internship Challenge!

Five Latina Smart interns will embark upon a 10-week paid summer internship where they will receive a panoramic view of the fast-paced retail environment at Sears. Each Latina Smart intern will receive structured training, personalized career development counseling, experience-enhancing field work and priceless networking opportunities.

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program in eight states to broaden the impact of the agency's programs among Hispanic entrepreneurs.

How to Avoid 10 Payroll Mistakes That Cost Businesses Money (Wed 11/7 at 2pm ET) -

Each year, businesses pay millions of dollars in compliance penalties to government agencies. And those agencies are becoming ever more vigilant about enforcing regulations. This free Webinar will help you take the necessary steps to:

- Stay on top of changing payroll, employment, and benefits regulations
- Comply with federal and state legislation
- Avoid needless penalties and gain greater peace of mind

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