The first generation of students and faculty affiliated with the Research Center for the Americas (formerly known as the Chicano Latino Research Center), created the circular red logo. They drew inspiration from Mixteco symbolism highlighting the pre-columbian presence of the original peoples in the Americas, while being inclusive to all people that have chosen the Americas as home. The abstract feet going around repeated circles represent mobility and resemblance to indigenous, arabic, and contemporary designs.

The RCA’s tagline is Dialogues Without Borders. These borders are not just along national lines, but borders that exist between the university and the local community, between ethnic and racial groups, between citizen and noncitizen, and so forth. Tonight’s FIESTA is about transgressing those multiple borders that exist around us and which are meant to keep us divided in order to celebrate...

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To be added - gave LALS a April 1st deadline