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learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts.

WHERE **SCIENCE****HISTORY****AND****ART** CONNECT

To: Raven Hill friends

From: Cheri

Date: November 2, 2024

Re: *Comida Conversacion Y Comunidad*

Food, Conversation & Community

In the “old days,” information traveled at a pace dictated by physical limitations. Letters were carried by horses, ships, or trains. Early telegraphs tapped out messages in Morse code. News took days, weeks, or even months to cross continents. Now it travels instantly, at the speed of light, thanks to fiber optics, satellites, and high-speed internet. Videos once needed physical reels or tapes for distribution. Now the same videos stream globally in real-time, beaming live experiences from one place to another with minimal delay as was so aptly demonstrated Friday evening.

Excitement awaits



Due to the Fuller Road detour and bridge construction, The Boathouse was our “home away from home” for a special Smithsonian Gathering.



Flowers added color & warmth to the evening’s festivities!

New York, New York



As Frank Sinatra so aptly put it in his famous song, “These little town blues are melting away...” East Jordan arrives in the Big Apple.

Today’s technology compresses distance to almost nothing, creating a seamless experience where we can watch, listen, and interact with events happening on the other side of the country or world as they unfold. It’s like comparing a snail’s pace to a lightning bolt. This was evidenced by guests’ experiences Friday at the Smithsonian Gathering in East Jordan as they watched local students at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum in New York City. Modern communication is astonishingly fast, making it feel like we’re almost *there* with just a click AND this time, fourteen of us really were in New York, including teacher, Angela Berrera!

Last year, East Jordan middle/high school Spanish students, along with other northern Michigan students, participated in an innovation design project sponsored by Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. The **Youth Innovation in Rural America (YIRA)** projects were all about bridging the gap between creative design principles and novel solutions. The 2023 East Jordan Spanish class's **YIRA** project was chosen to be part of Cooper Hewitt's **Making Home—Smithsonian Design Triennial** exhibition. Recently, the Smithsonian invited EJ students to attend the **Making Home** opening to see their work. That, in turn, led to Friday night's livestream. The Star Trek phrase "beam us up" perfectly describes our streaming experience—bringing East Jordan Spanish students' experiences at the Cooper Hewitt in Manhattan back to their hometown audience of family and friends in East Jordan and hinting at the futuristic atmosphere surrounding innovation design exploration.

Live from New York City



Part of the **Making Home** exhibition features the project of students at **East Jordan Middle/High School** who came together to welcome and connect with Spanish speaking families in their community. Seen here are Kim & Sophia from Cooper Hewitt (far left) with the East Jordan crew who are holding up a copy of the Oct 27, 2024 Sunday New York Times with a mention of their project.

Food – Conversation - Community



A special Smithsonian Gathering gave 75 East Jordan residents a chance to experience New York via a livestream (back wall) of students in their Comida, Conversacion Y Comunidad exhibit at Cooper Hewitt.

NY—Connecting through time and space—MI

String Theory



Brandon Hill's one-man band, aptly named **String Theory**, provided background music during the Smithsonian event and John Clements entertained with his 3D printers.

Yummy food



Comida (food) brings people together everywhere!

Transmission
ending from
Raven Hill!

Come visit soon!

Cheri