

Colleges Can Represent Communities Too

What is a linguistic landscape? It is a physical representation of all the languages and cultures that make up a community. For example there are posters and signs all over communities in various languages that represent the different cultures in the neighborhood. In our community, LaGuardia Community College, the languages we see posted around campus are a critical fixture in representing diversity. The linguistic landscape of LaGuardia Community College is diverse but not all languages can be represented here on campus since it is in Queens, which is one of the most diverse boroughs in New York City. With that being said, we have nationalities from countries A-Z, representing a wide ethnic melting pot student population which we all embrace with open arms. Though our linguistic landscape is not perfect, we #ELL10Fun, can fix this by making a proposal to the campus building managers to further diversify our campus visually. Lastly, linguistic landscape technology is continuously evolving and hopefully this can be the next step in improving LaGuardia's Linguistic landscapes.