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LATINO LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
**GRADUATION
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CLASS OF 2023

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Today and Tomorrow*

LATINO LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

MISSION

The Latino Leadership Initiative seeks to empower young Latinos and put them on a path to become leaders by involving them in their communities and by giving them the confidence and tools to succeed.

OBJECTIVES

To increase the high school graduation rate.

To promote college attendance and completion.

To support academic success and achievement among Latinos.

To encourage participation among Latino college students in projects and activities that enhance the community .

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SPECIAL THANKS

DIGNITARIES

Iris Carias, Councilmember, Mount Vernon City Council
Julio Cortes, WA State Representative
Dr. Kristin Esterberg, Chancellor, UW Bothell
Christine Frizzell, Mayor, City of Lynnwood
Phyllis Kenney, Former WA State Representative
Dr. Rebecca Miner, Interim Superintendent, Edmonds School District
Juan Morales, Councilmember, Mount Vernon City Council
Dr. Paul E. Pitre, Chancellor, WSU-North Puget Sound at Everett
Dr. Amit Singh, President, Edmonds College
Dr. Christopher Villa, President, Skagit Valley College

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Victoria Breckwich-Vásquez, Lecturer, UWB, School of Nursing & Health Studies
Dr. Laura Cailloux, Dept. Chair/Faculty for Sociology & Ethnic Studies, SVC
Dr. Rocio Castillo-Foell, Director of Community Engagement and Health Promotion, North Sound ACH
Jorge Estefan, Latino Leadership Initiative Instructor, SVC & Business Advisor, EDASC
Dr. Sally Guzman, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator, Ed. School District
Sixta Morel, Voice Actress & Public Speaking Instructor
Gladys Lasprilla-Shipman, Gestalt Psychotherapist Counselor
Dr. Farhana Loonat, Department Chair for Political Science, Philosophy and International Studies, SVC
Diana Ortega, Director of Edu. & Community Engagement, Ed. Center for the Arts
Kati Ortiz, SVC Latino Leadership Initiative Instructor
Maria Palacios, LLI Alum & Immigration Palegal
Juan Peralez, President, Unidos of Snohomish County
Ivonne Radovich, Senior Community Relations Coordinator, Coordinated Care
Dr. Antonio Sanchez, Former Director of Intergovernmental and International Relations at Central Washington University
Dr. Jorge de la Torre, Edmonds College Interim Associate Vice President for Student Success and Engagement
Eduardo M Torres, Student Success Coach, Edmonds College
Christina Tovar-Hamernik, WorkSource Regional Initiatives Manager, Employment Security Department
Dr. Victor Vergara, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Student Success, Edmonds School District
Beth Wangen, Volunteer Coordinator at WSU Extension, Snohomish County 4-H

FINAL PROJECT EVALUATORS

Oriss Acevedo, Elementary Teacher, Mount Vernon School District
Beatriz Koteles, Spanish GED Instructor, Edmonds College
Orlando Macias, LETI Board Member and LLI Alum - Class of 2020

UW BOTHELL



STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Allyson Briceño, Destiny Cardenas, Madelyn Duron, Ashiana Estrada, Adriana Hernandez, José Maldonado-Morales

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Bothell High School Latinx Mentorship Program

The Bothell High School Mentorship Program was put on by the students at the University of Washington Bothell. Students engaged in this program to gain key multicultural leadership skills, expand their professional and personal network, and conduct a service learning/empowerment project to benefit Latinx high school youth in surrounding communities. This year, Bothell High School has partnered closely with UW Bothell to engage Latinx high school students in our project. This group implemented icebreakers and games to build connections while introducing one another. Scholars provided student mentoring to work through issues of academic success, motivation and inspiration, career choices, financial aid (WASFA and FAFSA), Running Start and other program interests and applications, and addressed any questions the BHS student had. Additionally, a mental health wellness training was incorporated into this project. These workshops and training are crucial to promoting the future education of these high school students so they aren't alone in this process.

AGENDA

Introduction

Master of Ceremonies - Marisol Bejarano, LETI Director of Health and Wellness Programs/LLI Alum

Welcoming & Opening Remarks

Dr. Jorge de la Torre - Edmonds College Interim Associate Vice President for Student Success and Engagement

2023 Video Presentation & Testimonial

Maria Palacios - LLI Alum & Immigration Paralegal
Video Produced by: Lorena Perez, LLI Alum

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Paul E. Pitre, Chancellor of WSU - North Puget Sound at Everett
Introduced by Marisol Bejarano

Community Service Highlights & Student Recognition

Edmonds College - Eduardo M Torres, Student Success Coach, Edmonds College, Center for Student Cultural Diversity & Inclusion Center for Student Engagement & Leadership

Skagit Valley College - Dr. Laura Cailloux, Department Chair/Faculty for Sociology & Ethnic Studies, SVC

Jorge Estefan, Latino Leadership Initiative Instructor, SVC and Business Advisor, EDASC

Kati Ortiz, Latino Leadership Initiative Instructor, SVC

UW Bothell - Dr. Victoria Breckwich-Vásquez, Part-time Lecturer, School of Nursing & Health Studies, UW Bothell

Felicity Abeyta, MSW, Pre-Major Academic Advisor of Student Success Center UW Bothell

Certificate of Achievement and Scholarship Awards

Dignitaries & Counselors

Closing Remarks

Rosario Reyes, Founder & CEO, LETI

Reception

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STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Leonardo Chavez Flores, Blanca Dimas Roman, Jose Cortes Romero, Sixta Lopez, Gaugdy Morales, Yennire Navarro, Noemi Ortega, Lesley Rios, Yadira Sanchez Uribe, Arturo Antonio Zazueta

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Online Database: Community resources in education, health, and behavioral health.

The Edmonds College group focused their efforts on middle school and high school students as well as their parents. The idea was to create an online database containing Spanish speaking staff members to assist students with education, wellbeing, and community. The goal was to provide access to resources for mental health, and information on Snohomish county programs which help kids and parents with mental health, as well as support to encourage kids to finishing school.

SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE



STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Cynthia Aguirre, Christina Camacho, Imelda Carranza Del Hoyo, Brittany Guerrero-Tinoco, Cristal Olivares, Lezly Resendiz Garcia, Blanca I. Ruiz Cruz, Sandra Sanchez Davila

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Latinos Unidos

The Latino Unidos group from Skagit Valley College targeted youth and young adults in the Skagit region. They aimed to provide information on anxiety, mental health and mental illness to those who are struggling, targeting loved ones and people they knew through communication, phone calls and in person visits. A benefit to this program was shining a light for parents to discover if their kids were experiencing mental health or anxiety problems. This group pushed hard on bringing awareness to our community about safely reintegrating into community events, diminishing the fear left behind by COVID-19, where people preferred to stay inside and avoid being infected by the virus. Interacting with other community members allows people to feel supported, and simply not alone. Overall, the goal was to bring awareness to the youth and young adults about mental health and how important it is to speak up.