Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
2012 High School Latino Leaders in D.C. Program

CHCI's second High School Latino Leaders in D.C. program will be held July 22-27, 2012. In partnership with the Close Up Foundation and State Farm Insurance, CHCI will bring 40 low-income high school students from nine cities across the country to D.C. to learn about how the Federal Government works, meet important leaders, visit historic sites and develop a deeper understanding of how they can affect positive change in their communities and their nation.

We will be adding to these experiences by introducing them to a variety of Latino public policy leaders. Through these experiences, we hope that students not only see the important role Latinos play in impacting the day-to-day operations of our nation, but also have the opportunity to meet and connect with mentors who may have come from similar backgrounds and gone on to achieve successful careers.

The 40 student participants in this program represent nine geographic areas, including the Central Valley of California, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix, San Antonio, and San Diego. Many participants attended their local Ready to Lead program, and they represent the diverse range of students who participate in this program each year.

The following information provides more insight into their backgrounds.

Demographic Information

Gender

Female	45%
Male	55%

2012-13 Academic Standing

Sophomore	7.7%
Junior	35.9%
Senior	56.4%

Birth Country

USA	77.5%
Foreign Born	22.5%

Hispanic Heritage

Mexican	70.0%
Salvadoran	8.8%
Cuban	6.3%
Guatamalen	2.5%
Honduran	2.5%
Latino	2.5%
Dominican	1.9%
Puerto Rican	1.9%
Spaniard	1.9%
Costa Rican	1.3%
Other	0.6%

GPA

Average GPA 3.57

U.S. Representative

Bilbray, Brian
Burgess, Michael
Canseco, Francisco*
Cardoza, Dennis*
Chu, Judy
Costa, Jim*
Crowley, Joseph
Davis, Danny
Denham, Jeff
Diaz-Balart, Mario*
Filner, Bob
Gonzalez, Charles*
Gutierrez, Luis*
Hahn, Janice
Johnson, Eddie
Marchant, Kenny
Pastor, Ed*
Rivera, David*
Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana*
Sanchez, Linda*
Serrano, Jose*
Sessions, Pete
Velazquez, Nydia*

Parents Information

Educational Background

First Generation to Attend College 77.5%

Parent's Total Income

Below $10,000	15.4%
$10,000-$29,999	48.7%
$30,000-$44,999	23.1%
$45,000-$64,999	12.8%

Father's Educational Attainment Level

Less than High School	48.7%
Some High School	2.6%
High School Graduate	25.6%
Some College	2.6%
College Degree	2.6%
Graduate Degree	5.1%
Unknown	12.8%

Mother's Educational Attainment Level

Less than High School	33.3%
Some High School	15.4%
High School Graduate	25.6%
Some College	10.3%
College Degree	7.7%
Graduate Degree	7.7%

CHCI High School Latino Leaders in D.C.
2012 Program Participants

Salvador Acosta
Thomas Jefferson High School
San Antonio, TX

Antonio Anaya
Jack E. Singley Academy
Irving, TX

Kayleigh Arcos
KIPP University Prep High School
San Antonio, TX

Sandra Arteaga
South Mountain High School
Phoenix, AZ

Karen Avila
Huntington Park Senior High School
Los Angeles, CA

Jose Bahena
CICS Ralph Ellison
Chicago, IL

Katherine Barahona
Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School
Miami, FL

Abraham Cabrera
Westhills High School
San Diego, CA

Daniela Ceja
Le Grand High School
Planada, CA

Damian Cuevas
South Mountain High School
Phoenix, AZ

Rocio De La Cruz
San Marcos High School
San Marcos, CA

Breanna DeLeon
Herbert Hoover High School
Fresno, CA

Bryan Diaz
Miami Sunset Senior High School
Miami, FL

Irania Felix
Betty H. Fairfax High School
Phoenix, AZ

Columba Flores
High School of Telecommunications, Arts and Technology
Brooklyn, NY

Marina Garcia
Fox Tech High School
San Antonio, TX

Pedro Gomez
Sunnyside High School
Fresno, CA

Leo Gonzalez
Merced High School
Merced, CA

Krystal Hernandez
School For Advanced Studies South
Miami, FL

Melina Hernandez
Expeditionary Learning School for Community Leaders
Brooklyn, NY

Margarita Herrera
R.L. Turner High School
Dallas, TX

Javier Lopez
Santa Monica High School
Los Angeles, CA

Kaitlyn Montan
Flower Mound High School
Flower Mound, TX

Andres Moreno
Betty H. Fairfax High School
Laveen, AZ

Sabrina Moreno
Monroe Academy for Visual Arts & Design
Bronx, NY

Natalia Mota
Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy
Chicago, IL

Janett Munoz
McCollum High School
San Antonio, TX

Esli Murillo
San Marcos High School
San Marcos, CA

Juan Olascoaga
Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy
Chicago, IL

Jasmin Palomares
McCollum High School
San Antonio, TX

Michael Pineda
North High School
Phoenix, AZ

Efren Ramirez Jr.
Albert G. Lane College Preperatory Technical High School
Chicago, IL

Juan Ramos Fuentes
Macarthur High School
Irving, TX

Stephanie Revilla
The Bronx School For Law, Government, and Justice
Bronx, NY

Thomas Rivera
Bishop Amat Memorial High School
Baldwin Park, CA

Jennifer Salcido
Rosemead High School
El Monte, CA

Fernando Sigala
Justin Ford Kimball High School
Dallas, TX

Frank Trujillo
Westland Hialeah Senior High School
Hialeah, FL

Jose Trujillo
Carlsbad High School
Carlsbad, CA

Yoselin Vasquez
Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy
Wilmington, CA