



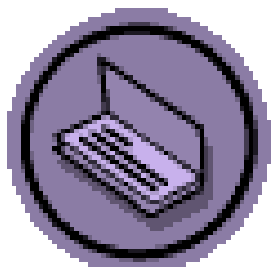
## Design Your Future

A Guide for Latino and Immigrant Student Success

2013 Latino Multicultural College Fair Edition  
“Live Your Legacy”



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### Bluegrass Community and Technical College Office of Latino Outreach and Student Services

The Office of Latino Outreach and Student Services strives to provide access to high quality educational opportunities for Latino and immigrant students and to promote Latino and immigrant student success during and after a student’s enrollment in and graduation from BCTC. The office provides students and families with linguistically and culturally relevant educational outreach programs, admissions application and FAFSA support, individualized scholarship coaching, academic advising and career counseling, and specialized support services (Educational access, immigration policy information, referrals to bilingual social services, job shadowing, , leadership programs, professional development, etc).

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### The Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K’LEA)

**K’LEA** is a cross-sector, cross-agency partnership dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos who obtain a high quality degree or credential in Kentucky. K’LEA has set out to foster Latino postsecondary degree attainment in an effort to uplift the Latino community which will, in turn, enrich the overall Kentucky economy and insure a bright future for the Commonwealth. K’LEA has determined its partners can have their greatest impact by addressing the need for better college preparation and increased student retention. Therefore, partners must improve policy and develop data-driven strategies for increased college preparation and retention rates. For more info: <http://kylatinosgraduate.org>.



### Eastern Kentucky University- Latino Outreach/Recruitment Student Outreach and Transition Office

The Student outreach and transition office is committed to providing a welcoming environment for Latino and other under-represented students. This includes targeted outreach and transition services as well as ongoing academic and social support throughout the students' college career.

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## Selecting a College and Discovering College Admissions Requirements

How do I select a college? Some students know exactly what they want to study. Others may not be sure what they want to study yet. If you don't know, it is okay! If you are not sure what you want to study in college, you might want to consider areas that relate to your strengths, hobbies, and talents. Fill in the spaces below with your strengths and interests. You don't have to be the best at something in order to list it as a strength or ability. Areas of interest can also be an area of interest or something you are passionate about.

### My strengths:

### My interests:

There are different types of colleges for all different types of study. Below is a breakdown of the levels of postsecondary (after high school) education and the profiles of some students who began their studies at different levels.



Community & Technical Colleges offer technical degrees (certificates, diplomas or Associates of Applied Science) that prepare a student for a vocation or the workforce. Community colleges also provide academic programs (Associates of Arts/Sciences) that prepare a student to transfer to a university to complete a bachelor's degree. Most community colleges have open enrollment meaning they accept students that have a high school diploma or a GED. Credits earned at KCTCS colleges transfer to Kentucky's universities.

While some universities or "4-Year Colleges" may offer Associate's Degrees, these institutions mainly provide students the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and beyond. Universities may have stricter admissions criteria requiring students to have a minimum GPA and ACT or SAT score to be considered for admissions. Universities also offer post-graduate studies such as Master's Degrees and Doctorate Degrees.

**STUDENT PROFILE**

**Name:** Alexis Meza  
**Hometown:** I was born in Veracruz, Mexico. I moved to Lancaster, KY at age 9.  
**Area of Study:** Mass Communications Major, Spanish and Speech Minors  
**Pathway in Higher Education:** First, I went to BCTC and completed an Associates of Arts in 2011 then transferred to KSU with a full tuition scholarship.  
**Barriers to entering college:** I was lacking the right information about how I could make college happen for me in this country.  
**Who helped me get to college:** Erin Howard came to my high school my senior year and gave me the information I needed to college. She became my mentor and supplied me with the right information and support services to help me to where I am today.



**STUDENT PROFILE**

**Name:** Ileana Padilla Fiola  
**Hometown:** Puerto Rican from New Jersey  
**Area of Study:** Spanish  
**Pathway in Higher Education:** I started at Garden State Plaza School (Business Administration Certificate). I completed an Associates of Arts at BCTC then transfer to EKU with Colonel Plus Scholarship.  
**Barriers to entering college:** Not having anyone to guide me, and I was not eligible for federal loans or any family monetary support.  
**Who or what helped the student enter college:** Encouragement from my husband.

## Creating My Blueprint: Setting My Life Goals!

During my life, I want to...

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

In order to accomplish my goals, I will need help.

Make a list of people who can help you:

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Describe how each person will help you:

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### Some questions to consider:

1. What must I do now to prepare for college?
2. What is your Grade Point Average (GPA)?
3. Are you planning to work on a bachelor's degree after you graduate from community college?
4. What career are you preparing for?
5. What is major (or program) do you want to study?
6. When did you graduate from high school (or receive your GED)? Are you working on a GED? If so, when do you expect to complete it?
7. Why did you choose your career field?
8. What are the names, addresses and phone numbers of people who would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for you for a scholarship?
9. Why did you decide to go to college?



“Never give up! I know it sounds cliché, but believe me, giving up on your dreams is not the key to success. The more you keep going, you will realize that the opportunities to be happy and successful will come. It is important to stay humble and give back to your community. Set the example of “si se puede!” Because after all, YOU are the captain of your ship and you are the one who can make your life happen! Pursue your dreams! Echále ganas!”

Words of Advice: Alexis Meza, BCTC Graduate 2011, KSU Class of 2015

**“Do not let anyone or anything scare from pursuing your goals. If you do not get the answer you need from one person keep asking until you receive the help you need.”**

Words of advice: Ileana Padilla, BCTC Graduate 2011, ECU Class of 2014



Each college and university has different admissions requirements. In general, colleges will require that you complete a college preparatory diploma for your state. Find out what the admissions standards are for the colleges you are most interested in.

| School Name | Minimum GPA: | Minimum ACT/SAT: | Admissions Essay: | Interview: | Admissions Deadline: | Scholarship Deadline: | Application Fee: |
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### Narrowing down my school choices: Helpful Questions!

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| School Name:   |  |  |  |
| Does the school offer your major or area of study?   |  |  |  |
| In what kind of setting is the school? Rural, small city, urban?   |  |  |  |
| Does the school have a good scholarship program?   |  |  |  |
| Does the school have residence halls?  |  |  |  |
| Does the school offer extracurricular activities that I would enjoy participating in?                                  |  |  |  |
| How much does tuition cost?  |  |  |  |
| Will my family be able to help me with tuition costs?  |  |  |  |
| Is the school accredited? What are the schools accreditations? Will my credits transfer if I need to transfer schools? |  |  |  |

STUDENT PROFILE

**Name:** Andrew Betancourt

**Hometown:** Elizabethtown, KY

**Area of Study:** Biology/ Spanish

**Pathway in Higher Education:** Entered EKU as a freshman with the help of grants and financial aid Eastern Kentucky University offered me.

**Barriers to entering college:** I didn't think I could find a way to afford college.

**Who helped me enter college:** My sister encourage me to enter college by setting an example and going to college herself.

**Advice to students:** Keep focus on your goals and don't let anything stop you.

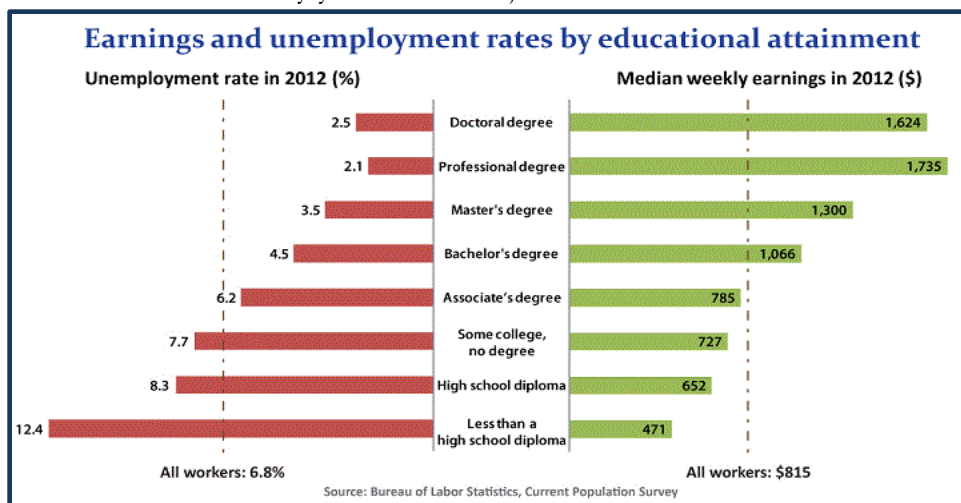


## Benefits of College

College does have a cost. Unlike elementary, middle and high school, college is not free. However, don't let the fear of paying for college get in your way of pursuing your dreams. Individuals who complete college:



College graduates earn more money over their lifetime and are more likely to find, keep and stay in a good job. The chart below shows the average weekly salary based on educational attainment and the unemployment rates. What does it mean? Well, the more education you complete, the more money you will make and the more likely you will have a job!



### How much does college cost? Will I be able to pay in-state tuition?

Many people think college is much more expensive than it is. Here are the average in-state tuition costs per year plus books for four types of colleges in Kentucky. Costs below do not include dorms, meals, etc.:

- Public universities: \$10,000-12,000 per year.
- Private nonprofit colleges and universities: \$32,416.
- Public community and technical colleges: \$4,200-5,000.
- Private for-profit colleges and universities: \$26,908.

**There are two main types of tuition:**  
 (1) **In-State Tuition** for state residents and (2) **Out-of-State Tuition** for students who come to Kentucky to study. In-state tuition is much more economical than out of state tuition. For example, a resident at a community college will pay \$420 for one class whereas an out-of-state student will pay \$1502 for the same class.

Kentucky's Council for Post-Secondary Education Policy 13:KAR2:045 allows undocumented immigrants the opportunity to pay in-state tuition rates *if* the student **GRADUATES** from a Kentucky high school or completes their GED.

Here are the residency questions. Answer them to see if you are eligible to pay in-state tuition: YES NO

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| Have you lived in KY for at least 12 months?                                   |  |  |
| Does one or both of your parents or legal guardians live in KY?                |  |  |
| Does you receive financial support from anyone living outside of Kentucky?     |  |  |
| Did you graduate from a Kentucky high school or complete your GED in Kentucky? |  |  |
| Do you consider yourself a Kentucky resident?                                  |  |  |

**Not sure what to do? Contact BCTC Latino Outreach at 859.246.6436 to get connected with college application support for immigrant and undocumented students. We will connect you to the college you would like to apply to.**











# Understanding Financial Aid

There are four basic types of financial aid available: Scholarships, Grants, Employment, and Loans.

| Types of Financial Aid  |   |
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| <p><b>Scholarships:</b> A type of financial aid grant. An organization or college may give scholarships according to academic achievement, financial need, or some other basis like area of study, diversity, or community service. The application process is competitive.</p> | <p><b>Grant:</b> A type of federal or state financial aid that is awarded to student based on financial need. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to determine eligibility. Grants do not have to be paid back after the student leaves</p>  |
| <p><b>Student Employment</b></p> <p>Federal Work-Study is a federally funded program that provides employment opportunities to students with the highest financial need on campus. Placement is limited.</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Federal Loans</b></p> <p>Loans are funds that you must repay. The Federal Loan programs offer a secure, government-regulated and reasonably affordable way to invest in yourself and your goal of a higher education. Even though some loans are based on financial need, there are programs available to all federally eligible students regardless of income. Types of loans include Federal Perkins Loan, Direct Stafford Loans,</p> |

| Status                                      | Eligibility for Federal Financial Aid (Scholarship Info on pg. 7)  |
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| Citizen and Permanent Resident (LPR)        | <p>YES, even if parents are not documented!</p> <p><b>Tips for Completing FAFSA:</b></p> <p>Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completes FAFSA with SSN</li> <li>• enters income information manually or using data retrieval</li> <li>• signs FAFSA with PIN</li> </ul> <p>Parent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completes FAFSA using “000-00-0000” for SSN (Note: if parent holds ITIN to file taxes, <u>do not</u> use in place of SSN)</li> <li>• enters income information manually</li> <li>• ineligible for PIN with no SSN; prints, signs, mails signature page</li> </ul>  |
| U-Visa Holder                               | <p>YES, in some cases U Visa holders do qualify for financial aid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student completes FAFSA with Alien Registration Number (ARN)</li> <li>• Student indicates “eligible noncitizen” status</li> <li>• FAFSA will be rejected based on Department of Homeland Security match, “C” code (Citizenship eligibility). Don’t panic! Turn in one or all of the following forms and ask your financial aid officer to submit a G-845 paper form to USCIS.</li> <li>• I-797, Notice of Action form (separate forms for petitioner and dependent children)</li> <li>• Immigration Court Order</li> </ul>   |
| T-Visa Holders                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student completes FAFSA with Alien Registration Number (ARN)</li> <li>• Student indicates “eligible noncitizen” status</li> <li>• FAFSA will be rejected based on Department of Homeland Security match, “C” code (Citizenship eligibility). Don’t panic! Turn in one or all of the following forms and ask your financial aid officer to call HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement at 1-866-401-5510</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>If student is the victim:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification Letter or Eligibility Letter issued by HHS</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>If student’s spouse or parent is victim:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-visa (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.) issued to student, <u>AND</u></li> <li>• Victim’s Certification/Eligibility Letter</li> </ul> |
| DREAMers, (Undocumented) Students with DACA | <p>No, unfortunately at this time all federal and state financial aid is not available to students who are not documented, have DACA or have any other status other than those described above.</p>  |

## Scholarships

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| <p><b>Migrant Network Coalition</b><br/> <a href="http://www.mnclex.org">www.mnclex.org</a><br/>         Local organization that offers scholarships to Kentucky students that cannot apply for financial aid.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Hispanic Scholarship Fund</b><br/> <a href="http://www.hispanicfund.org">www.hispanicfund.org</a><br/>         Scholarships for Latino/a Students including those with DACA.</p>   |    |
| <p><b>Mexican American Legal Defense &amp; Education Fund:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.maldef.org">www.maldef.org</a><br/>         Scholarship resource guide and program for immigrant students who are actively involved in their communities.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>United We Dream</b><br/> <a href="http://www.unitedwedream.org">www.unitedwedream.org</a><br/>         The largest youth organization in the U.S. The D.E.E.P program offers information for undocumented students.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Scholarships A-Z</b><br/> <a href="http://www.scholarshipsaz.org">www.scholarshipsaz.org</a><br/>         On this website you can find scholarships even for students who are undocumented or do not have a social security number.</p>  |    |
| <p><b>Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers Foundation</b><br/> <a href="http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/">http://www.shpefoundation.org/scholarships/</a><br/>         Scholarships for students studying in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics. No social security number needed.</p> |     |
| <p><b>Educators for Fair Consideration</b><br/> <a href="http://www.e4fc.org">www.e4fc.org</a><br/>         Resources and advising for undocumented students. Materials include tips and tools for teachers, parents, and students; also includes the guide "Life After College".</p>                                |  |
| <p><b>New Futuro</b><br/> <a href="http://www.newfuturo.com">www.newfuturo.com</a><br/>         This site has student and parent resources for college in English and Spanish! Check it out!</p>   |  |

Additional Scholarship Resources:

### Univision-Es El Momento

Univision has begun a scholarship called The Es El Momento Scholarship which has been available as of October 21, 2013. The Es El Momento Scholarship will be open to all students of Latino/Hispanic heritage regardless of whether they are US citizens or undocumented. The amount awarded for each scholarship is approximately \$5,000. (<https://www.scholarshipaid.net/app/univision/>)

### Golden Door Scholars:

Golden Door Scholars is a nonprofit built to dramatically expand educational opportunities, increase awareness and raise scholarship funds for high-performing undocumented students. (<http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/>)

### Scholarship America's Dream Award

The scholarships will be renewable and growing in amount each year, allowing students to receive aid throughout their college career. The Scholarship America Dream Award is open for applications through December 19, 2013. If you would like to apply, please visit: <http://scholarshipamerica.org/index.php>



# Leadership Development and Resources for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

## The Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp



The next Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp will take place on July 27 through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. The one week camp offers rising juniors and seniors the opportunity to experience college life. Students meet at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, stay in the residence halls of the University of Kentucky, and visit other college campus like Eastern Kentucky University and Kentucky State University.

During the week, students attend workshops and college-like classes, get to know university and college professors, meet current college students, and networking with community leaders and professionals. In addition to this, participants learn about topics such as leadership, identity, Chicano/Latino history, immigration, and community involvement. They also are able to participate in sports, theater, art, music and dance. The LLCEC also offers parent orientation and workshops.



The camp only costs \$40.00, and space is limited. In order to attend students must complete an application. Applications for next year's program will be available in February of 2014. Contact the BCTC Latino Outreach Office for more information: 859.246.6436.

### Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals:

DACA is a policy that allows certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines to request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion and is temporarily issued for two years. It may be renewed.

#### Requirements:

- be between 15 -31 years of age
- have entered the US before turning 16
- have entered the US before June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- have lived in the US for 5 consecutive years
- have no criminal record (felonies, 3 or more misdemeanors)
- be currently enrolled in school, have a high school diploma, GED, or be a veteran from the Coast guard or Armed forces.

The process will cost a total of \$465.00. **Need help or have questions?**

**Contact: Kentucky Dream Coalition**

**859 379 9532**

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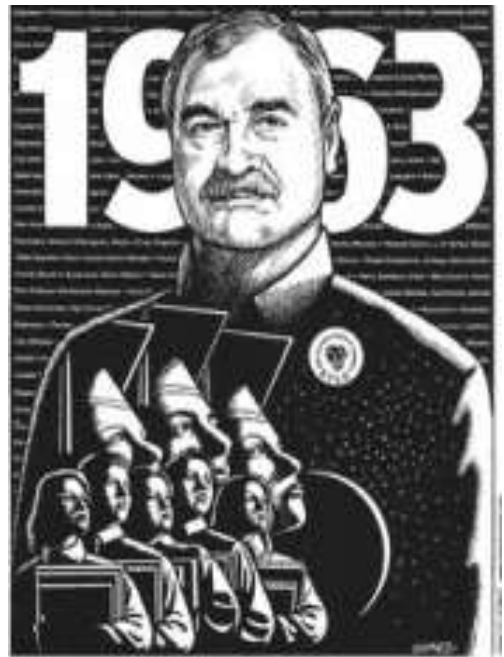
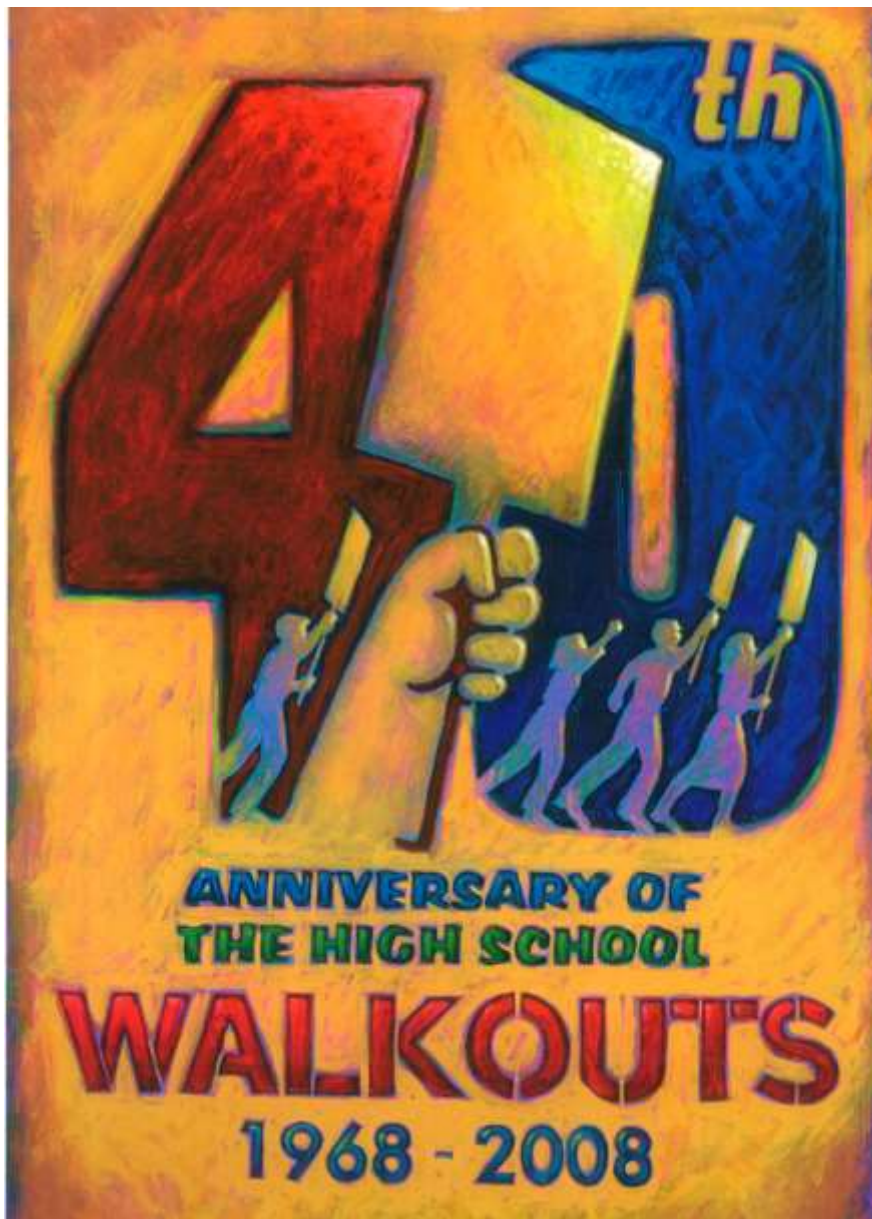
FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/kentuckydream](http://www.facebook.com/kentuckydream)

TWITTER: @kentuckydream

### Additional DACA Resources

- Text "OWNIT" to 877877
- [www.weownthedream.org](http://www.weownthedream.org)  
(online screening tool)
- (855) DREAM-31
- DACA Fee "Scholarships"  
<http://www.dreamactivist.org/deferred-action/daca-scholarship/>





Sal Castro and the Chicano Youth Leadership Conference



The 9th Latino Multicultural College Fair is dedicated to our hero Sal Castro, a wonderful teacher, mentor, friend, and father.

His legacy— tirelessly fighting for educational justice and equity—lives on in us. May we live our lives in a way that honors him.

Graduate, Go To College, Graduate from College, and Support your Community!

Erin Howard and Gaby Baca, LMCF Program Directors

