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HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Letter from the HACU President and CEO

Welcome and thank you for joining the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities for our Annual National Capitol Forum. For 24 years, the Forum has been HACU's most important advocacy event. It's an opportunity for our membership to convene in Washington D.C. to present HACU's legislative agenda and make the case on Capitol Hill for much-needed funding for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

This year, we have a chance to inform the 110 new Members of Congress on important issues impacting Hispanic student success in education. That is why your presence in DC is very important, so that Members of Congress hear directly from HSIs and emerging HSIs presidents/CEOs, faculty, administrators and students. We hope your conversations allow them to better understand the need for greater federal investment in Hispanic education, HSIs and in programs that contribute to student success.

During this two-day gathering you will receive briefings on issues like Higher Education Act Reauthorization, federal agency efforts to align education with employment needs and priorities, and issues in higher education that directly affect the more than 500 HSIs in our country. Sessions will cover current emphasis on employment readiness, STEM, and higher education policies of the Federal administration and Congress. The latest information on immigration reform, DACA and the DREAM Act, and the Congressional HSI Caucus will also be discussed.

We welcome respected representatives of associations, institutions and organizations who collaborate with us in the mission of increasing access and success in higher education for Hispanics. Our collective efforts make the Capitol Hill visits highly effective in supporting the case for increased education and HSI funding.

A very special thanks to our supporters who have helped make this 24th Annual Capitol Forum possible.

Cordially,

Antonio R. Flores
President and CEO

Letter from the HACU Governing Board Chairman

As Chair of HACU's Governing Board, I am honored to welcome you to HACU's National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education. We are especially delighted to welcome students from across the country because they represent one of the strongest voices for advocacy in education. On Monday, an advocacy session is scheduled for students to help answer any questions you all may have in advance of the Capitol Hill visits.

Together we have the power to create positive change for generations of students at our institutions across the nation. Our presence and voice on Capitol Hill are equally important in speaking for the educational needs of all students, including those in elementary, middle and high school who will soon be enrolling in our colleges and universities in record numbers.

After your Capitol Hill visits, please plan on staying for two important gatherings on Capitol Hill. A debriefing session will be held so you can share feedback and insight of your meetings. A Capitol Hill Reception, "Honoring the Champions of Hispanic Higher Education in Congress," will follow the debriefing. This reception is another opportunity to meet and network with some of our leaders who are key to supporting the Association's mission of championing Hispanic higher education success.

Thank you again for your participation in HACU's Capitol Forum. I hope you enjoy this exercise in active citizenship and advocacy for HACU's legislative proposals.

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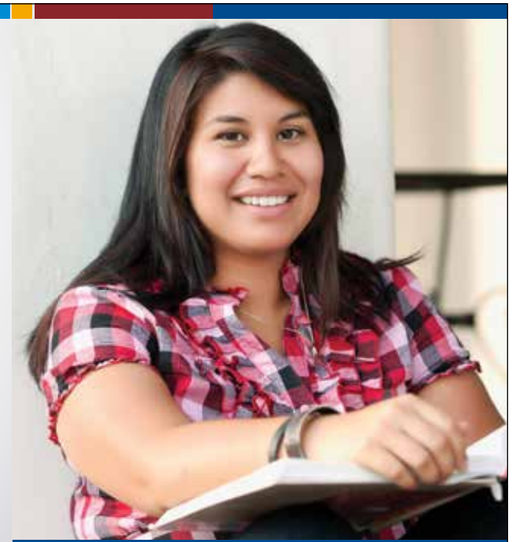

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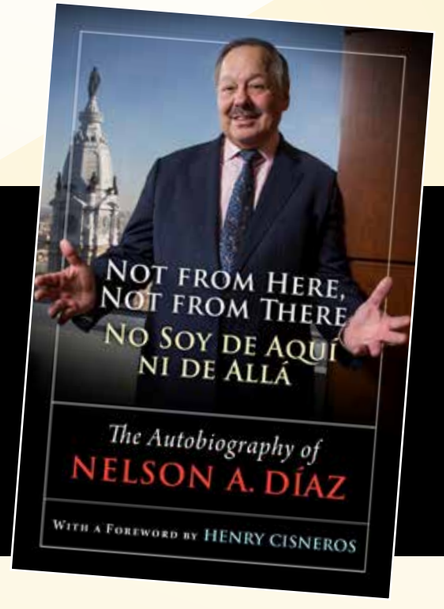

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(Agenda subject to change)

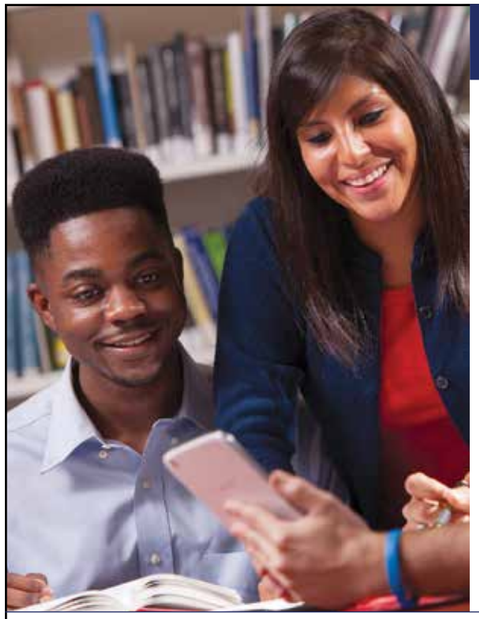
Monday, April 1

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Registration /Information /Cyber Café
Grand Ballroom Foyer (B-Level)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Funding Session: Title V Grants and Funding
Room: Junior Ballroom 1 (2nd Floor)
Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Education will discuss Higher Education Act (HEA), Title V grants and other funding opportunities for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Break

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Funding Opportunities for HSIs Workshop
Room: Capitol Hill (3rd Floor)
Panelists will discuss funding opportunities available for colleges and universities at the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy and Department of Defense.



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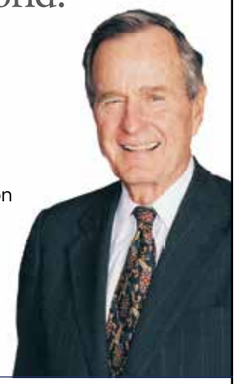

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AGENDA

Most sessions will take place at the Grand Ballroom Salon ABCD (B-Level) Washington Marriott at Metro Center, unless otherwise noted.
(Agenda subject to change)

Monday, April 1

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Opening Plenary Luncheon
Collaboration Between PK-12 and Higher Education: The Evolution of Title V, Part C
Title V, Part C is a HACU legislative proposal to create a new grant program at the U.S. Department of Education to support partnerships and collaboration between Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Hispanic-Serving School Districts. In this session, advocates and policy experts will provide an update on this effort, highlight the proposal's major components, including the definitions and allowable uses, and solicit feedback from session attendees.

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.
Break

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Early Afternoon Session
Update on the HEA Reauthorization and its Impact on Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)
The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) is long overdue and HSIs must be prepared with recommended enhancements to the HEA if the 116th Congress decides to act on this sweeping law. In this session, you will have an opportunity to engage with higher education advocates, policy experts and Congressional staff, hear the latest HEA updates, and contribute your views to improve the law.

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Coffee Break

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Late Afternoon Session
Hispanic-Serving Institutions: Vital to Increasing Latinos in STEM Fields
Hispanics constitute 16 percent of the U.S. workforce, but they make up only 6 percent of the U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce. This session will discuss the impact of the U.S. Department of Education's HSI-STEM Program (Title III, Part F) and the National Science Foundation's HSI Program on increasing Latinos in STEM careers, as well as highlight best practices from grantees.

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
State Delegation Information Session
Participants attending the Capitol Hill meetings, grouped by state, will receive important information for the Hill meetings and information about HACU policy priorities. HACU Government Relations staff will be available to answer any questions.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Student Advocacy 101
Room: Capitol Hill (3rd Floor)
This session is designed for students to learn about how to become an effective advocate. Participants will receive an overview, set of expectations, and tips/protocols for successful advocacy visits on Capitol Hill.

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CAPITOL HILL DAY

Only breakfast take place at the hotel. Morning sessions will take place at the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC).
(Agenda subject to change)

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 a.m. - Noon
Registration/Information/Cyber Café
Grand Ballroom Foyer (B-Level)

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast at hotel

8:30 a.m.
Buses depart hotel to Capitol Hill visits.
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Participants will be dropped off at the "Peace Circle" at Capitol Hill and will walk to the Capitol Hill Visitors Center (CVC)
(See map.)

Upon arrival, attendees should proceed through security to meet at the CVC room.

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Hispanic Demographics in the 116th Congress and the 2020 Census
The 116th Congress is the most diverse in its more than 230-year history. Panelists will share important data about Hispanic demographic trends as well as in the growth of its political influence. The upcoming 2020 census will be key for the Hispanic community. The latest information on the proposed citizenship question and its impact on Hispanics will be discussed. A question and answer session will follow.

Location: Capitol Visitors Center, Room: TBD

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Break

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Final Questions and Answers Session
The HACU Government Relations staff will provide final details and important information about what's happening on the Hill and about visits with members of Congress by Forum participants. This also an opportunity to ask any questions.

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Capitol Hill Visits
(Varied locations according to state delegations, schedule provided.)

4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Post-Capitol Hill Debriefing Session
This is an opportunity to provide feedback about your visits on Capitol Hill and share information on your discussions during these meetings.
Location: TBD

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Capitol Hill Reception Honoring the Champions of Hispanic Higher Education in Congress
Location: TBD

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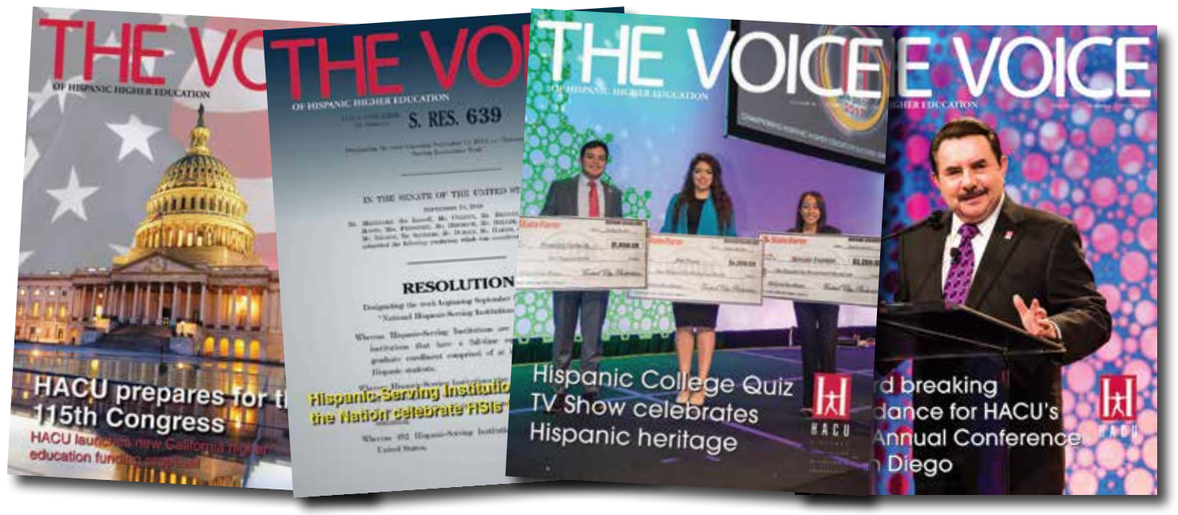

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(Post-conference event)
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