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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

■ Keynote Speakers Marta Sahagún de Fox, wife of the President of Mexico, and Mexico Secretary of Education Reyes Tamez Guerra have joined former Costa Rica President Rodrigo Carazo Odio, and U.S. Peace Corps Director Gaddi Vasquez to address HACU's 5th International Conference July 26-29 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Zapopan (Mexico) Mayor Macedonio Tamez Guajardo will also address a conference that will invite an international roster of Hispanic higher education and public policy leaders to promote the globalization of diversity in education. For registration and other information, visit the 5th International Conference page at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net).

## 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

■ HACU's 17th Annual Conference has attracted a stellar roster of presenters at workshops and special sessions highlighting Hispanic higher education in the 21st Century. Conference Tracks include: Latinos and the Public Policy Process; Research on Hispanic Higher Education Success; Science and Security on the Post-9/11 Campus; The Economics of Education; and Global Gateways. Please visit [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net) for more information and on-line registration forms for HACU's 17th Annual Conference Oct. 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Anaheim, California.

## NASA AWARD

■ The Physical Science Laboratory at HACU member New Mexico State University was awarded a \$242.4 million contract from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility. The 10-year contract is a continuation of previous contracts to operate NASA's scientific balloon facilities and provide engineering support for the NASA Balloon Program.

## CAMPAIGN FOR UCSD

■ HACU associate member University of California at San Diego launched a \$1 billion, seven-year fund-raising initiative called The Campaign for UCSD: Imagine What's Next. In conjunction with the campaign, the university also announced a \$110 million gift to the UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering from former UCSD engineering professor Irwin M. Jacobs, CEO and chair of Qualcomm Inc., and his wife, Joan Jacobs. UCSD, founded in 1959, is the youngest university to launch a campaign with a goal of \$1 billion.

## CAMPUS GROWTH

■ A new 90,000-square-foot classroom building is under construction at HACU member University of Houston-Downtown. The new building, which is expected to open in the fall semester of 2004, will house the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department of Urban Education, which prepares teachers for the challenges of the urban classroom.

## MINORITY MEDICINE

■ Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida awarded HACU member Barry University a \$300,000 grant to help fund the establishment of the Institute for Community Health and Minority Medicine at the Miami campus. The gift adds to the \$2.5 million the university already has raised in support of the project.

## LABORATORY GRANT

■ The W.M. Keck Foundation awarded HACU associate member University of California at Riverside a \$1.25 million grant to establish the W.M. Keck Proteomics Laboratory within the Center for Plant Cell Biology in the university's Genomics Institute. The University of California at Riverside is the fastest growing and most ethnically diverse campus of the ten-campus University of California system.

## EARTHSCAPE

■ HACU member St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, was selected by Columbia University to contribute to Columbia Earthscape. Columbia Earthscape is an integrated, interdisciplinary resource that helps connect the Earth and environmental sciences with their social, political and economic dimensions.

## RESEARCH FUNDING

■ With decreased state funding for higher education nationwide, HACU partner member Idaho State University was successful in raising a record \$20 million in external grants – many exceeding \$1 million – in fiscal year 2002. “These large grants were rare prior to the last two years. This is the profile of a developing university that is emphasizing research more,” said Idaho State University chief research officer Edwin House. Recent research grants to the university include \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Energy, \$1.4 million from the U.S. Department of Defense and \$1.5 million from NASA.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

A stellar roster of internationally renowned keynote speakers will address HACU's 5th International Conference in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, in July. See Page 4 for a special Message from the President on HACU's 5th International Conference.

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## ABOUT HACU

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities represents more than 340 member and associate member colleges and universities in the United States, Puerto Rico and abroad with high Hispanic student enrollment rates — including federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institutions. HACU's mission is to improve access to and the quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; to meet the needs of business, industry and government through the development and sharing of resources, information and expertise; and to promote the development and success of member and associate member colleges and universities.

## NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

# FEDERAL FUNDING

By *Gumecindo Salas*  
*Vice President of Government Relations*

**H**ACU this summer is calling daily upon the leadership of Congress to win record new increases in federal funding for Hispanic higher education. The Government Relations Committee of the HACU Governing Board has been instrumental in actively promoting HACU's legislative goals to Congress and the country.

Members of the Government Relations Committee include José A Vicente, President of Miami-Dade Community College's Inter-American Campus and Chair of the HACU Government Relations Committee; Franklyn Casale, President, St. Thomas University in Florida; Max Castillo, President, University of Houston-Downtown; Ricardo Fernandez, President, Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York; James Lyons Sr., President, California State University-Dominguez Hills; Frank Reyes, Assistant to the Chancellor, Governmental Affairs, San Bernardino Community College District in California; Jesus Carreón, President, Portland Community College District in Oregon; and, Christine Johnson, President, Denver Community College District in Colorado.

HACU owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to this dynamic committee.

On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Senate has endorsed legislation to help close the "digital divide" between minority and non-minority students on today's college campuses. The Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act, or S.196, was passed with a 97 to 0 vote by the Senate. HACU is now advocating for a similar vote in the House.

The bill targets \$250 million in new National Science Foundation grants each year for the next five years to Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and other colleges and universities serving the largest concentrations of minority students.

The leadership of HACU submitted and presented testimony earlier this year in support of S.196 as a valuable investment in historically under-funded HSIs and other Minority-Serving Institutions. Their lack of the necessary infrastructure and training support to effectively bring technology parity to under-served populations is a national concern.



HACU is urging the leadership of the House to create a new, bipartisan House Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Coalition to champion the higher education needs of

the nation's youngest and largest ethnic population. A House HSI Coalition would bring visibility and new federal funding support to HSIs.

The bipartisan Senate Hispanic-Serving Institutions Coalition, co-chaired by Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, has proven extraordinarily effective at increasing recognition and support for HSIs in the United States Senate. There is a tremendous need for a similar bipartisan body in the House.

Although our country's 208 designated HSIs, which have a student enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic, are at the forefront of every effort to increase Hispanic graduation rates, HSIs continue to receive only about half of the federal funding per student on average compared to all other degree-granting institutions of higher education.

Title V remains the chief vehicle for targeting federal funds to HSIs, although HACU also is requesting substantial funding increases within individual federal agency budgets for Hispanic higher education. Under Title V, HACU is requesting a \$175 million federal fiscal year (FY) 2004 appropriation for HSIs, as well as a first-time \$20 million FY 2004 appropriation for graduate education enhancements.

To make it easier for HSIs to obtain Title V support, HACU is urging Congress to introduce and pass legislation to eliminate the two-year wait-out period and "50 percent" low-income assurance requirement provision of Title V.

Removing the "50 percent" low-income assurance requirement provision from the federal definition of HSIs would erase an inequitable component of the Title V definition of HSIs. In addition to requiring that at least 25 percent of the full-time equivalent student enrollment be Hispanic, 50 percent of those students also must fit federal low-income definitions. This additional regulatory burden, requiring time-consuming documentation of information not normally gathered, is not required of other Minority-Serving Institutions and should be eliminated.

# HACU's 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

By Antonio R. Flores  
President and CEO of HACU

HACU invites you to join an extraordinary gathering of renowned public policy and education leaders at HACU's 5th International Conference, *"Hispanics: Reencounter and Vision – United by the Past, Working in the Present, and Looking Towards the Future,"* July 27-29 at the Hotel Presidente Inter-Continental in beautiful Guadalajara, the historic capital of Jalisco, Mexico.

HACU's 5th International Conference in July will attract a stellar roster of speakers to address cross-border outreach in this global economy.

Keynote Speakers Marta Sahagún de Fox, wife of the President of Mexico, Dr. Rodrigo Carazo Odio, former President of Costa Rica, and Mexico Secretary of Education Dr. Reyes Tamez Guerra will address this year's conference.

U.S. Peace Corps Director Gaddi Vasquez and Zapopan (Mexico) Mayor Dr. Macedonio Tamez Guajardo will also address a conference that will invite an international roster of Hispanic higher education and public policy leaders to promote the globalization of diversity in education.

United by our heritage, we also share a mission to develop international education partnerships to foster a new era of multicultural understanding, leadership and peaceful cooperation in this global economy.

We are honored that Marta Sahagún de Fox, Dr. Carazo Odio, Dr. Tamez Guerra, Mr. Vasquez, and Dr. Tamez Guajardo will join our distinguished roster of speakers and participants at HACU's 5th International Conference.

The advancement of knowledge, aided by the acceleration of new technologies that so easily transcend the barriers of our physical borders, can bring the promise of new prosperity and peace for every country that promotes international education.

HACU represents more than 300 colleges and universities serving more than two-thirds of Hispanic higher education students in the United States, as well as an international membership of leading higher education institutions in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Spain.

With their inherently diverse student populations, our U.S. member higher education institutions have become especially adept at capitalizing on their multicultural strengths in a country where Hispanics have become the youngest and largest ethnic population.

Our international member institutions have contributed tremendous expertise and energy to our existing cross-border exchanges of academic programs and education technology.

This year's 5th International Conference will feature interactive sessions designed to promote new cross-border education partnerships, foreign language acquisition, faculty

and student exchanges, and public policy development.

The conference will also feature leaders from corporate, community and research sectors addressing daily workshops and special sessions on topics ranging from new information technology tools to the pivotal role of higher education in economic development worldwide.

The exceptional credentials of our keynote speakers will provide an unprecedented level of prestige to our 5th International Conference.

Mexico Secretary of Education Reyes Tamez Guerra met last November with U.S. Secretary of Education Roderick Paige as the co-chairs of the education-working group of the United States-Mexico Bi-national Commission to promote joint initiatives as part of a formal U.S.-Mexico Memorandum of Understanding on Education.

Secretary Paige earlier this year joined HACU in addressing HACU's 2003 Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education in Washington, D.C., in March. We are delighted that the chief spokesmen for education in both countries will have formally addressed HACU conferences this year.

Former Costa Rica President Rodrigo Carazo Odio, who also is scheduled to address HACU's 5th International Conference, established the Universidad para la Paz, dedicated to the promotion of world peace, during his presidency from 1978 to 1982. Carazo also is the former director of the Banco Central de Costa Rica and former President of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica.

Gaddi Vasquez is the first Hispanic American to be named Director of the Peace Corps. The former

Southern California Edison Company executive and Hispanic Liaison to the California Governor's Office was named six times by Hispanic Business magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States.

Prior to becoming Mayor of the Municipality of Zapopan, Macedonio Tamez Guajardo helped found the Jalisco Institute of Forensic Sciences and served as its CEO until 2000.

Our international conferences have attracted wide attention to global issues and trends in education, workforce development, public policy and cultural development.

We must keep education as a priority that unites every country as the common solution to our world's economic, social and political divisions.

Join us at HACU's 5th International Conference. Together, we can promote efforts at every level to enhance knowledge, skills, partnerships and opportunities for our diverse higher education institutions. Together, we can lay the foundation for a better, safer future.

I look forward to meeting you in Guadalajara!



# SENATE PASSES MINORITY TECHNOLOGY BILL

The U.S. Senate endorsed legislation to help close the "digital divide" between minority and non-minority students on today's college campuses. The Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act, or S.196, was passed with a 97 to 0 vote by the Senate, and now awaits House action on the measure.

The bill targets \$250 million in new National Science Foundation grants each year for the next five years to eligible Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and other Minority-Serving Institutions serving the largest concentrations of minority students.

"We commend Senator George Allen of Virginia for introducing this important legislation and urge members of the House of Representatives to join their

Senate colleagues in efforts to ensure swift passage of this bill," HACU President and CEO Antonio Flores said.

"In this high technology economy, we can no longer afford to tolerate a digital divide that threatens the college and career success of our country's fast-growing minority populations. For Hispanics, the nation's youngest and largest ethnic population, this legislation is a step in the right direction toward closing that gap," Flores said.

The bill will provide grants for new technology equipment and infrastructure expansion, as well as faculty development, classroom technology, training, technology partnerships and technology education leadership development opportunities for HSIs and Minority-Serving Institutions.



*Senator George Allen of Virginia, who introduced S.196, addressed participants at HACU's 2003 National Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education.*

According to a series of reports from the U.S. Department of Commerce on digital divide, more than half of U.S. households have computers and more than four of ten have Internet access. For Hispanic households, the numbers are one-third and about two of every ten, respectively.

# HACU HEALTH SCIENCES ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS HISPANIC HEALTH SCIENCE NEEDS

HACU announced the formation of the HACU Health Sciences Advisory Council to address the under-representation of Hispanics in the nation's health sciences.

The new council will contribute its expertise to HACU's efforts to increase health science education and research opportunities for HACU member and partner colleges and universities. Ultimately, the goal is to increase the ranks of under-represented Hispanics in the health sciences professions.

"As the nation's leading voice for Hispanic higher education, we welcome the nationally renowned leadership of this important new council, which will help establish priorities and a practical plan of action to help close the Hispanic health sciences career gap," said HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores.

"The timing is critical, considering the fast-expanding needs of a health sciences field serving a rapidly aging general population, and the immense potential for the nation's youngest and fastest-growing ethnic population to contribute to meeting these critical needs," Flores said. "We applaud the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for supporting the important work ahead for this new council."

According to a recent report by the National Council on Educational Statistics of U.S. Department of Education for the 1999-2000 school year, doctoral degrees in the sciences and other advanced fields of study accounted for less than 1 percent of all degrees awarded by HSIs.

The DHHS/HACU Professions Capacity Building Project is directed at increasing the capacity of HSIs and selected faculty members to participate in federal, state, and private-sector scientific and health-related research activities. Dr. Ray Garza, director of the Hispanic Research Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio, is the Principal Investigator for the project.

The HACU Health Sciences Advisory Council will contribute specialized expertise to develop strategies to increase Hispanic

health science education, training and research initiatives, enhance health sciences partnerships between the federal government and HSIs, and to enhance advocacy efforts in support of closing the Hispanic health sciences gap.

Co-chairs appointed to the HACU Health Sciences Advisory Council are: Dr. John Alderete, a professor and director of viral pathogenesis training programs in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and, Dr. Elma Gonzalez, a professor in the Department of Organismic Biology, Ecology and Evolution at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Other council members are:

- Dr. Maria Alvarez, a professor of biology and director of the MBRS (Minority Biomedical Research Support) Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Program at El Paso Community College in Texas;
- Dr. Cecilio Barrera, associate dean of the Graduate College at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
- Dr. Joe Martinez, director of the Cajal Neuroscience Research Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio;
- Dr. Joseph Rachlin, a professor of biology at Herbert H. Lehman College of the City University of New York;
- Dr. Robert Ross, a professor of biology and director of the MBRS RISE Program at the University of Puerto Rico, Cayey University College;
- Dr. Frank Talamantes, vice provost, dean and professor of endocrinology in the Division of Graduate Studies at the University of California at Santa Cruz;
- Dr. Antonia M. Villarruel, associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan, and,
- Marc Horowitz (Ad Hoc), director of the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship in the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health.

## HSIs AND THE WORKFORCE

A national partnership between HACU and the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) led to two regional workforce development forums this spring in Texas and California.

The workforce development forums were sponsored by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in Texas and by Santa Monica College in California.

"Thank you, DOL/ETA and HACU, for sponsoring this conference. This will make a difference towards better serving Hispanic students in South Texas," said Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Robert R. Furgason.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is a national leader in Hispanic education outreach to predominantly Hispanic communities throughout the Gulf Coast and Rio Grande Valley regions of Texas. The HACU member Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) sponsored a two-day forum, "HSI Workforce Connections: Links to Regional Prosperity," in March.

"Our ability to address the educational and preparation needs of the Hispanic work force is a paramount issue to the long-term success of Texas," Texas Workforce Commission Director of Career Development Resources Rich Froeschle said at the Corpus Christi meeting.

Santa Monica College sponsored a two-day workforce development forum, "Innovative Opportunities: Strategic Partnerships for Excellence in Workforce Development," in Santa Monica, California, in May.

Santa Monica College, a HACU member two-year HSI, has earned national accolades for its innovative job training programs reaching residents throughout the Greater Los Angeles region.

"Our partnership with a renowned four-year university and one of the nation's leading two-year community colleges is testament to the proactive contributions that are being made by



*Participants at the workforce development forum.*

our country's HSIs to build a better future for their communities," said Tony Leiva, HACU's DOL/ETA program manager. HSIs have a full-time equivalent student enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic.

With funding from DOL/ETA, the forums administered by HACU invited the participation of DOL/ETA administrators, higher education leaders, employers, and state and local workforce development leaders to share ideas and "best practices" on the evolving role of the higher education community in successful workforce development partnerships.

One Corpus Christi participant, Hogan Homes Inc. President and COO Neill Amsler, was so impressed with samples he was shown of architectural designs from local high school students that he offered two Hispanic students scholarships to further their architectural drafting skills at HACU member Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

Hispanics already make up one of every three new workers joining the U.S. workforce today; by 2050, the U.S. Labor Department projects that one of every two new workers joining the workforce will be Hispanic.

HACU and the DOL/ETA have been partners since 1999 in an annual series of conferences to actively engage HACU's member colleges and universities in workforce development initiatives following passage of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

With Congress scheduled this year to vote on the first five-year reauthorization of the WIA, HSIs can play a key role in urging support for components that will best address the workforce development needs of the nation's youngest and largest ethnic population.

At the Corpus Christi forum, participants were told that among changes being considered in the reauthorization process are efforts to add more flexibility to the allocation of funds to states and to assessment procedures. Also, there is an effort to target more dollars to rural areas through challenge grants.

Reauthorization will provide a timely opportunity for the WIA community to reassess its goals and to make improvements, participants were told.



*Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Robert Furgason and Corpus Christi Mayor S. Loyd Neal Jr. address the DOL/ETA\*HACU regional workforce development forum in Corpus Christi, Texas.*

## HACU, COORS AND GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ROCK GROUP MANÁ BECOME PARTNERS TO BRING SCHOLARSHIPS TO HISPANIC STUDENTS

**H**ACU and Coors Brewing Company will be awarding scholarships to 125 college students in the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico for the 2003-2004 academic year, in partnership with the Grammy-Award winning group Maná.

A portion of the proceeds from a Coors-sponsored U.S. concert tour by Maná provided funding for the CLASE (Coors Light Academic Success in Education) scholarship program. Only eligible students attending a HACU member college or university will receive the \$1,000 HACU/CLASE scholarships.

"We applaud the commitment of Coors to diversity and to higher education for our future leaders in the Hispanic community," said HACU president and CEO Antonio R. Flores. "The CLASE scholarship fund will continue to make a significant impact for our next generation of leaders on campus and in our communities for the 21st century."

In the fall of 2002, Coors Light teamed up with HACU and Maná to provide college scholarship funds derived from a portion of the proceeds from their 13-city "Rock en Español" U.S. concert tour.

Fifty cents from every concert ticket sold was matched by Coors for a total contribution of \$125,000 toward college scholarships for students attending a HACU member institution in the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The CLASE scholarships will be administered by HACU.

Application forms have been sent to financial aid directors and other contacts at HACU's more than 300 member colleges and universities, and also are available online at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net).

"We're excited about this opportunity to give back to Hispanic communities at home and abroad," said Coors Corporate Relations Manager Olga Garcia.

"The CLASE scholarship program is yet another way for Coors to help Hispanic leaders of tomorrow achieve academic success today and give back to a community that supports Coors," Garcia said. "By engaging our business and community partners, we are able to make a significant and positive difference in our communities."

To qualify for a \$1,000 CLASE scholarship, students must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students with any major in the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico. U.S. students may use the scholarship to take for-credit courses at their home institution or to study abroad at a HACU member institution in Mexico. Students in Mexico may use the scholarship to take for-credit courses at a U.S. HACU member institution.

HACU's general scholarship application form, which includes the CLASE program, is available in PDF format under the "Student Resources" section at HACU's web site at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net). A Spanish version of the CLASE application form for students



*Grammy award-winning rock group Maná*

attending HACU-member institutions in Mexico is also available at HACU's web site. Visit [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net) for a current list of HACU member institutions.

HACU represents more than 300 member and partner colleges and universities in 25 states and Puerto Rico, which collectively serve three out of every four of the nation's 1.6 million Hispanic higher education students. HACU also represents more than 30 International Member colleges and universities in Latin America and Spain.

Coors Brewing Company is the principal subsidiary for Adolph Coors Company, founded in 1873. Coors is the third-largest U.S. brewer and the world's eighth-largest brewer. For more information, visit [www.coors.com](http://www.coors.com).

## HACU WELCOMES NEW PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

**H**ACU welcomes eight new Partner Institutions for 2003 to its family of more than 300 member and partner colleges and universities serving the largest concentrations of Hispanic higher education students in the United States.

Partner Institutions are non-profit, accredited, degree-granting institutions that are committed to increasing Hispanic success in higher education, but do not yet meet HACU's membership eligibility requirements.

As of May 1, 2003, new 2003 Partner Institutions include:

- Idaho State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology-Main
- Washington State University in St. Louis (Missouri)
- La Salle University-Main (Pennsylvania)
- Baylor University (Texas)
- Huston-Tillotson College (Texas)
- Texas Southern University
- Madison Area Technical College (Wisconsin)

## PRESIDENT RETIRING

■ Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, president of HACU member Barry University since 1981, announced her plans to retire June 30, 2004. Her 22-year term at the university in Miami Shores is one of the longest college presidency tenures in the United States. During her tenure, she has taken Barry from a small college with 1,750 students and an \$8 million budget to a university with 8,500 students and a \$133 million budget.

## PRESIDENT HONORED

■ Corina Gardea, President of HACU member Phoenix College in Arizona, received the 2003 Texas Women's University (TWU) Outstanding Alumni Award at Honors Convocation ceremonies at the HACU associate member university this spring. Gardea, a 1975 graduate of TWU, is a former faculty member at HACU member El Paso Community College and a former 16-year veteran of the HACU associate member Dallas County Community College District.



## CULTURAL CENTER

■ Provost William Flores of HACU member New Mexico State University was appointed to the board of directors of the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico. "It is an honor to be selected to serve on the board of directors of this important center, which is the premier Hispanic cultural center in the country and a place for people of all cultural backgrounds to learn about the rich Hispanic culture of our region," Flores said.

## NEW INSTITUTE

■ Richard Chorley, a Computer Information Science professor at HACU member Borough of Manhattan Community College of the City University of New York, has founded an innovative new institute called Skola America in Prague. The institute offers computer, accounting, business and English courses. What makes Skola America unique is that it operates on the barter system, offering tuition-free classes. Students pay their professors with Czech language lessons.

## FELLOWSHIP

■ Dale Franzen, the Madison Theater project director at HACU member Santa Monica College, won a fellowship from the Stanford Center for Social Innovation to participate in the Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders-Arts Program. The program is held June 29 through July 11 at Stanford University. Franzen is leading a campaign to build a \$15 million, 500-seat performing arts center at the California college's Madison Campus.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

■ Cardiad MacNamara has been appointed director for corporate and community relations in the Division of Institutional Advancement at HACU member Barry University in Miami, Florida. MacNamara, who joined Barry University in 1999, is president-elect of the Cuban Women's Club and serves as director of Miami's Hispanic Theatre Guild.



## ASSESSMENT

■ Louis Caldera, vice chancellor for university advancement at HACU member California State University System, was appointed to a new national commission created to study the future of 12th grade surveys conducted by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

## PROFESSOR HONORED

■ Monica Ayuso, an English professor at HACU member California State University at Bakersfield, was selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend one of 29 summer study opportunities funded by the federal agency. Ayuso will participate in a six-week program at the University of Missouri entitled, "Afro-Hispanic Writers and the Canon."

## ADMINISTRATION

■ David C. Wheeler has been named Vice President of Administration at HACU member Lehman College of the City University of New York. Wheeler previously was vice president of administrative services and chief financial officer at Bergen Community College in New Jersey.

## LIBRARIAN

■ Cesar Caballero has been appointed associate university librarian at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library at HACU member California State University at Los Angeles. Caballero previously was associate university librarian for public services for the library at HACU member University of Texas at El Paso.

# HACU PRESIDENT HONORED

The editors of Hispanic Engineer & Information Technology magazine named HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores one of the "50 Most Important Hispanics in Business and Technology."

Flores was chosen from hundreds of candidates in government, academia and Corporate America for the Top 50 list published in the magazine's May issue.

His selection was based on his "progressive leadership, achievements in helping to advance access to technology, demonstrated effectiveness in engaging technology within the global market economy, and his contributions to further technical literacy within the Hispanic community," the magazine announced.

Since becoming HACU's president and CEO in 1996, Flores each year has led efforts to win multi-million dollar funding opportunities for the Hispanic higher education community to enhance business and technology programs and outreach.

Hispanics, who make up nearly 15 percent of the U.S. population, represent only 4 percent of the country's science, engineering and technology work force.

HACU has successfully advocated for national legislation to help bridge the 'digital divide' between minority and non-minority populations, and oversees scholarship programs targeting talented students in business and technology fields of study. HACU also oversees numerous programs and partnerships to bring more information technology expertise and resources to its membership.

In other news, Flores will receive the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Western Michigan University Alumni Association.

The annual award honors graduates who have distinguished themselves in their respective professions. Western Michigan University Alumni Association President Julie A. Harris described Flores as "a most worthy recipient of the Association's most prestigious award" in announcing this year's recipients. Flores will be formally presented with the award at special ceremonies at the university on October 10.

Flores obtained his Master of Arts degree in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University. He later obtained a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.



# FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HSIs

By *Marta E. Gonzalez-Pineiro*

**E**xtensive federal funding opportunities for the Hispanic higher education community are available for students, faculty and those higher education institutions serving the largest concentrations of Hispanic higher education students.

Directors of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlined federal funding opportunities during a special session at HACU's 2003 Capitol Forum on Hispanic Higher Education March 30 - April 1 in Washington, D.C.

A variety of scholarship and internship opportunities are available to Hispanic college students at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), said Pedro Morales, Assistant NIH Director for Minority Outreach and Recruitment in the NIH Office of Equal Opportunity.

NIH scholarship programs for students from disadvantaged backgrounds can be worth as much as \$20,000 for students committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral or social sciences. A 10-week summer research internship program is also available.

Morales encouraged students and faculty to contact NIH staff to find out more about such programs, and to obtain help in applying for NIH grants. For more information, visit: [www.ugsp.info.nih.gov](http://www.ugsp.info.nih.gov).

Robert Segura, Assistant Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for the U.S. Department of Defense, said Hispanic students, faculty and their Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) could participate in programs that fund research of interest to the agency.

Armand Carriere, Deputy Director of the HUD Office of University Partnerships, said HSIs could also become partners in community development programs that provide research, jobs, training, day care and other services important to community revitalization. HUD can grant up to \$600,000 a year for such projects, said Carriere, who urged Capitol Forum participants to email him at [Armand\\_W\\_Carriere@hud.gov](mailto:Armand_W_Carriere@hud.gov) for more information.

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# ADVISORY COMMISSION RELEASES FINAL REPORT

**T**he President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans released its final report, "From Risk to Opportunity: Fulfilling the Educational Needs of Hispanic Americans in the 21st Century."

The report is the result of an extensive, 18-month review aimed at closing the educational achievement gap for Hispanic Americans.

"Every child in America is a gift, and the task of educating each and every child is a noble endeavor," said Commission co-chair Frank Hanna. "This is also a matter of great urgency, which requires immediate attention and an accountability for results."

President Bush formed the commission in October 2001 to develop an action plan

to close the educational achievement gap for Hispanic Americans. The commission heard from more than 1,600 parents, teachers and experts.

One of every three Hispanic American students fails to complete high school, and only 10 percent of Hispanic Americans graduate from four-year colleges and universities. This not only threatens to leave behind yet another generation of Hispanic children, but also could limit mobility in the labor force, potentially jeopardizing the country's ability to compete economically, according to the report.

Building on President Bush's 'No Child Left Behind' initiative, the report sets forth recommendations for parents, educators, and leaders from business, local

communities, faith-based institutions and government. In addition, the commission recommends six strategies:

- Set new and high expectations for Hispanic American children.
- Support 'No Child Left Behind.'
- Reinforce and expand a high-quality teaching profession.
- Launch a research agenda to support Hispanic American children.
- Create pathways to college graduation.
- Create increased federal accountability and coordination.

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The American Educational Research Association (AERA) Grants Program provides small grants, fellowships, and training for doctoral students and doctoral-level researchers who conduct quantitative studies related to education policy and practice. Projects must include the analysis of data from large-scale, nationally representative data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics or the National Science Foundation. The program supports quantitative research on a variety of educational issues that include but are not limited to: teachers and teaching, student achievement and assessment, student and parental attitudes, educational participation and persistence, school finance, and higher education.

Researchers are invited to apply for the following components:

- Research Grants
- Dissertation Grants
- Annual Training Institutes
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Research Fellowships
- AERA (Senior) Fellowships

The deadlines for applications for grants for the 2003-2004 year are: September 5, 2003; January 10, 2004; and March 10, 2004.

All awards are contingent on continued federal funding for the AERA Grants Program. For further information and application requirements see the website:

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