UNITED STATES HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

2024 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SERIES LAUNCH

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 15

08:00 AM - 08:30 AM Student Leadership Series Sponsor Check-In

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM Career & Undergraduate College Recruitment Fair Check-In & Set-Up

08:30 AM - 09:15 AM Press Conference

08:30 AM - 09:30 AM Student Participant Check-in

09:30 AM - 10:40 AM **STUDENT LEADERSHIP SERIES EMPOWERMENT RALLY**

Welcome Speaker: Juan Salgado - Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago

Featured Speaker: Gabe Salazar - Youth Empowerment Speaker

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM **FIRESIDE CHAT: Rising to the Top - A First-Gen Story | Rotation 1**

Interviewer: Lourdes Duarte - Co-Anchor, WGN Evening News

Guest: Alejandra Campoverdi - Advocate and Author, First Gen

11:00 AM - 01:15 PM **CAREER & UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE RECRUITMENT FAIR**

12:15 PM - 01:05 PM **FIRESIDE CHAT: Rising to the Top - A First-Gen Story | Rotation 2**

Interviewer: Hernan Fratto - News Anchor, Telemundo Chicago

Guest: Alejandra Campoverdi - Advocate and Author, First Gen

Undergraduate Recruiters: **42 Colleges & Universities | Representing 12 States**

Career Fair Recruiters: **AbbVie**
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
IL Department of Central Management Services
IL Department of Children & Family Services
National Education Association
Schreiber Foods
State Farm
U.S. Army Recruiting
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration
U.S. General Services Administration
U.S. National Intelligence

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM Student/Bus Dismissal & Lunch Distribution

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM Recruiter Lunch Pick-Up

2024 USHLI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 15

02:00 PM - 08:00 PM **General Conference & VIP Registration**

05:00 PM - 05:45 PM President's Reception *(By Invitation Only)*

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM **CELEBRATION OF LATINO CULTURE**

Musical Entertainment: Sophia Angelica

Performance: El Ruco Chuco Cholo Pachuco - Pepe Serna - American Film Actor & Artist

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 16

07:00 AM - 07:00 PM VIP Registration

07:00 AM - 08:00 PM General Conference Registration

07:30 AM - 09:00 AM **LATINA EMPOWERMENT BREAKFAST**

Welcome Speaker: Hon. Jeylu Gutierrez - Alderwoman, 14th Ward, Chicago, IL

Guest Speaker: Dr. Susana Rivera-Mills – President, Aurora University

Featured Speaker: Stephanie A. LaRue - Chief of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Award Presentation: ***Dolores C. Huerta Woman of Courage Medallion***

Honoree: Teresa Romero - President, United Farm Workers

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM **CAREER & GRADUATE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR**

Graduate School Recruiters: **27 Graduate Schools | Representing 13 States**

Career Fair Recruiters: **AbbVie**

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IL Department of Central Management Services

IL Department of Children & Family Services

National Education Association

Schreiber Foods

State Farm

U.S. Army Recruiting

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration

U.S. General Services Administration

U.S. National Intelligence

09:15 AM - 10:30 AM **FORUM I: AFRO-LATINAS: Their RISE to the POWER of INFLUENCE & INCLUSION**

Moderator: Cid Wilson - President & CEO, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility

Panelists: Ámaly Homer - Inclusion, Diversity & Belonging Leader, Marsh McLennan

Laura James - Community Relations Manager, United Parcel Service

Peggy Carrera - Director for Linehaul Engineering, FedEx Ground

09:15 AM - 11:00 AM Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders Scholarship Recipient Award Presentation & Workshop

09:15 AM - 11:00 AM **High School Student Empowerment Workshop** (Required for HS students)

Presenter: Gabe Salazar - Youth Empowerment Speaker

09:15 AM - 05:00 PM **EMPOWERING HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS (By Invitation Only)**

11:00 AM - 05:00 PM Professional Headshots by: Zuno Photographic Studio

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **WORKSHOPS: CYCLE I**

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM Press Conference

12:30 PM - 02:30 PM **EXCELLENCE IN LATINO EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT LUNCHEON**

Welcome Speaker: Hon. Cristina Pacione Zayas - First Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor Brandon Johnson, City of Chicago

Award Presentation: ***Honorable Dr. Antonia C. Novello Humanitarian Medallion***

Honoree & Guest Speaker: Dr. Alfredo Quinones - Hinojosa - Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery, Mayo Clinic

Award Presentation: ***Excellence in Educational Leadership Medallion***

Honoree & Featured Speaker: Rebecca S. Pringle - President, National Education Association

Award Presentations: ***2024 Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders***

02:45 PM - 03:45 PM **WORKSHOPS: CYCLE II**

02:45 PM - 04:00 PM **FORUM II: THE DISMANTLING OF THE TRADITIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Moderator: Dr. Laura Barberena - Owner, VIVA Politics, LLC

Panelists: Noel Candelaria - Secretary/Treasurer, National Education Association

Evelyn DeJesus - Executive Vice President, American Federation of Teachers

04:15 PM - 06:30 PM USHLI Talent Show Auditions

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance

08:00 PM - 09:00 PM **"Pepe Serna: Life is Art" Documentary**

Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance

09:30 PM - 10:30 PM Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance

09:30 PM - 11:30 PM Karaoke con amigos: Featuring Pablo Serrano

10:00 PM - 01:00 AM Mixer & Dance

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17

08:00 AM - 08:45 AM Breakfast Snack on the Ballroom Promenade

08:30 AM - 01:00 PM General Conference Registration

08:30 AM - 07:00 PM VIP Registration

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM **Forum III: GUN VIOLENCE IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

Moderator: Sol Ortega - Senior Advisor for Public Engagement, The White House

Panelists: Berto Aguayo - Executive Director, Increase the Peace

Kim Mata-Rubio - Mother of Robb Elementary Student, Uvalde, TX

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM **WORKSHOPS: CYCLE III**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **FORUM IV: THE POLITICS OF GERRYMANDERING & DISENFRANCHISEMENT**

Moderator: Thomas A. Saenz - General Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund

Panelists: Arturo Vargas - Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials

Mark Hugo Lopez - Director of Race and Ethnicity Research, PEW Research

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **WORKSHOPS: CYCLE IV**

11:00 AM - 05:00 PM Professional Headshots by: Zuno Photographic Studio

12:00 PM - 02:00 PM **LATINO/A LEADERS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

Welcome Speaker: Hon. Michael D. Rodriguez - Alderperson, 22nd Ward, City of Chicago

Guest Speaker: Aquilino Gonell - Former U.S. Capitol Police Sergeant & Iraq War Veteran

Award Presentation: ***William C. "Willie" Velasquez Trailblazer Award***

Honoree: Hon. Ruben Gallego - Congressman, AZ- District 3, U.S. House of Representatives

02:15 PM - 03:30 PM **FORUM V: THE LATINO VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

Moderator: Rafael Collazo - Executive Director, UnidosUS Action Fund

Panelists: Sindy Benavides - President and CEO, Latino Victory

Chuck Rocha - President, Solidarity Strategies

Katrina Mendiola - Director, Campaigns & Elections, National Education Association

02:15 PM - 03:30 PM **WORKSHOPS: CYCLE V**

03:45 PM - 05:30 PM **USHLI Talent Showcase**

05:30 PM - 06:45 PM Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance

06:00 PM - 06:45 PM Chairman's Reception (By invitation only)

06:00 PM - 06:45 PM General Networking Reception

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM **HISPANIC LEGENDS AWARDS DINNER**

Featured Speaker: *Pepe Serna - American Film Actor & Artist*

Award Presentation: ***Dr. Henry L. (Hank) Lacayo Lifetime Achievement Medallion***

Honoree: Hon. Antonia C. Novello, MD, MPH, DrPH - 14th U.S. Surgeon General

National Hispanic Hero Award

Honoree: *SFC Sgt. Jorge Otero Barreto - United States Army "Puerto Rican Rambo"*

Closing Speaker: Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. - President, USHLI

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM Karaoke con amigos

10:00 PM - 02:00 AM USHLI Mixer & Dance

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Closing Feedback Session & Breakfast Snack