SLS Honorary Chair: FedEx

SLS Honorary Co-Chairs: The Coca Cola Company, National Education Association, Rumba Meats, & United Parcel Service

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

Featured Speaker: Gabe Salazar - Youth Empowerment Speaker

11:00 AM - 01:15 PM  
Undergraduate Recruiters: 51 Colleges & Universities | Representing 12 States

Career Fair Recruiters: American Federation of Teachers

ComEd
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
FedEx
Illinois Department of Central Management Services
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
Illinois State Fire Marshal
National Education Association
Schreiber Foods
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino
State Farm
United Parcel Service
U.S. Air Force National Guard
U.S. Army Recruiting
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration
U.S. General Services Administration

11:00 AM - 11:40 AM  
FIRESIDE CHAT | First Gen: A Memoir (Rotation 1)

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

Guest: Alejandra Campoverdi - Advocate and Author, First Gen

11:40 AM - 11:50 AM  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Co-Sponsor: U.S. Department of Defense

Guest Speaker: Jose Conejo - Deputy Director, Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, HR

Defense Activity, U.S. Department of Defense

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM  
GROUP ROTATION

12:10 PM - 12:50 PM  
FIRESIDE CHAT | First Gen: A Memoir (Rotation 2)

Interviewer: Hernan Fratto - News Anchor, Telemundo Chicago

Guest: Alejandra Campoverdi - Advocate and Author, First Gen

12:50 PM - 01:00 PM  
Leadership Development

Co-Sponsor: U.S. Department of Defense

Guest Speaker: Jose Conejo - Deputy Director, Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, HR

Defense Activity, U.S. Department of Defense

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

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01:30 PM - 02:00 PM  
Recruiter Lunch Pick-Up
2024 USHLI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Honorary Chair: Wells Fargo
Honorary Co-Chair: National Education Association

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 Pachucos: Pepe Serna - American Film Actor & Artist
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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

Co-Sponsor: The Coca-Cola Company
Contributor: Feeding America
Welcome Speaker: Hon. Jeylú Gútierrez - Alderperson, 14th Ward, Chicago, IL
Guest Speaker: Dr. Susana Rivera-Mills – President, Aurora University
Featured Speaker: Stephanie A. La Rue, Esq. - Chief of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Award Presentation: Dolores C. Huerta Woman of Courage Medallion
Honoree: Teresa Romero - President, United Farm Workers Union

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

Graduate School Recruiters: 36 Graduate Schools | Representing 15 States
Career Fair Recruiters: AbbVie
American Federation of Teachers
ComEd
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
FedEx
Illinois Department of Central Management Services
Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
National Education Association
Schreiber Foods
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino
State Farm
U.S. Air Force National Guard
U.S. Army Recruiting
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Transit Administration
U.S. General Services Administration

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

Co-Sponsor: PepsiCo
Moderator: Cid Wilson - President & CEO, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility
Panelists: Peggy Carrera - Managing Director, Linehaul Engineering, FedEx Ground
Ámaly Homer - Communications & Marketing Strategist | Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Professional | Founder & Host of Ondas Podcast
Laura James - Community Relations Manager, United Parcel Service
09:15 AM - 11:00 AM  Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders Scholarship Recipient Award Presentation & Workshop
   Co-Sponsors: Ford Motor Company Fund & American Petroleum Institute
   Presenter: Jaime Carias - Author & National Speaker

09:15 AM - 11:00 AM  High School Student Empowerment Workshop  (Required for HS students)
   Presenters: Maria Luz Magana - Finance & Education Consultant, USHLI
              Gabe Salazar - Youth Empowerment Speaker

09:15 AM - 05:00 PM  EMPOWERING HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS  (By invitation only)
   Co-Sponsor: T-Mobile

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

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM  WORKSHOPS: CYCLE I:
   This Brand Called You!
   Five Steps Toward Electoral Empowerment
   The Science of Creating a LinkedIn Profile
   Elevate Your Brand
   Everyone Needs a Leader that Looks Like Them
   The Relationship Revolution: Harnessing the Power of Professional Connections
   Embrace Your Roots: Forging a Path of Success Through Identity
   Authors Spotlight - The Latino Leadership Playbook

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM  Press Conference

12:30 PM - 02:30 PM  EXCELLENT IN LATINO EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT LUNCHEON
   Co-Sponsors: FedEx & Ford Motor Company Fund
   Contributors:
   Welcome Speaker: Hon. Cristina Pacione Zayas - First Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor Brandon Johnson, City of Chicago
   Guest Speaker: Jose Conejo - Deputy Director, Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, HR Defense Activity, U.S. Department of Defense

   Award Presentation: Honorable Dr. Antonia C. Novello Humanitarian Medallion
   Honoree & Guest Speaker: Dr. Alfredo Quinones - Hinojosa - Chair, 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 Recipients

02:45 PM - 03:45 PM  WORKSHOPS: CYCLE II:
   STEM...The Road to success
   Five Steps Toward Electoral Empowerment
   The Science of Creating a LinkedIn Profile
   Federal vs. Private Sector Resumes: Setting Yourself Apart From the Rest!
   Community Organizing 101
   Forging the Future: Empowering First-Gen Professionals for the Evolving Workforce
   Embrace Your Roots: Forging a Path of Success Through Identity
   Authors Spotlight - Duty Calls: Lessons Learned from an Unexpected Life of Service

02:45 PM - 04:00 PM  FORUM II: THE DISMANTLING OF THE TRADITIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION
   Moderator: Laura Barberena, Ph.D. - 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 - 07:00 PM  Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance
08:00 PM - 09:00 PM  "Pepe Serna: Life is Art" Documentary
                      Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance | Inside Sheraton 1-3
                      Product Donated by: PepsiCo
09:30 PM - 10:30 PM  Wristband Distribution for Mixer & Dance
09:30 PM - 11:30 PM  Karaoke con amigos
10:00 PM - 01:00 AM  Mixer & Dance
   Musical Entertainment: Juvenato & DJ Ricomash
   Product Donated by: PepsiCo

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17

08:00 AM - 08:45 AM  Breakfast Snack on the Ballroom Promenade
   Product Donated by: PepsiCo
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
Opening Speaker:  Gregory Jackson, Jr. - Director, Office on Gun Violence Protection, The White House
Moderator: Sol Ortega - Senior Advisor for Public Engagement, The White House
Panelists: Berto Aguayo - Executive Director, Increase the Peace
José E. Alfaro - Director, Latinx Leadershiip & Community Engagement, Everytown For Gun Safety
Kimberly Mata-Rubio - Activist & Mother of Robb Elementary Student, Uvalde, TX

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM  |  WORKSHOPS: CYCLE III
Business Networking for Career Success
From Tsépan to Hispanic: The Latino Identity Across the Centuries
The Essentials of a Political Campaign | Part One
The Fight for Immigration: Protect, Promote, and Strengthen Public Education
The Generational Power of Higher Education
Somos Comunidad: Cultivating Collective Wellness for Liberation & Advancement of Our Community
Shaping Tomorrow’s Public Policies: Latinos, the Essential Backbone of Illinois Progress
Fierce like Frida; Standout like Selena: Silence your Imposter Syndrome
Author Spotlight - Life is Art

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: Mark Hugo López - Director of Race and Ethnicity Research, PEW Research
Arturo Vargas - Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM  |  WORKSHOPS: CYCLE IV
Business Networking for Career Success
Bailamos Cumbia: Mastering Conflict Resolution by Applying Ancestral Knowledge and Dance
The Essentials of a Political Campaign | Part Two
Somos Comunidad: Cultivating Collective Wellness for Liberation & Advancement of Our Community
The Generational Power of Higher Education
FirstGenfidence™: Fueled By Being 1st, On Fire to Not Be the Last
Forging the Future: Empowering First-Gen Professionals for the Evolving Workforce
The Psychology of Effective Study Habits
Polished Presence: Mastering Table Etiquette for Personal & Professional Success

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
Featured Speaker: Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard - Chief Judge Third Circuit Court of Michigan
Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Medallion
Honoree: Carlos Tortolero - President Emeritus & Founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA)
Acknowledgement: Latino/a Leaders & USHLI Leadership Development Program Graduates

02:15 PM - 03:30 PM  |  FORUM V: THE LATINO VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
Contributors: American Federation of Teachers & UFCW Region Council No. 6
Moderator: Rafael Collazo - Executive Director, UnidosUS Action Fund
Panelists: Sindy Benavides - President and CEO, Latino Victory
Katrina Mendiola - Director, Campaigns & Elections, National Education Association
Chuck Rocha - President, Solidarity Strategies

02:15 PM - 03:30 PM  |  WORKSHOPS: CYCLE V
National Museum of the American Latino Community Conversation
The Impact of Academics: Practicing Leadership, Promoting Service, Finding Community
Empowering Leadership Through Community Engagement: A Storytelling Session Led by USHLI Volunteers!
Bailamos Cumbia: Mastering Conflict Resolution by Applying Ancestral Knowledge and Dance
FirstGenfidence™: Fueled by Being 1st, On Fire to Not Be the Last
Shaping Tomorrow’s Public Policies: Latinos, the Essential Backbone of Illinois Progress
The Psychology of Effective Study Habits
Polished Presence: Mastering Table Etiquette for Personal and Professional Success
Authors Spotlight - American Shield

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
  Musical Entertainment: Los Pleneros de Don Segundo
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM  HISPANIC LEGENDS AWARDS DINNER
  Co-Sponsor: T-Mobile
  Featured Speaker: Pepe Serna - American Film Actor & Artist
  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 Jorge A. Otero Barreto - United States Army
  Closing Remarks: Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. - President, USHLI
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM  Karaoke con amigos
  Product Donated by: PepsiCo
10:00 PM - 02:00 AM  USHLI Mixer & Dance
  Product Donated by: PepsiCo
  Musical Entertainment: DJ Ricomash

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  Closing Feedback Session & Breakfast Snack
  Product Donated by: PepsiCo