Latino Youth for Higher Education Program

Preparate Conference
Chicago - College Board
Elmhurst, Queens – New York

Pan American International High School at Elmhurst Campus

All newcomer students from LATAM (Less than 5 yrs in the US)
QUIENES SOMOS?

Founded and based in New York City, Latino Youth for Higher Education Program is composed of Latino as well as other minority college students and professionals with an interest in improving the quality of education for low income students, especially those of Latino origin and those new to the country.
QUE HACEMOS?

- **College Awareness**
- **Cultural Integration** for new immigrants
- **Educational Workshops** for students and parents
- **Ad Hoc Projects** to enhance student involvement
COMO LO HACEMOS?

- Assistance in Preparation of applications and Financial aid options
- College Tours
- Afterschool Program
- Professional Day
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OUR NEW VIDEO
CHECK IT OUT AND JOIN US!
LO NUEVO!

QUEENS WELCOMES
CAMINO AL FUTURO
COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

TERRAZA 7 4019 GLEANE STREET, ELMHURST, NEW YORK 11373 5:30PM UNTIL 8:30PM
WWW.LYHEPPROGRAM.ORG
AN INNOVATIVE YOUTH-LED COLLEGE ACCESS AND MATRICULATION PROGRAM

College Confident
www.collegeconfident.org
WHO WE ARE

-The ONLY Youth-Led College Initiative in New York City

-College Confident has had over ten years experience in developing successful youth programs for New York City communities.

-College Confident provides a youth-led college access and matriculation program model that targets the graduating class in efforts of leading them into college.

-We use a Bottom-Up Community Approach to Create a College ready Community.

-We’ve great success working specifically with minority students from disadvantaged backgrounds, including low socioeconomic status, first generation, and undocumented students.
WHAT WE DO:

- Financial Literacy
- Young Men and Women Mentoring Groups
- Career Prep/Education/Resume and Job Development
- College Confident instills principles within their students such as: responsibility, accountability, and self-advocacy.
MEN’S MENTORING GROUPS
PARTNERS

• Public Schools:
  • Pan American International HS in Queens
  • Academy of Urban Planning HS
  • Urban Assembly Harbor School
  • Academy of Environmental Leadership HS
  • BSMART HS
  • Bushwick School for Social Justice HS
  • Civic Leadership HS
  • Classics High School
  • Urban Assembly High School for Careers In Sports
  • Queens Preparatory HS
• Academic Programs and Institutions:
  • College Board
  • National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
  • New Futuro
  • Student Success Centers (Franklin K Lane, Bushwick Campus, Elmhurst Campus, Taft Campus)
  • Goddard Institute
  • City University of New York — At Home In College (CUNY AHIC)
  • Summer Search
  • The Nature Conservancy LEAF Program
  • Posse Foundation
  • College Bound Initiative
  • College Access Consortium of New York (CACNY)
  • Graduate NYC
  • Latinos in College
  • Latino Youth for Higher Education (LYHEP)
  • College Now
  • Opportunity Programs across New York State
  • Higher Education Services Corporation
  • New York Cares
  • Teach for America
  • The New School
  • Parsons School of Design
  • MASA Mex Education Alliance
  • Hispanic Federation
  • Multiple Elected Officials and City Representatives
  • Bloomberg’s Young Men’s Initiative of New York City
SERVICES

**Specialty Areas**

- Cultural Engagement
- Youth Leadership
- College Access
- Parent Engagement
- Young Men’s and Young Women’s Mentoring Groups

**Services**

- In School and After School Programming
- Staff Trainings
- Specialized Packages for each grade
- College Prep and Application Support
- Matriculation and Retention Support
- Job Readiness Prep
- Create a new college going culture inside schools and communities
- Create a youth-led College Center that has drop in hours and extra support for students
RESULTS

90-100% of our seniors applied to CUNY (6 local colleges in NYC)

80% applied to SUNY (4+ “away” colleges in NYS)

50% applied to Private Colleges (HEOP NYS colleges)

95% of 11th graders received college ready workshops

88% of 9th and 10th graders received early awareness workshops
Success Stories!

Keaton Booker
Hofstra University- Full Scholarship

Eric Datcher
Alfred State-Full Scholarship
Trevor Collins, 19

“College and basketball saved my life. Without these two things I would have ended up the same as my best friend, Shamel, a drug dealer, who passed away.

Afterwards I went on the College Confident’s overnight college trip to Boston I was hooked. Now as a 12th grader I am going far away to college just like my older teammates did.”

When my 10th grade year came and I started seeing my older basketball teammates doing all these college applications, I thought they were corny because they were always with College Confidents Program instead of hanging out. But when they all went away to college, I was impressed, jealous even.
Today, Trevor Collins started and runs our sports recruitment department at the age of 19. He directs sports recruitment workouts and workshops for over 10 high schools and numerous college coaches looking for fresh talent.

In the fall of 2012 he has had over 30 young men from Brooklyn and the Bronx recruited on full scholarship to play sports across the United States.
Anthony Mason, 18
Niagara University
Full Scholarship
“I always had knowledge of Emilia and her program’s existence but I failed to use it as a resource. I usually had an equal balance between going to school and playing with the streets so I never felt the college access program of Emilia served me purpose. Things changed for me in early September 2010 when I was locked up for possession of a concealed deadly weapon in the 2nd degree."
“As a result, the judge created an unusual circumstance which enabled me to avoid sentencing if I was able to get acceptance into a four-year college. This is the very instance where College Confident’s college program gained extreme importance in my life. Today I have flipped my life around into a positive one, with the youth-leader’s help and College Confident. I interned on Wall Street last summer and am entering my junior year at Niagara University on full scholarship.”

-Anthony Mason, 20
COLLEGE VISITS

700+ students attended

Overnight College Trips
(4+colleges visited)

Boston Trip
Washington D.C. Trip
Philadelphia Trip
New York City Trip
Historically Black Colleges and Universities Trip
IMPACT: YOUTH LEADERS SAY

"People feel comfortable coming to talk to you...Students feel awkward telling [their counselor] certain things...They don't have the time - they are extremely overworked...When you are in the College Confident Center there are 8 Youth Leaders you can come to and they are your age and they understand where you are coming from."
"Lots of times when I am explaining something I am not understanding why it is not connecting, but when a student explains it in different terminology the kid instantly gets it... [College] is something that becomes attainable to them."

“College Confident is a really great resource – I lean on them for things...workshops... I can't sit with 100 kids and read and write personal statements...Even just being able to work on a computer... Because of the fact that I have three very different busy jobs...I can't do it all."
IMPACT: SCHOOL COUNSELORS

"They are amazing!...Our college list has gone up 100% compared to last year."

"Before it was so hard to get students to stay after school. I go to the College Confident Center when I am leaving work and the kids are still down there working on things. It has almost become a competition for how many schools they can apply to."
Best Practices:

- Create a budget
- Get a signed contract
- Develop relationships with administration
- Break the barrier between ages
- Meet the needs of the students
- Patience
LO NUEVO!

DO YOU WORK WITH STUDENTS?
DO YOU WANT TO DONATE YOUR TIME?
OR YOU JUST WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM?

Camino Al Futuro Program is a Summer/Fall Leadership Academy for current Junior High School and High School students from the NYC area. This 18-week program is designed to offer guidance to newcomer Latinos by providing support in the process of understanding how to navigate the higher educational system in the United States. It will help you explore the college research process with an interactive curriculum that will be used both in the classroom and on the college campuses. The curriculum will include workshops and small group sessions on understanding the college research process, admissions requirements, information on college entrance exams, (SAT and ACT) essay tips and financial aid literacy. You will achieve this in two separate sessions: classroom time and on campus research. As a program graduate, you will be certified as “Camino Al Futuro Scholar” which will give you the tools necessary to act as mentor and/or advisor if you so choose.

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IMPACTO!

- Served more than 500 immigrant families
- Helped more than 40 students graduate and attend college for the fall 2012
- Helped the transition of Latino newcomer students to the U.S High School system
- Introduced a college readiness culture
- Delivered more than 50 workshops with parents, community and students about College Readiness
- Graduated 40 parents in basic Computer and English classes
- Creation of College LYHEP Chapters to raise awareness and advocate for immigrants and the improvement of education
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CBO’s
Local
National

Corporate
Local
National

Higher
Education

Faith
base Org

Gov’t

NETWORKING - SOCIAL MEDIA
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• **National Organizations**
  - New Futuro
  - HSF - DVDs

• **Local and regional Orgs**
  - College Confident
  - Aspira of NYC
  - Organizations w ESL, GED and other programs
    - Ex: Immigrant Movement in Queens NY

• **Business**
  - Google – Chrome Books for Summer/ Fall Prog
  - Small Business – Donations
  - Chamber of Commerce
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- Government Organizations
  - Consulates
  - Elected Officials

- Faith base organizations
  - Local Church
  - Others

- Higher Education Institutions
  - CUNY
    - Ex: CollegeNow!
  - SUNY
  - Private