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ABOUT TELACU

TELACU was established in 1968 as a pioneering institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency. For more than half a century, TELACU has worked with people like you who are equally committed to equipping others with tools they need to build their own American Dream.

A job that pays a living wage; a new home that is affordable; a loan to finance the dream of owning a small business; a new school in which a child can aspire to greatness; a scholarship to fund a higher education—these are some of the tools all people need to build a life at the highest level.

The TELACU model for community development produces these tools. Each and every business TELACU owns and operates supports a double bottom line—profitability that is inseparable from social impact. New community assets in the form of industrial parks, schools, infrastructure, shopping centers, and municipal facilities are built, creating well-paying jobs for local residents. Quality, affordable homes are developed for first-time homeowners. Beautiful residential complexes are constructed and operated to provide safe environments for families and senior citizens. Responsive financial institutions are managed to create access to capital for small business owners and hardworking families.

At the forefront of TELACU's community development mission is the TELACU Education Foundation, established 36 years ago to empower Latinx young people and veterans with the most vital tool of all—an education. In partnership with our TELACU *Familia*—donors, corporate sponsors, and our network of colleges and universities—the Foundation provides scholarships to hundreds of college students each year. Virtually all of these TELACU Scholars, most of whom are first-generation young people from low-income families, earn their college degree. The Foundation also annually serves an additional 1,600 high school students, nursing school students and veterans, ensuring through our highly effective educational programs that these individuals stay in school, graduate and go on to fulfill their purpose in life.

Because of your generosity, TELACU Scholar Alumni can be found in places of influence throughout the world around you. The 1,000 women and men of TELACU consider it a great privilege to empower the next leaders of our communities—communities we build with partners like you.

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We are so deeply honored that you have joined us for the 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala, presented by Toyota!

***Familia*.** It's a term you hear with great frequency in the TELACU environment, and a theme that has recurred prominently throughout our more than 50-year history.

For as long as TELACU has existed, we have had the privilege of being related to *Familia* like you. We share the same spiritual DNA of being committed with you to the great cause of empowering the communities we serve.

And for more than 35 years, our *Familia* has grown exponentially through your generous support of the TELACU Education Foundation. You have made it possible for thousands of young people and veterans to build their dream of a successful future through supporting their needs in higher education.

Tonight's 2019 TELACU "CREO" Award Recipients expand the concept of *Familia* to another level altogether. As the first sisters in California history to serve concurrently in the State Legislature, the life story of Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio and State Senator Susan Rubio serve as a quintessential example to our TELACU Scholars of all that is possible through education, perseverance and tenacity. And as our dear brother, Albert P. Carey, steps down this year as PepsiCo NA's CEO, we thank him for his extraordinary legacy of investing directly into the future of our community.

On the threshold of TELACU's next half century, we stand with you, our dear *Familia*, ever more committed to *Building the Dream* of our community's future. Thank you for your continued belief in us as we remain a pioneering institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency.

¡Bienvenidos, Familia!

DR. DAVID C. LIZÁRRAGA
CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER
TELACU Education Foundation

DR. MICHAEL LIZÁRRAGA
PRESIDENT AND CEO
TELACU

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Every year, the Foundation serves 2,000 first-generation high school, college and graduate school students, as well as military veterans, from underserved communities.

For over 35 years, we have been transforming academic and professional outcomes for Latinx youth—one of the nation's largest and fastest-growing demographics—by continually innovating solutions that empower them to succeed!

Our *Continuum of Education*, a dynamic model created by the Foundation and comprised of the College Readiness and College Success Programs, helps close the educational and professional gaps faced by low-income, first-generation students. Through a unique combination of highly effective programming, financial resources and a comprehensive support network, our students are equipped to graduate from high school, earn their college degree and enter the job market as well-prepared, competitive candidates.

Recognizing that a college degree is no longer a guarantee of success, and that the minimum requirements and qualifications sought by employers continue to rise, our programming is constantly evolving.

Our STEM & Business and Workforce Preparation Initiatives are designed to meet the specific needs of our Scholars. Beginning in high school, students are exposed to careers in high-demand and well-paying STEM-related and Business fields, previously believed to be unattainable for first-generation students. Since most Scholars are also the first professional in their family, we provide the training and personal coaching that enables them to develop the soft skills and confidence to succeed; and as work experience gains increasing importance in today's job market, we connect them to critical internship and employment opportunities provided by Foundation Partners and other major corporations. Historically, approximately 75% of TELACU



Scholars earn degrees in STEM and Business fields. Outside of these fields, our TELACU Scholar Alumni are excelling as leaders and increasing representation in numerous sectors including Academia, Law, Advocacy and Entertainment.

In addition to these Initiatives, the newest expansion of program services is advanced skill training that empowers Scholars to become Change Agents in their chosen career. Our newly launched Social Entrepreneurship/Intrapreneurship (SEI) programming affirms our Scholars' and Alumni's passion for social impact, while also providing them with tangible tools, resources, and connections to actualize their dreams of making a difference. These Change Agents will infuse more capital into the local economy; establish enterprises that create jobs; and be equipped to innovate positive and lasting change within their spheres of influence.

At TELACU, we believe that the truest measure of success is not the number of students who enroll in college, but rather the number of young professionals who graduate and go on to lead organizations and create businesses that carry on our mission of elevating the socio-economic status of underserved communities. They are the self-sufficient, well-educated role models who will inspire and invest in the next generation of Latinx leaders.

FOR OVER
THIRTY-SIX YEARS,
TELACU SCHOLARS
HAVE BUILT A
STELLAR LEGACY.
HISTORICALLY,
APPROXIMATELY 98%
OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL
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HIGH SCHOOL

Students on the path to becoming the first in their family to attend college need ongoing academic and personal support to ensure they are taking the right courses to graduate from high school and are equipped to succeed in college. Campus tours and even immersive summer residency programs at local universities help strengthen their resolve, while the intense support they receive navigating the complex application process poises them to confidently take that next big leap into college life.

COLLEGE

At this stage on their journey, financial resources often make the critical difference between a student earning their degree or having to drop out. But financial resources alone, as important as they are, are insufficient to ensure that students are able to make the difficult transition from high school to college and ultimately to graduate. The Foundation provides students with the comprehensive support system, mentoring and services—from leadership and professional development to academic advisement and career preparation—that empower them to earn their degrees and gain the skills and experience necessary to fulfill their purpose.

POST-GRAD

In today's increasingly competitive and technical global workforce, the need for advanced degrees continues to rise. With few sources of financial assistance available for grad school, students from underserved communities are left at a distinct disadvantage. In partnership with Toyota and Purdue's Krannert School of Management, the Foundation mitigates this disparity by offering scholarships and a full complement of resources that empower Graduate Fellows to earn Master's, JDs, MDs and even PhDs from some of the most prestigious universities in the nation.

HEALTH CAREERS

For students interested in the nursing profession, the Foundation created a specialized track that provides financial resources to cover tuition and living expenses as well as a full complement of personal and academic services. This includes training that equips them to deliver culturally sensitive patient care in the language understood by our local underserved Latino community—Spanish. Participants graduate with an offer of employment from a partnering hospital, and many rejoin our *Continuum of Education* to attain the advanced degrees that poise them to achieve positions of leadership and influence.

VETERANS PROGRAM

The Foundation empowers the brave men and women who have sacrificially served our nation in the military. To help them more effectively transition into college, veterans receive personalized support and comprehensive services, including advisement and guidance on GI Bill benefits and the complex college admissions and application processes. Veterans are provided with access to free college preparatory courses taught by experienced instructors and Rosetta Stone courses—learning everything from language and math to typing and computer science.

CONTINUUM OF EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL



ANGEL PRADO, JD
Cornell University
BA, Economics
Reed College

Associate
Crowell & Moring LLP

“I remember being in middle school and not knowing how to do long division. TELACU instilled in me the confidence that I could, and should, compete for a spot at highly selective schools.”

COLLEGE



DIANA VALENZUELA, BS
Industrial Systems Engineering
University of Southern California

Technical Specialist
Edison

“I am the first Edison Scholar who will begin her professional career at Edison!”

One of only a handful of females in the field of Industrial Engineering, Diana is dedicated to mentoring female students in STEM-related fields—a mission she has already begun as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers’ Director of Community Outreach and through her involvement with the USC Latino Alumni Association. She excelled in her studies, earning a spot on the prestigious Viterbi School of Engineering Dean’s List as well as the USC Latino Alumni Association’s highest honor, the Dr. John R. Hubbard Recognition Award. In addition to balancing her on-campus activities, studies and volunteerism at the Keck School of Medicine, she interned at Southern California Edison which led to an offer of full-time employment upon graduation!

POST-GRAD



BRIAN RAMIREZ, PHD
Mechanical Engineering
UC Los Angeles
MS, Mechanical Engineering;
Emphasis in Solid and
Structural Mechanics
UC Los Angeles
BS, Mechanical Engineering
Cal Poly Pomona

“I live really close to TELACU and walked by the building all the time. One day, I looked it up and applied to the College Success Program as an undergrad—now I have a PhD!”

Brian is, at his core, a purveyor of knowledge. In just four short years, he has transformed from a TELACU Scholar completing his Bachelor's to a David C. Lizárraga Fellow, *Sponsored by Toyota*, earning the highest degree in his field!

Passionate about academia, he was drawn to a career as a college professor. A two-time McNair Scholar, CSU LSAMP Scholar and one of the only Latinx PhD students in his highly competitive Mechanical Engineering Program at UCLA, he has mentored students through the Mechanical Engineering Honor Society (Pi Tau Sigma), Upper Bound, the Center of Excellence in Engineering and Diversity, and the High School Summer Research Program. A proud role model and advocate for future Latinx engineers, he has also been recognized as a California Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate Scholar, participated in the Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education and, most recently, was inducted into UCLA's prestigious Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

Co-author of several papers in the field of mechanics and materials, he has presented at several conferences—receiving SHPE's 2016 Best Graduate Presentation Award—and also earned a travel fellowship that enabled him to attend the Society of Experimental Mechanics International Congress. He has collaborated with Caltech and JPL as a member of the California Alliance Mentor Program, experimenting with dampening foam structures that have applications in athletic and combat protective gear. His innovative research has enabled him to co-author a pending patent, and even earned him a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for commercialization of research that he co-authored with his faculty advisor. Together, they are learning how to build a startup company to capitalize on their innovation.

In addition to this entrepreneurial enterprise, the federal research facility responsible for the safety, security and reliability of our nation's nuclear weapons—the prestigious Lawrence Livermore National Lab—offered Brian a position after graduation. Ever the diligent student, he turned down that amazing opportunity to accept another one: a postdoctoral research position at Cal Tech, where he was selected to receive a 2-year NSF fellowship for his research proposal on “Hierarchical Elastic Metamaterials for Impact Attenuation.”

HEALTH CAREERS PROGRAM



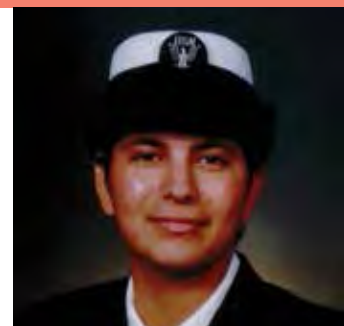
WESLEY WILLARD, BS, RN
East Los Angeles College
BS, Chemistry and Life
Science
West Point Academy

Registered Nurse
Adventist Health White
Memorial

“After West Point armed me with two Bachelor's degrees—Chemistry and Life Science—I was deployed with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During combat, I realized that the weapons I really needed and wanted were the skills to heal the broken and the hurting. When I came home, the Health Careers Program provided the education and training that equipped me to fulfill my true calling in life—nursing!”

VETERANS PROGRAM



GUADALUPE TEERAN, BS
Public Health
CSU Los Angeles

“As a single mom, I knew that I needed a college degree to support my two sons, but I wasn't sure how to earn one.

The Veterans Upward Bound Program not only helped me figure out what I wanted to do with the rest of my life, but also how to do it. I am so proud to have become a role model of academic excellence for my kids—my new goal is to earn my Master's!”

TELACU

“CREO” AWARD RECIPIENTS



THE HONORABLE
BLANCA E. RUBIO

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 48



THE HONORABLE SUSAN RUBIO

CALIFORNIA SENATE, DISTRICT 22

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“CREO” AWARD RECIPIENTS

TELACU is honored to present the 2019 “CREO” Award to Blanca and Susan Rubio. They each so perfectly embody the spirit of this Award — the “I Believe” Award.

Their commitment to public service truly aligns with the four cornerstones of the TELACU Mission Statement — Service, Empowerment, Advancement, and the Creation of Self-Sufficiency.

THE HONORABLE BLANCA E. RUBIO

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY, DISTRICT 48

Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio was elected in November 2016 to represent California’s 48th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, West Covina, as well as the San Gabriel Valley and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including Bassett, Charter Oak, Citrus, East Arcadia, Ramona, Valinda and West La Puente.

Assemblywoman Rubio has worked tirelessly to give her constituents a voice in the Capitol, placing advocacy for children, women, families, students, and immigrants at the forefront of her work. Since her election in 2016, she has authored bills that support victims of domestic violence, create opportunities for children within the foster care system, ensure our youngest students are given proper support to succeed in school, and support immigrant communities. Through her work as Chairwoman of the Human Service Committee, Assemblywoman Rubio has raised awareness of women’s rights by authoring resolutions that declare August Breast Feeding Awareness Month and October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

One of her greatest honors was to have all six of her bills that made the Governor’s desk signed in her first year of the Assembly. During her second year, Assemblywoman Rubio had twelve bills signed into law.

Before coming to the Assembly, Assemblywoman Rubio spent 16 years as a teacher and 20 years in elected office, serving on the Valley County Water Board, and Baldwin Park Unified School District Board. Her students-first philosophy made her a leader and champion for students in and out of the classroom. She was successful in her efforts to improve academic outcomes for students, aligning them with vital resources for college preparation.

Assemblywoman Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico, and came to the United States with her parents at a young age. Her personal experiences have given her a genuine understanding of the everyday struggles and barriers that immigrants and working families continue to face in the United States.

Assemblywoman Rubio received her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and Master’s Degree in Education with a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential from Azusa Pacific University. She is a resident of Baldwin Park and a proud mother of two children.





THE HONORABLE SUSAN RUBIO

CALIFORNIA SENATE, DISTRICT 22

Senator Susan Rubio was born in Juarez, Mexico, and is the proud daughter of a former bracero worker and housekeeper. She was elected to the California Legislature in 2018.

Senator Rubio attended East Los Angeles College and later earned a Master's Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University, while working full time as a bookkeeper doing payroll and taxes for a small business.

As a lifelong educator, she started her teaching career in Baldwin Park Unified School District and was a teacher at Monrovia Unified School District for 17 years, including three years as Program Advisor and Assistant to the Principal.

Senator Rubio was first elected as City Clerk in Baldwin Park in 2005, where she focused on providing equal service, transparency, best practices, and protecting democracy for city residents.

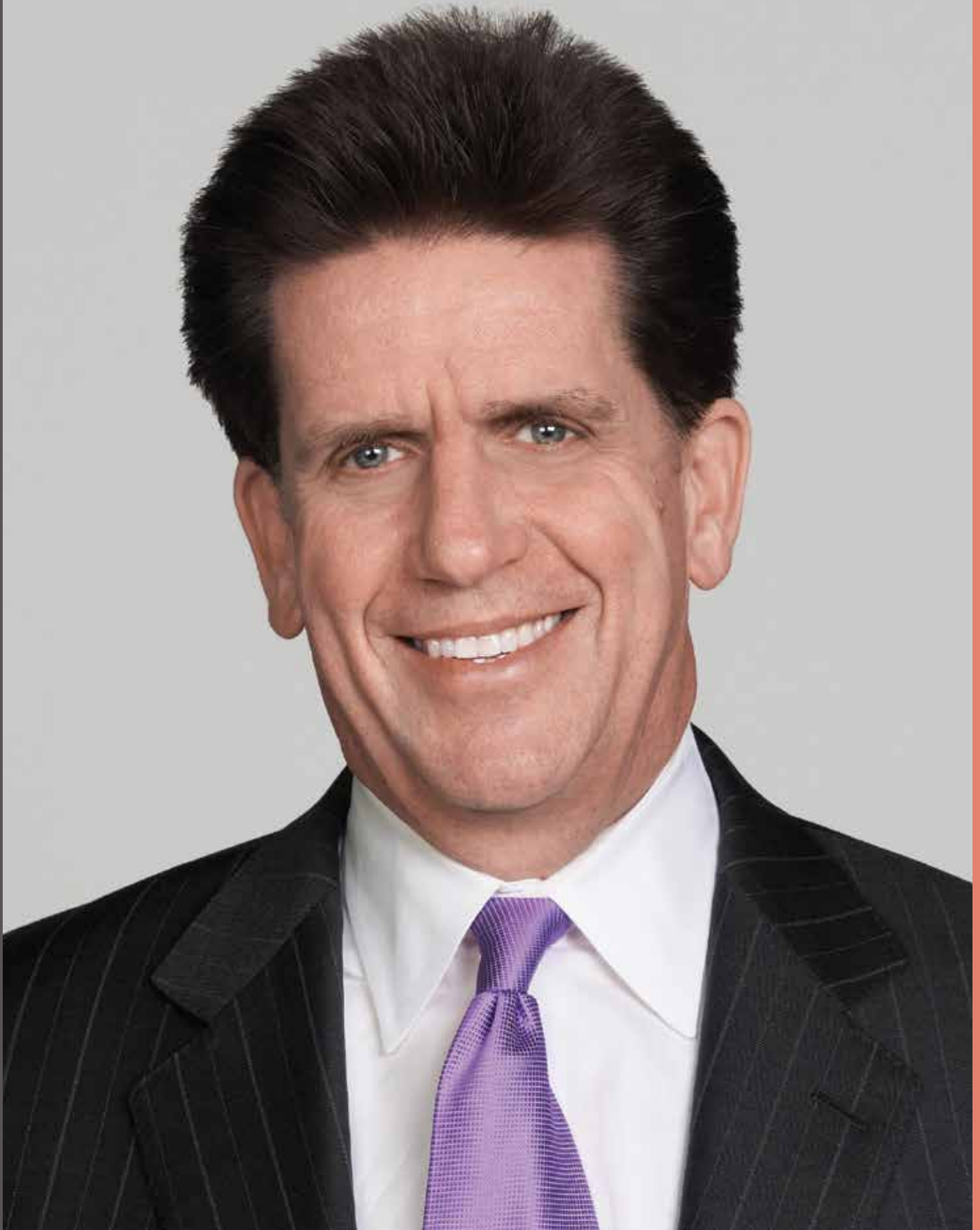
In 2009, she was elected to the Baldwin Park City Council, where she helped balance the city budget during the recession while protecting vital services like public safety. She also worked on policies that gave women equal representation on city commissions, creating domestic violence programs and implementing tougher environmental rules.

As Senator, she represents District 22 in the San Gabriel Valley. She is Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee and committee member of: Energy, Utilities, and Communications; Health; Transportation; and Governmental Organization. She is also a member of the Latino Caucus, Jewish Caucus, Los Angeles Caucus, San Gabriel Valley Caucus and Women's Caucus.

TELACU and our entire community are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio and Senator Susan Rubio. We look forward with great anticipation to all the extraordinary things these dedicated women will continue accomplishing in the future.

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“CREO” AWARD RECIPIENTS



ALBERT P. CAREY

FORMER PEPSICO NA CEO

TELACU is honored to present the 2019 “CREO” Award to Al Carey for his many investments in our community, and for his enduring commitment to Empowerment.

As one of his colleagues stated,
When other people looked at me, they saw what I was. When Al looked at me, he saw what I would become.

Albert P. Carey’s impressive career with PepsiCo spanned nearly four decades and culminated in five years as Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo North America. As CEO, he was responsible for leading PepsiCo’s North America Beverage business, Frito Lay North America, and the North America Nutrition business.

Mr. Carey’s former roles at PepsiCo include CEO of PepsiCo Americas Beverages; CEO of Frito Lay North America; Chief Operating Officer of Frito Lay North America; Chief Operating Officer of North America Beverages; and President of PepsiCo Sales.

Having been recruited on-campus by Proctor & Gamble while attending the University of Maryland, he is committed to nurturing young talent and has returned to his alma mater as a guest lecturer at the University’s Robert H. Smith School of Business. Passionate about inspiring greatness in others and serving as a mentor to both students and colleagues, he encourages the entrepreneurial spirit and creates a space for innovation.

As a PepsiCo executive, Mr. Carey toured plants, encouraging frontline employees to think and act like owners. He was open to ideas from anyone—even from the janitor who approached him with an idea for a snack targeting the Latino market. A brilliant strategist who recognized the growing power of the Latino market, he mentored that janitor, a man we now know as the Godfather of Hispanic Branding, Richard Montañez, and together they launched the worldwide phenomenon—*Flamin’ Hot Cheetos*.

Under Mr. Carey’s visionary leadership, PepsiCo rolled out the nation’s first bilingual packaging; established the first Latino Employee Resource Group, serving as its first executive sponsor; and developed its highly profitable line of Latino products from the flagship *Flamin’ Hot Cheetos* to *Pepsi Limón*.

Mr. Carey is not only a champion of the Latino consumer, but of the Latino student as well. He forged powerful and long-standing partnerships with organizations like the TELACU Education Foundation and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute to empower young Latinos. He believes that education will help them be their best, which benefits our community, our country, and our world.

A devoted family man, upon learning that his dream job was based in Texas, he promised not to uproot his wife Vickie and their four children, and instead commuted from Connecticut for five long years. Because that’s what you do when you work like Mr. Carey and like PepsiCo, *For the Love of It*.



Hon. Gilbert A. Cedillo
Council Member
City of Los Angeles

WHEREAS, celebrating its 51st Anniversary, TELACU has been Building the Dream for Los Angeles communities for half a century by fostering social and economic development through the creation of well-paying jobs, quality and affordable housing, responsive financial institutions, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, TELACU established the TELACU Education Foundation in order to shelter barriers to academic and professional success for first-generation Latino youth from traditionally underserved communities, empowering them to attain higher education and to succeed in the competitive 21st Century workforce; and

WHEREAS, over its 51-year history, the Foundation has supported thousands upon thousands of Scholars—from high school through graduate school students as well as veterans—with a vital combination of four inseparable components: Scholarships, Academic, Leadership, Personal and Professional Development Seminars, Academic Advisement and Career Guidance with an emphasis on Workforce Preparation; and Giving Back; and

WHEREAS, in addition to creating the Continuum of Education—a dynamic model which annually propels more than 2,000 students from high school through graduate studies, with an emphasis in STEM and Business—the Foundation also addresses our community's growing need for nurses equipped to deliver competent bi-lingual and culturally sensitive care; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation also serves students in Illinois, Texas and New York, emerging as one of the most effective national foundations impacting the needs of Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, TELACU Scholars have built a Legacy of Success: historically 98% of high school students graduate and attend without interruption pursue post-secondary education; and 99% of college students attain at minimum a Bachelor's, with a growing number going on to pursue graduate degrees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, does hereby congratulate TELACU on its 51st Anniversary and the TELACU Education Foundation on its 26th Anniversary. We join you in celebrating the Annual Building the Dream Gala by declaring that Friday, June 7, 2019, be known as "TELACU Scholars' Day" throughout the City of Los Angeles.

RESOLUTION BY

Gil Cedillo
GILBERT A. CEDILLO
E. Carr
MAYOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held May 22, 2019.

Harold M. Williams
President of the Council

SECONDED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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ATTEST:

Harold M. Williams
City Clerk





ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR



Hon. Eric Garcetti
Mayor
City of Los Angeles

June 7, 2019

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, welcome to the TELACU Education Foundation's 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala, presented by Toyota.

For more than three decades, the TELACU Education Foundation has provided young Angelenos with opportunities to pursue higher education and supported thousands of first-generation college students with financial aid, tutoring, and career counseling. By empowering our young people, TELACU is strengthening our city for generations to come.

I would like to extend a special congratulations to Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, who are receiving tonight's "CREO" Award in recognition of their tireless commitment to opening doors of opportunity for every student.
























I send my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.



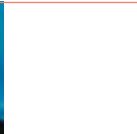




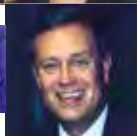
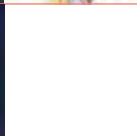


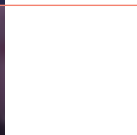

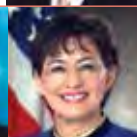







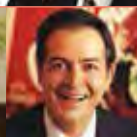


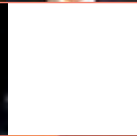





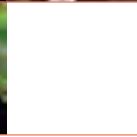

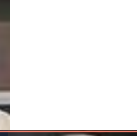










Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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The “CREO” Award, TELACU’s most prestigious honor, recognizes individuals who exemplify the highest ideals and commitment to improving our community through personal and public service. In the Spanish language, the word “CREO” means “I BELIEVE.” The award represents the values of family, education and community joining forces to elevate our nation.

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A MESSAGE FROM PRISCILLA

Angélica, before becoming
Dr. Gutiérrez, at 2010 Gala with
Dr. David and Priscilla Lizárraga



From: Gutierrez, Angelica
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 5:12 PM
To: Priscilla Lizarraga; David C. Lizarraga
Subject: Tenured!!!

Dear Priscilla and David,

I'm thrilled to share that we earned a promotion to Associate Professor with **TENURE!!!** God knows it took a village to get me here!!

I received the news this morning and the tears of joy have been nonstop. I wanted to share the news with you and those closest to me before sharing the news on social media.

Few will ever know what it took to get me here. I still remember getting the scholarship letter from TELACU as a senior in high school. I was already set on going to a nearby community college part-time, working full-time and eventually transferring to a four year university, but the scholarship you provided motivated me (forced me, actually) to go directly to a four-year university instead.

TELACU is truly a game-changer. Thank you for providing the financial and social capital that first-generation college students, like me, need to fulfill their dreams. You've always been there to provide encouragement. Without your support, there's no way that someone like me would've earned a Ph.D. and tenure at a business school (I grew up thinking only white people with money belonged in the business field). Thanks to you, someone like me gets to educate the next generation of business leaders.

I'm overwhelmed as I write this. I never imagined getting here. My grade school teacher and principal categorized me as learning disabled because I struggled in school. They told my mom I wasn't capable of learning in a traditional school system. Even though mom and I knew I was doing poorly because I simply didn't know English, the stigma of incompetence stayed with me. Well-intentioned neighbors encouraged me to focus on graduating from high school, and earning a diploma that would enable me to get a job and help my family financially. The scholarship I received from TELACU was the first indication that others believed I was capable of succeeding and doing much more than what my reality suggested at the time. The fact that you were willing to invest money into my education let me know that you saw potential.

Thank you for taking a chance on me and for believing in me even when I didn't believe in myself. You've been my academic padrinos all of these years, and for all of you, I am eternally grateful!

¡Abrazo fuerte!

Angélica S. Gutiérrez, Ph.D.
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TENURED!!!

One of the greatest blessings in my life is the privilege of getting to know some of the thousands of talented and deserving students who have been served by the Foundation. Most walk through our doors as young, dreamy-eyed high schoolers, and it is truly a joy to witness their transformation into amazing professionals who are rocking our world! Thanks to the generosity of partners like you, we receive countless powerful and inspiring messages like this one, and this evening it is an honor to share it with you.

Priscilla Lizárraga

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
PRISCILLA LIZÁRRAGA
Senior Vice President
TELACU Industries



SEBASTIAN ONTIVEROS

NATIONAL DIRECTOR
MULTICULTURAL ALLIANCE AND STRATEGY GROUP
SENIOR MANAGER, CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT



TOYOTA

Dear Friends,

Toyota is extremely proud to serve as the Presenting Sponsor of the 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala for the 13th consecutive year.

At Toyota, we're passionate about continuous improvement, and we know that lifelong learning is one of the key paths to success. We also know that successful individuals have a multiplier effect in their communities as they serve as role models to others.

In this spirit, it is with great honor that we congratulate each and every TELACU Scholar for their accomplishments and perseverance to pursue their academic aspirations. Over the past 36 years, TELACU Scholars have proven that they are the innovators and leaders of the future.

We at Toyota have been fortunate to have some of these promising young people join our team. Lizet Gutierrez is one of them.

A Toyota Scholar Alumnae, Lizet graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from California State University, Long Beach. She is now an OBD Calibration Engineer at Toyota's research and development division.

Lizet says earning her degree was one of the hardest things she has ever done, but receiving The David C. Lizárraga Fellowship, which Toyota has sponsored through the TELACU Education Foundation for the past 13 years, provided her with key motivation. She adds, "Toyota believed in my dreams and aspirations, and it meant the world to me. Their support was instrumental in reaffirming that I could be successful as an automotive engineer in moments where I doubted I could be. Today, I am beyond proud to be part of the Toyota Team."

Success stories like Lizet's do not happen by themselves. On behalf of Toyota, I would like to recognize and thank the families, educators, and the TELACU Education Foundation, which has helped thousands of young people fulfill their dreams, for their crucial support in helping bright individuals maximize their talent.

Toyota wholeheartedly believes in TELACU's mission of ensuring that youthful potential is fulfilled in all of our shared communities. We stand as steadfast partners in the development of many generations of talent to come.

¡VAYAMOS JUNTOS!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sebastian Ontiveros".



Celebrating Toyota's 13th Year as Presenting Sponsor of our *Building the Dream* Gala!

TELACU Scholars don hard hats as they learn about innovation and safety in and out of the field from experts in Mechanical Integrity and Human Resources.

Culturally, we often believe 13 to be an inauspicious number. Many buildings do not have a 13th floor, rare is the couple choosing to wed on the 13th of the month, and even here tonight, you will not find a table 13.

However, in our community, the number 13 harkens to history, when after a series of walkouts beginning in March of 1968, 13 young activists were indicted for conspiracy, facing up to 66 years in prison. Their crime? Organizing to bring attention to the educational disparities within Los Angeles public schools, especially for Latino students.

The Eastside 13—the face of a movement of more than 20,000 students demanding better education. The effects of the walkouts still echo in history more than 50 years later. The leaders of this movement went on to achieve highly in journalism, entertainment, activism, and education. They set the stage for hundreds of thousands of new leaders like Samuel Bañuelos, Paola Fernandez, Hugo Tejeda, Wilson Thomas, Denise Guzman Naranjo, Nathalie Camarena, David Betancourt, Candelaria Flores, Madai Rosas, Aarón Ruvalcaba, Celeste Tobar, Manuel Valdez, and Alicia Rodriguez—just 13 of the newly graduated Toyota/TELACU Scholars from Los Angeles County who have already begun to shatter new boundaries.

In 1968, Hispanic students were not expected to go to college. Of course, much is different today about the power of the Latino voice. Even so, “the struggle never ends,” and our community faces challenges with preparing for, financing, remaining in, and graduating from college. The walkouts were a solution for how to

bring attention to problems of educational access in the Latino community. Today, we see it still holds true that change only happens through constant attention and dedication to understanding the needs of a community.

So tonight, in their 13th year of support, we acknowledge the transformational change and opportunity that Toyota has made a reality for thousands of TELACU Scholars. Without the work of generations of humans challenging the expected, and the support of powerful partners like Toyota, this would have been truly impossible.

Success in college still takes more than just paying for it, which is why Toyota supports more than just a scholarship. The Toyota/TELACU partnership provides comprehensive services, such as one-on-one academic advising and workforce development. The Industry Insider Series also provides students pursuing STEM and Business careers with an inside look at career paths, industry best practices, and valuable firsthand knowledge from career professionals. Scholars have gone on to secure well-paying internships that greatly relieve financial pressure, sometimes making the difference between dropping out of school and completing their degree. These experiences empower Scholars to smoothly transition into meaningful employment in high-impact fields.

For students who know where they're going, Toyota's dedicated support provides the vehicle to get there. For the Scholars who have benefitted and will continue to strive to *start their impossible...* you could say Toyota also provides the gas!

Toyota is proud to support students in the pursuit of their impossible.

Start Your Impossible.



Lizet Gutierrez, BS
Toyota Scholar Alumnae

Mechanical Engineering
CSU Long Beach

Current Employment:
OBD Calibration Engineer,
Toyota Motor North America R&D

"Pursuing my Mechanical Engineering degree has been one of the hardest things I have ever done. Toyota believed in my dreams and aspirations and it meant the world to me. Their support was instrumental in reaffirming that I could be successful as an automotive engineer in moments where I doubted I could be. Today, I am beyond proud to form part of the Toyota Team."



Keith Hernandez, BS
Toyota Scholar Alumnus

Business Administration
Whittier College

Current Employment:
General Sales Manager,
Toyota Walnut Creek

"Being a Toyota Scholar helped me understand my true value to a corporation. Toyota and TELACU's investment in me, helped me to believe in myself. I'm forever grateful for the experience I was given and still use the lessons learned today."



Jose Jacobo, MS
Toyota Scholar and
Graduate Fellow Alumnus

Mechanical Engineering
UC Los Angeles

BS, Mechanical Engineering
UC Irvine

Current Employment:
Structural Analysis Engineer,
Boeing

"Toyota's investment in my future provided me the opportunity to continue my dream of becoming an Aerospace Engineer. This opportunity will have a long-lasting impact in the community I serve as I continue helping underrepresented students achieve their goals and inspiring them to pursue a STEM degree. Thank you Toyota for empowering the next generation of leaders and making dreams a reality!"





Victoria Medinilla, BS
Toyota Scholar Alumnae

Master's in Civil Engineering
Environmental Engineering &
Water Resources Candidate
Cal Poly Pomona

BS, Chemical Engineering
Cal Poly Pomona

Current Employment:

Project Engineer,
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

"As a Toyota Scholar, I was given the confidence I needed to take on challenging moments of self-doubt and adversity as I pursued my undergraduate degree in engineering. With a reputable company like Toyota supporting my efforts, I knew I was doing something right! I am so thankful to Toyota for investing in my future and encouraging me to achieve my full potential in everything I do."



Edgar Valdez, MS
Graduate Fellow Alumnus

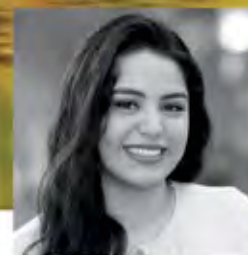
Astronautical Engineering
University of Southern California

BS, Electrical Engineering
UC Santa Cruz

Current Employment:

Systems Engineer,
Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems

"Studying electrical and astronautical engineering was challenging, but knowing that I had the support of organizations like Toyota and TELACU really motivated me to accomplish my goals. Today, I am thriving in my field as a Systems Engineer at Northrop Grumman and constantly find myself mentoring future Latino/a engineers. I will forever be thankful and appreciative for the unconditional support."



Celeste Tobar, BS
Toyota Scholar Alumnae

Chemistry and Mathematics
Mount Saint Mary's University

Current Employment:

Undergraduate Research Assistant,
Mount Saint Mary's University

"I am thankful for the Toyota scholarship which has enabled me to focus and succeed in my academic career, continuing this Fall with my pursuit of a PhD in Physical Chemistry. I hope to one day be able to support other first-generation college students to achieve their dreams and aspirations."



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Adventist Health White Memorial (AHWM) is a 353-bed not-for-profit, faith-based teaching hospital which provides a full range of inpatient, outpatient, emergency and diagnostic services to communities in and near downtown Los Angeles. Our hospital is part of Adventist Health, an integrated health system with clinics and hospitals across the West Coast and Hawaii.



Keeping our communities healthy has been the mission of AHWM ever since White Memorial was founded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1913. Our commitment to quality, whole-person care stems from our Seventh-day Adventist heritage. Today, healthcare sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church circles the globe with over 160 hospitals and nearly 500 clinics, nursing homes and dispensaries worldwide.

As a major teaching hospital, White Memorial also plays an important role in training physicians, nurses and other medical professionals. And we are an employer of choice for the communities we serve.

It is that commitment to developing and supporting the next generation of caregivers that has led to our strong and enduring partnership with the TELACU Education Foundation. Since 2002, the White Memorial/TELACU Health Careers Program has empowered more than 175 predominately Hispanic residents to earn a nursing degree. Participants pursuing an ADN, BSN or MSN receive comprehensive services that include case management, financial assistance, personal and professional training and development. These culturally competent

nurses are then hired by Adventist Health White Memorial to serve in high acuity departments such as the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

There are approximately 3.1 million nurses in the United States, only 6% of whom are Hispanic. Every year graduates of the Health Careers Program join that critical group of nurses, without whom White Memorial, or any other hospital, could not do the job we are all committed to doing on behalf of our community.

Congratulations to all our TELACU Scholars. You are what makes our community exceptional and what drives our future. And thank you to the Lizárraga family for everything you do for our community, our health, and our future.



Thank You, Adventist Health White Memorial, for Inspiring Health in Our Community!

2019 Graduation Dinner—consistently ranked one of the Program's most meaningful events!

With impressive 100% ADN and BSN graduation as well as RN licensure passing rates, Program graduates are hired by this iconic institution that has been serving our community for more than a century and is ranked on the Honor Roll of *US News & World Report's* 2018-19 Best Hospitals. Program graduates are trained and certified to provide culturally sensitive, competent in-language care to the Hospital's predominantly Hispanic patient population. More than half serve in high acuity departments such as the Emergency Department, and the Intensive Care and Neonatal Intensive Care Units.

Encouraged and supported by the Hospital and Administration, Program graduates are able to pursue higher levels of education to gain the additional knowledge, skills, and expertise that will equip them to better serve their patients and to assume increasing roles of leadership. Nearly 70% have attained or are currently pursuing advanced degrees.

Program participants have access to the Hospital's CEO and team members at every level, thanks to the generous commitment to personal engagement by leadership and staff. Consistently ranked among the most meaningful of these opportunities are the *Meet the CEO*, *Graduation Recognition Dinner*, *Patient Experience Workshop*, and *Nurse Shadowing Hours*.

The affinity developed through these experiences, along with the Hospital's overall investment, create a unique and mutually beneficial bond—clearly proven by the amazing 90% employment retention rate Program graduates have maintained over the past 10 years!

Utilizing a holistic model, the Program: provides stipends and scholarships for local students pursuing an ADN or BSN; funds comprehensive services that include one-on-one case management and professional development, coaching, and mentoring; and covers costs of the Kaplan NCLEX-RN preparation course and RN licensure fees. Participants also receive intensive training that equips them to deliver the culturally sensitive, competent in-language care that is elevating health care for the thousands of patients they serve each year.

LEGACY PARTNER



LUPE DE LA CRUZ SENIOR DIRECTOR PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS WEST REGION

PepsiCo is proud to support this special evening in honor of the TELACU Scholars, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, and our former Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo North America, Al Carey.

The TELACU Scholars represent the importance of investing in our future — they are some of the best and brightest minds who are making a difference in their communities. Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio remind us that we can achieve anything with determination, persistence and education. They epitomize the soul of America, and that our strongest moments as a people come when we lift up those shared values that unite us. And Al Carey — he is a visionary leader who throughout his career has broken down barriers, demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, and exemplified servant leadership — a leader whose legacy will continue to be felt and celebrated in the public and private sectors.

In addition to honoring these individuals, we gather to also celebrate the invaluable contributions of the TELACU Education Foundation — ensuring thousands of our underserved Latino youth get access to quality education, so they can compete and win in the marketplace. TELACU's work reflects the values important to PepsiCo.

As the largest food and beverage company in the United States, we believe we have an important role to play in helping to advance social and economic opportunities in the communities where we operate because our overall, long-term success is linked to the value we provide. This belief is why we've maintained our long-standing relationship with TELACU because we know when we adhere to the values that unite us, we are stronger as a people.

On behalf of PepsiCo, congratulations to this year's honorees. And to the leadership of TELACU, thank you for your dedication and unwavering commitment to creating a future better than our past.





Change Agents innovate a better tomorrow, thanks to PepsiCo!

Al Carey and PepsiCo Executives present check to TELACU, including TELACU Graduate Fellow, Aarón Ruvalcaba, recently hired by PepsiCo.

By investing in Scholars today, PepsiCo's promise and mission—to *provide opportunities for growth and enrichment*—is creating the Change Agents of tomorrow!

Over the past decade, significant funding from the PepsiCo Foundation has continually empowered the TELACU Education Foundation to **grow** and **enrich** programming, with a special emphasis on workforce preparation.

The Workforce Preparation Academy (WPA), funded by the PepsiCo Foundation, provides the professional development and career preparation TELACU Scholars need to thrive in the increasingly competitive 21st Century workforce.

The latest expansion of the WPA was sparked by the growing passion shared by Scholars and Alumni to utilize their degrees and experience to “do well” for themselves and their families, while also “doing good” for their communities and society. Training in Social Entrepreneurship/ Intrapreneurship (SEI)—an emerging business trend whereby successful professionals also become Change Agents in their chosen career—empowers Scholars to affect positive change whether they are starting their own businesses or accepting positions with existing companies.

At our SEI Kick-off event earlier this year, several successful Change Agents, whose challenging and inspiring journeys have already created positive impact, were invited to share their insights and encouragement with Scholars.

Jairi addresses the national crisis of food deserts by restructuring small neighborhood stores to boost sales while also providing local families with access to health conscious food choices at affordable prices.

Leah is making the healthy practice of yoga accessible and affordable in underserved communities with limited financial resources.

Barney is dedicated to community revitalization through the spirit of entrepreneurship, inspiring communities to invest in themselves and in their local businesses.

Social Entrepreneurs and Intrapreneurs infuse more capital into the local economy, create jobs, and innovate in collaborative ways to make tomorrow even better than today!

With PepsiCo's unwavering partnership, Scholars are developed into Change Agents, ideas are turned into actions, and dreams are transformed into realities!

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CAROLINE CHOI

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Edison International applauds TELACU for your tradition of building dreams through access to education. For 36 years, TELACU has been providing a way for thousands of Latinx scholars to reach their goals. TELACU has provided a pathway to success for judges and legislators, teachers and nurses, and thousands of great parents who have shared their dreams with the next generation of scholars and achievers.

This is the true value of education.

As a longtime supporter of education in Southern California, with a focus on STEM, we share your commitment to these scholars. We are proud to have worked directly with TELACU to make their success a reality by contributing more than \$700,000 to TELACU since 2004. In 2018, we supported



20 TELACU College Success Scholarships for students in STEM fields, and hosted TELACU scholars on our campus for a workforce preparedness event. Our engagement with TELACU is part of our \$4.5 million annual investment in local college and college-bound students. Additionally, our Edison Scholars Program provides \$40,000 scholarships to 30 outstanding high school seniors every year.

New college graduates who bring a diverse set of backgrounds and experience are crucial to building our clean energy future. We are grateful for TELACU's achievements in improving educational opportunities for thousands of deserving students in our local communities.

Your success, and the success of TELACU's student scholars, benefits us all.



CLAUDIA LIMA

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LENDING AND INVESTING

CIT Bank and its OneWest Bank division are committed to supporting the local community of savers and small businesses because we think of ourselves as an extension of the local community.

Through our community investment program, CIT expresses our commitment to fairness and inclusion in every decision and investment. Among other activities, the bank actively supports and invests in affordable housing, economic development, neighborhood stabilization and core community services across Southern California. These priorities make CIT truly feel engrained in the fabric of the region.



This year, we are proud to partner with TELACU again to support the Education Foundation's College Success Program benefiting first-generation Latino students who live and work across Southern California.



JULIUS ROBINSON

MANAGING DIRECTOR HEAD OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In a world that is constantly evolving, we need new, innovative ideas to solve some of our most pressing problems. MUFG Union Bank is dedicated to finding these cutting-edge solutions and tailoring our community support to achieve the most impact. While solutions may change, MUFG's values of Integrity, Respect, Service, Collaboration, Inclusion, and Stewardship endure; constantly guiding us as we give back to the communities we so proudly serve.

That is why we are pleased to support TELACU and the TELACU Education Foundation: They share in our vision to help uplift the next generation of

leaders. In celebrating TELACU's 36th year, the *Building the Dream* fundraising gala provides critical funds to help support the many programs the TELACU Education Foundation offers to deserving college-bound students. MUFG Union Bank is firm in continuing its support to a cause that helps prepare students to successfully transition into the next phase of their lives—obtaining a college education.

On behalf of MUFG Union Bank, congratulations to all the TELACU Scholars and everyone who has been a part of making their dreams come true.



PETER VILLEGAS

VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OFFICE OF LATIN AFFAIRS

Since our inception in 1984, The Coca-Cola Foundation has given back more than \$1 Billion to enhance the sustainability of local communities worldwide.

The Coca-Cola Company is committed to giving back 1 percent of its prior year's operating income annually. This commitment is made through The Coca-Cola Foundation and company donations. In 2017, The Coca-Cola Company and The Coca-Cola Foundation gave back more than \$138 Million to directly benefit nearly 300 organizations across more than 70 countries and territories.

The Foundation has consistently supported learning inside and outside the classroom. However, addressing critical community

challenges and opportunities is an evolving process. In 2007, the Foundation broadened its support to include global water stewardship programs, fitness and nutrition efforts and community recycling programs. Today, our strategies align with the Company's Sustainability platform and include women's empowerment and entrepreneurship.

Our community commitment is shared across The Coca-Cola system. When natural disasters strike, The Coca-Cola Foundation and the entire Coca-Cola system respond to offer emergency relief. In addition, the Foundation supports many local community programs such as arts and culture, economic development programs in the United States, as well as HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness programs in Africa and Latin America.

TIMELINE

51
YEARS AGO...

a group of concerned citizens stood on the threshold of a dream. It was a new dream, conceived within the possibility that a community could direct its own rebirth and renewal. It was a dream founded in the pioneering spirit of America—that hardworking men and women could build their own American Dream if they only had the tools to do so. It was in the spirit of this dream that a community was brought together, bound by a willingness to work hard, and driven by the knowledge that the dream would soon become a reality.

THEIR DREAM BECAME TELACU.



1968



TELACU Founded

Through legislation authored by U.S. Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob K. Javits, The East Los Angeles Community Union—TELACU—becomes the last of 30 original CDCs to be chartered and incorporated. Organized by members of the community and with assistance from the United Auto Workers, TELACU seeks to find ways for the disenfranchised local community to negotiate with the public sector for socio-economic equity in the same manner that labor negotiates with industry.

36

YEARS AGO...

TELACU awarded a small number of scholarships—15 to be exact—to 7 young men and 8 young women who dreamed of going to college.

We were joined on that occasion by the families of those 15 men and women, as well as administrators from East Los Angeles College, Cal State LA, and USC—our very first family of partnering colleges and universities. That day we set in motion the belief in another dream. It was a dream that those 15 people would be the first of many thousands of young people to achieve their hopes and desires of creating a greater future for themselves and for all the people of our community.

1972

TELACU Mobilizes Community to Transform Housing Projects

Committed to transforming the social and physical landscape of communities, TELACU works with residents to redevelop the Maravilla Housing Projects. Residents apprentice under tradesmen and are equipped to secure well-paying jobs, creating self-sufficiency.



1974



President & CEO David C. Lizárraga Pioneers Business Model

Under the new leadership of David C. Lizárraga, TELACU implements an innovative business model for community development and economic empowerment, resulting in the formation of TELACU Industries. Every business TELACU operates has a double bottom line—profitability that is inseparable from social impact.





Community Commerce Bank Established

TELACU creates its own bank in response to the lack of financial services available to hardworking families and small business owners in our community.



1976



Abandoned B.F. Goodrich Tire Plant Acquired

In the aftermath of the plant's devastating closure and loss of thousands of jobs for local residents, TELACU launches ambitious \$45 million project to attract new business and create new jobs.



TELACU Industrial Park Creates 2,500 New Jobs

TELACU's first million square feet of industrial space is built on the former B.F. Goodrich site, and is leased by businesses that employ local residents.



1977

1978

1979

David C. Lizárraga Appointed by President Jimmy Carter to National Commission on Neighborhoods



TELACU Weatherization/ Inter-City Energy Systems Launched

In partnership with Southern California Gas and Edison, families are provided—at no cost to them—products and services that help them conserve energy and reduce utility costs.



TELACU Community Capital Established

A catalyst for creating and retaining jobs in our community, TELACU creates revolving loan and technical assistance programs that empower small business owners.

1981



David C. Lizárraga Joins Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, DC

1982



South Coast Shingle Acquired

Youth Services Program Begins

Honda mini-bikes play an important role in keeping local at-risk teens in school.



Scholarship Program Established

A modest 15 scholarships are awarded to the first class of TELACU Scholars.



First Affordable Family Homes Developed

Lanto Pacific
City of Commerce



1983

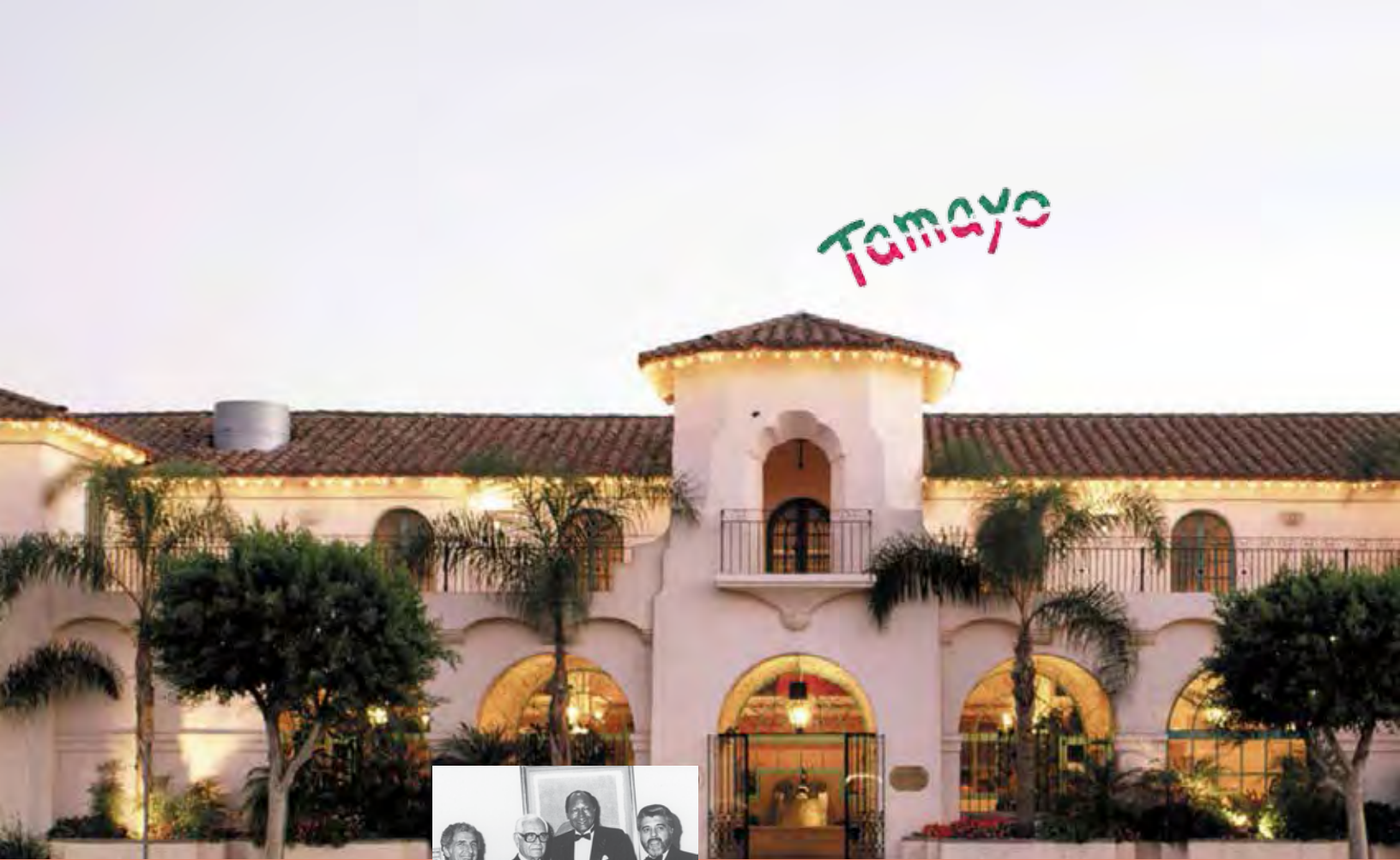
1988



César Chávez Inaugurates TELACU Center



TELACU Headquarters Becomes a Community Landmark with its 40-foot Ceramic Mural, "*El Orgullo De Nuestra Herencia*"



1988



Tamayo Restaurant Opens

Rescued from demolition four years earlier, a historic hacienda is transformed into a world-class dining establishment showcasing the works of Mexican artist Maestro Rufino Tamayo.



First Senior Housing Complex Built

A 202 project funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, TELACU Senior Housing is developed in the City of Hawthorne.



Michael Lizárraga Joins TELACU to Assist U.S. Government in S & L Crisis

TELACU begins a highly successful venture to liquidate \$13 billion of troubled loans and properties acquired from failed financial institutions.

College Advisement and Leadership Program (CALP) Implemented

A comprehensive support system, including academic and career guidance, is incorporated into the Scholarship Program to ensure that Scholars earn their college degree.

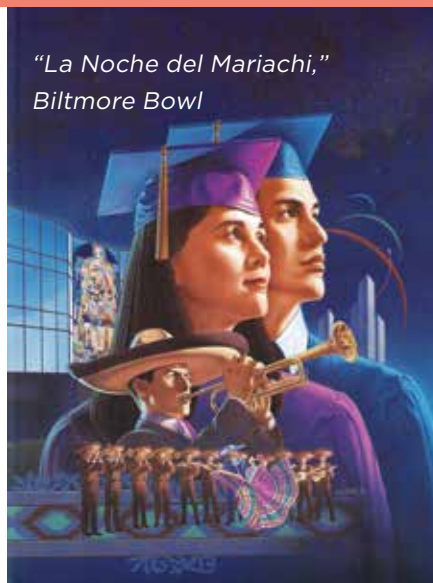


1990

1991



David C. Lizárraga Appointed to California Arts Council by Governor Pete Wilson



Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Moves to Biltmore Hotel

David C. Lizárraga Joins Whittier College Board of Trustees





**Michael Lizárraga Joins
Azusa Pacific University
Board of Trustees**



**Classic Upward Bound and Veterans
Upward Bound Programs Begin**

These Federal TRiO Programs prepare high school students and veterans to pursue post-secondary education.



1993

1994



**Annual Scholarship
Awards Dinner Moves to
Century Plaza Hotel**



**TELACU Construction
Management Formed**

**David C. Lizárraga Appointed to
California World Trade Commission
by State's First African American
Assembly Speaker, Willie Brown, Jr.**



TELACU Construction Management Lands Alameda Corridor Project

This \$2.4 billion enterprise connects the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the rail network east of downtown Los Angeles via a 20-mile high-speed railroad freight line.

Community Commerce Bank Named Top Small Business Lender by Los Angeles Business Journal



1995

1996



TELACU Residential Management Established

To provide our seniors with the dignity and respect they deserve, TELACU forms this non-profit entity to effectively manage the growing number of senior housing complexes developed by TELACU.



Michael Lizárraga Heads TELACU Industries

As President & CEO, Lizárraga oversees TELACU's family of companies built upon four key business sectors—real estate development, financial services, construction and construction management.

TELACU Begins Mixed-Use Projects with Pacific Development

Retail space is mixed with senior housing to create new developments in Montebello, South Gate and West Covina.



1997

Multifamily Development Partnership Established with K & B (Now MacFarlane Costa)

Tax credit housing expert Michael Costa partners with TELACU to create numerous affordable workforce communities throughout California.

TELACU Develops First Major Supermarket in East LA Area in 15 Years



Talent Search Program Launched

This third TRiO Program helps middle and high school students prepare for higher education.

1998



Food 4 Less opens on the site of Angelus Grand Plaza, quickly becoming one of the chain's top grossing stores.

TELACU Construction Management Becomes Federal 8(a) Company

Foundation Expands Nationally

To reach a higher percentage of the U.S. Latino population, Foundation programs are extended to Illinois, Texas and New York.

David C. Lizárraga Graduate Fellowship Program Begins

Graduate students are supported to pursue the advanced degrees they need to excel and become leaders in our global community.

TELACU Construction Management Builds First Project for U.S. Forestry Service



Nursing Program Established to Meet Critical Need

Downey Regional Medical Center becomes first Millennium Partner of TELACU's Health Careers Program, which addresses the critical shortage of bilingual, culturally sensitive nurses.



1999

2001

TELACU Construction Management Builds First Military Project for the U.S. Government



First Annual Health Careers Fair Held

Hundreds of students and their families learn about rewarding career opportunities in health care and receive a variety of free health screenings.

Educational Technology Center Opens

Local youth and families are equipped to access and utilize the world of digital and online technology.



New Millennium Partners Expand Reach of Nursing Program



New Markets Community Capital Created



Citi Foundation Funds Citi/TELACU Scholars Mentoring Program

Students pursuing business careers are awarded scholarships and receive academic and career guidance from top-level Citi professionals.

Computer Literacy Program for High School Students Begins



David C. Lizárraga Elected President of California Latino Caucus Institute

TELACU receives \$30 million New Markets Tax Credit allocation from Treasury Department to invest in local community.

2002

2003



Foundation Named “National Scholarship Provider of the Year”

National Scholarship Providers Association commends TELACU for its innovative programs and outstanding impact in providing access to higher education.

BYU Marriott School/TELACU MBA Program Established

Partnership advances TELACU's mission to develop business professionals by providing scholarships to MBA candidates, such as U.S. Army Veteran Bea Cortes.



David C. Lizárraga First Appointed to CA New Motor Vehicle Board by State Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, Jr.





FuturoNow Healthy Marriage Initiative Created

Programs to strengthen relationships and families are delivered to more than 4,000 Latino couples, individuals and youth each year. Funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, this Initiative brings together over 20 faith- and community-based organizations.



Bridge to Employment Program Launched

High school students are exposed to careers in health and technology.



2004



TELACU Reaches \$500 Million in Total Assets

David and Michael Lizárraga Become First Father and Son to Have Both Served on CSU Foundation Board



2005

2006

TELACU Weatherizes 150,000th Home



David C. Lizárraga Elected Chair of U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

This national advocacy organization represents the interests of over 2.5 million Hispanic-owned businesses, which collectively generate \$400 billion, as well as 200 chambers throughout the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico, Bolivia and Uruguay.



Henry Segerstrom High School
Santa Ana, California

TELACU Construction Management Builds its Largest School Project to Date

David C. Lizárraga Receives Honorary Doctorate from Cal State LA



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JUNE 2007

TELACU Becomes 5th Largest Hispanic Business in California

With the proven success of TELACU's unique business approach to community development, Hispanic Business Magazine recognizes TELACU as the 54th largest Hispanic company in the entire nation.

2006

2007

TOYOTA

Toyota Funds David C. Lizárraga Fellows and Toyota/TELACU Scholarship Program

Financial resources and guidance are provided to graduate students and upperclass college students studying business or engineering.

Newest Millennium Partners Expand Reach of Nursing Program to Pediatrics



Children's Hospital Los Angeles
International Leader in Pediatrics



2008

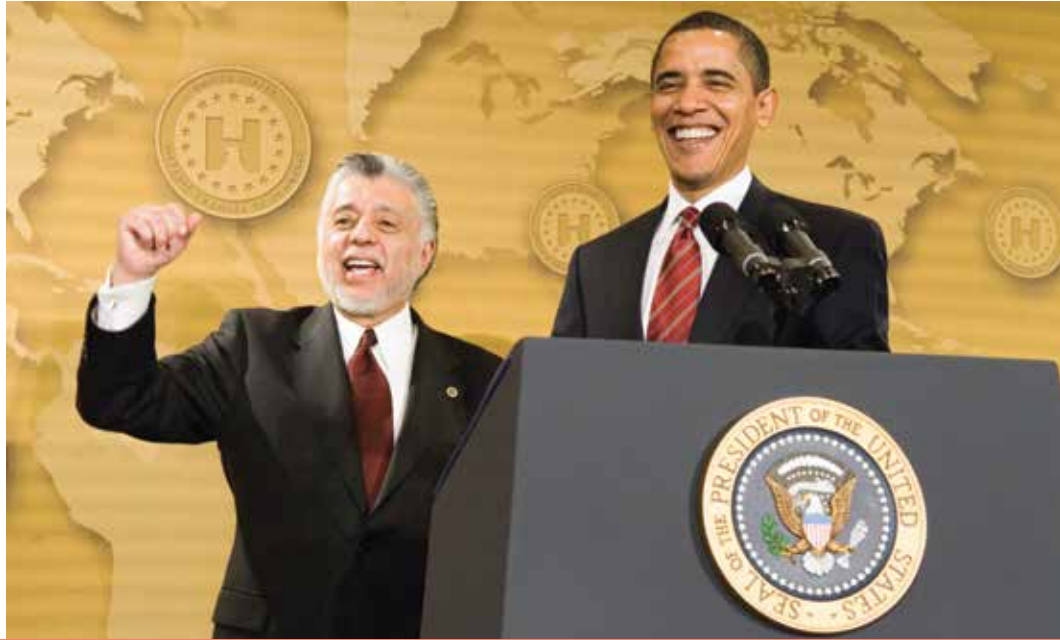
TELACU Signs Largest Industrial Lease in Commerce Market in 7 Years

TELACU Education Foundation Celebrates 25th Anniversary TELACU Celebrates 40th Anniversary



Chairman David C. Lizárraga, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Introduces Newly Inaugurated President Barack Obama

Only 50 days into his first term, President Obama delivers his agenda on education and the economy.



2009

TELACU Construction Management Completes \$24 Million, 1200-Seat Centinela Valley Union High School District Performing Arts Center



2010

Hyundai Partnership Establishes Two New Foundation Programs

The “Hyundai Internship Experience” provides internships to TELACU Scholars and the ST Math Program provides cutting-edge digital math education software to local elementary schools.

Dr. David C. Lizárraga Family and TELACU Lobby Dedicated at White Memorial Medical Center



Trustee Michael Lizárraga Delivers Commencement Address at Azusa Pacific University



STEM Initiative Formalized Across All Foundation Programs

Together with the Business Initiative will ensure that Entrepreneurship and Innovation remain hallmarks of America.

TRiO Programs Awarded Third Consecutive Five-Year Grants

TRiO Programs that prepare middle and high school students and veterans to pursue post-secondary education expand to three, increasing participation to 1,600 students annually. The Veterans Program is the only one of its kind in California.

TELACU Scholarships Awarded Surpass 10,000

2011

Health Careers Partnership with White Memorial Medical Center Celebrates 10 Years of Excellence

More than 100 local residents graduate and receive Registered Nurse Licensure through this partnership and now account for 25% of the Hospital's nursing staff. Overall, more than 500 Health Careers graduates now serve in local community hospitals.

2012

TELACU Makes its Largest Loan: \$34.2 Million New Markets Tax Credit Transaction with BioFuels Fuel Cells, LLC

Dr. David C. Lizárraga Receives Second Presidential Appointment

President Obama appoints David to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's CDFI Community Development Advisory Board.





Citi/TELACU Scholars Mentoring Program Marks 10th Anniversary

Citi's investment—exceeding \$2.5 million—supports Foundation's Business Initiative through scholarships for business-related majors; Citi executives add to this investment as Mentors.

Tamayo Restaurant Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Dr. David C. Lizárraga Family Honored by Longstanding University Partners: USC and University of La Verne

2013

2014

TELACU/New Markets Community Capital Allocations Reach \$175 Million

TELACU Celebrates 45 Years of “Building Communities with Partners Like You”

TELACU Education Foundation Celebrates 30 Years of *Building the Dream*





TELACU Finances New State-of-the-Art QueensCare Health Clinic in the East LA Civic Center

Michael Lizárraga Receives Honorary Doctorate from Azusa Pacific University



2015

2016



TELACU Selected by NY Governor's Office of Storm Recovery for its First Contract in New York City

Dr. David C. Lizárraga Receives Ellis Island Medal of Honor

For his lifetime of inspired service and dedication to empowerment, Dr. Lizárraga receives one of our nation's most prestigious awards.





Financing for LAFLA Ron Olson Justice Center and LA LGBT Center

TELACU provides financing for two important community assets in the City of Los Angeles: Legal Aid Foundation of LA's Ron Olson Justice Center and LA LGBT Center's Anita May Rosenstein Campus.

2017

TELACU Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Partnership with Gala "Presenting Sponsor" Toyota

TOYOTA

Dr. Michael Lizárraga Receives Latino Spirit Award

The California Latino Legislative Caucus presents the 2017 Latino Spirit Award to Dr. Michael Lizárraga for his accomplishments in community development.



TELACU and the Nation of Israel Present the Golda Meir Award to the Legendary Melissa Manchester at their Annual Fiesta Shalom Event Held at Tamayo Restaurant



TELACU Weatherization Serves Another 20,000 Households in our Community



2018



LA Times Remembers the ELA Student Walkouts

Feature article commemorates the students' fabled meeting place, "La Piranya" coffeehouse—now TELACU's banquet room at Tamayo Restaurant.

Two Milestone Anniversaries Coincide



50
YEARS
1968 • 2018



**35TH ANNUAL
BUILDING
THE DREAM
GALA**



TELACU Construction Management is Engaged by FEMA to Provide Disaster Recovery Construction Services in the U.S. Virgin Islands



2019



TELACU Produces its 15th Annual Holiday Gift CD





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CONGRATULATING THE TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON THEIR 36TH ANNUAL BUILDING THE DREAM GALA

HON. PETE AGUILAR
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that has empowered talented Latino students and professionals in my district and throughout the country to achieve success for more than 36 years.

TELACU is one of the largest and oldest Community Development Corporation in the U.S., celebrating 50 years of service just last year. As part of its commitment to service, advancement, empowerment and self-sufficiency among its constituency, and in response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students, in 1983 TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation.

This year marks the Foundation's 36th anniversary of shattering barriers to academic and professional success for thousands of first-generation Latinos from underserved communities. In addition to providing critical educational services and resources for veterans, TELACU's Continuum of Education--comprised of the College Readiness and College Success Programs--annually propels approximately 2,000 TELACU Scholars from high school through graduate studies, equipping them with the academic credentials and professional tools needed to successfully enter the increasingly technical 21st Century workforce.

Historically, approximately 98 percent of high school TELACU Scholars graduate and nearly all pursue higher education; more than 99 percent of college Scholars earn a Bachelor's degree, with an increasing number going on to seek advanced degrees. Since TELACU Scholars are predominantly Latinos from some of the most economically-depressed communities in Southern California, their attainment of high school diplomas and college degrees directly benefits disenfranchised communities. Program graduates become self-sufficient, well-educated professionals and role models who inspire and invest in the next generation of Latino leaders. Their attainment of higher education, increased earning power and dedication to service leads to the socioeconomic empowerment of their local communities, and betters our country as a whole.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the thousands of students, families and communities they have served and empowered, I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating the TELACU Education Foundation on the occasion of its 36th Annual Building the Dream Gala, and in celebrating their inspiring TELACU Scholars.



By the Honorable Toni G. Atkins, President pro Tempore of the California State Senate;
Relative to Commending

The Telacu Education Foundation

WHEREAS, On June 7, 2019, the TELACU Education Foundation will hold its 36th Annual Building the Dream Gala, and as a tribute to its distinguished record of public service and immeasurable contributions to advancing California's underserved communities, it is deserving of the highest public commendations; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1968 as a pioneering institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency, TELACU has remained steadfast in its belief that providing tools to others in the form of jobs, access to capital for hardworking families and businesses, affordable housing for families and seniors, and community assets such as schools, industrial parks, infrastructure, and municipal facilities is the most effective means to empowering people to build a legacy for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to shatter the significant barriers to academic and professional success often faced by the Latinx population, whose members drop out of high school at persistently high rates with few prospects for economic mobility, TELACU established the TELACU Education Foundation in 1983, and for the past 36 years, the Foundation has focused on empowering Latinx youth from traditionally underserved communities, as well as veterans, to attain higher education and succeed in the competitive twenty-first-century workplace; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with corporations, individuals, and a network of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities, the TELACU Education Foundation serves more than 2,000 first-generation students annually, providing not only critical financial resources, but also the academic and career guidance and workforce preparation—including internship and employment opportunities—they need to progress from high school through graduate studies and into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, The TELACU Education Foundation and its network of committed partners have invested millions of dollars in thousands of deserving TELACU Scholars, who have built a legacy of success; historically, 98 percent of high school students graduate and, almost without exception, pursue postsecondary education, and 99 percent of those attending college attain at minimum a bachelor's degree, with a growing number pursuing graduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, This year's Building the Dream Gala will bring together nearly 1,000 leaders from the corporate, educational, and civic communities to support the TELACU Education Foundation's mission to combine important financial assistance with highly effective programs that ensure students' academic success, and during the event Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and Senator Susan Rubio will be recognized as recipients of TELACU's highest honor, the "CREO" Award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE TONI G. ATKINS, That she commends the TELACU Education Foundation for the vital role it has played in the lives of countless Latinx students and their families, recognizes June 7, 2019, as TELACU Scholar Day, and conveys her sincere best wishes for continued success of the Foundation's programs and services in the years to come.

Members Resolution No. 334
Dated this 7th day of June, 2019.

Honorable Toni G. Atkins
President pro Tempore of the California State Senate

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly



RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Miguel Santiago
53rd Assembly District; Relative to commending the

TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, The TELACU Education Foundation will host the 36th Annual Building the Dream Gala on June 7, 2019, and as a tribute to TELACU's distinguished record of public service and immeasurable contributions to the advancement of communities in California and beyond, it is deserving of the highest commendations of the public; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, TELACU was established as a pioneering institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The youth of the nation's largest ethnic minority—the Latinx community—continue to face significant academic and salary gaps, as less than half of Latinx students entering college enroll in a four-year institution and less than one in five Latinx individuals age 25 to 29 hold a bachelor's degree or higher; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, TELACU established the TELACU Education Foundation in order to shatter barriers to academic and professional success for first-generation Latinx youth from traditionally underserved communities, empowering them to attain higher education and to succeed in the competitive, twenty-first century workplace; and

WHEREAS, The TELACU Education Foundation has developed a dynamic model, the Continuum of Education, which annually serves approximately 2,000 students in high school, college, and graduate studies, as well as veterans, and also addresses the community's growing need for nurses prepared to deliver culturally sensitive and competent in-language care; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of its 36-year history, the TELACU Education Foundation has supported thousands upon thousands of TELACU Scholars through a vital combination of four inseparable components: scholarships; academic leadership, personal, and professional development seminars; academic advisement and career guidance with an emphasis in workforce preparation; and giving back; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with corporations, individuals, and a network of some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities, the TELACU Education Foundation has awarded millions of scholarship dollars to deserving students; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the TELACU Education Foundation's commitment, TELACU Scholars have built a legacy of success: historically, 98 percent of high school students graduate and, almost without exception, pursue postsecondary education, and 99 percent of those attending college attain at minimum a bachelor's degree—75 percent of which are in a business or STEM-related discipline—with a growing number pursuing graduate degrees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER MIGUEL SANTIAGO, That he recognizes June 7, 2019, as TELACU Scholar Day; commends the TELACU Education Foundation for its outstanding commitment to empowering Latinx students and their families, and extends sincere best wishes for the continued success of its programs and services in the years to come.

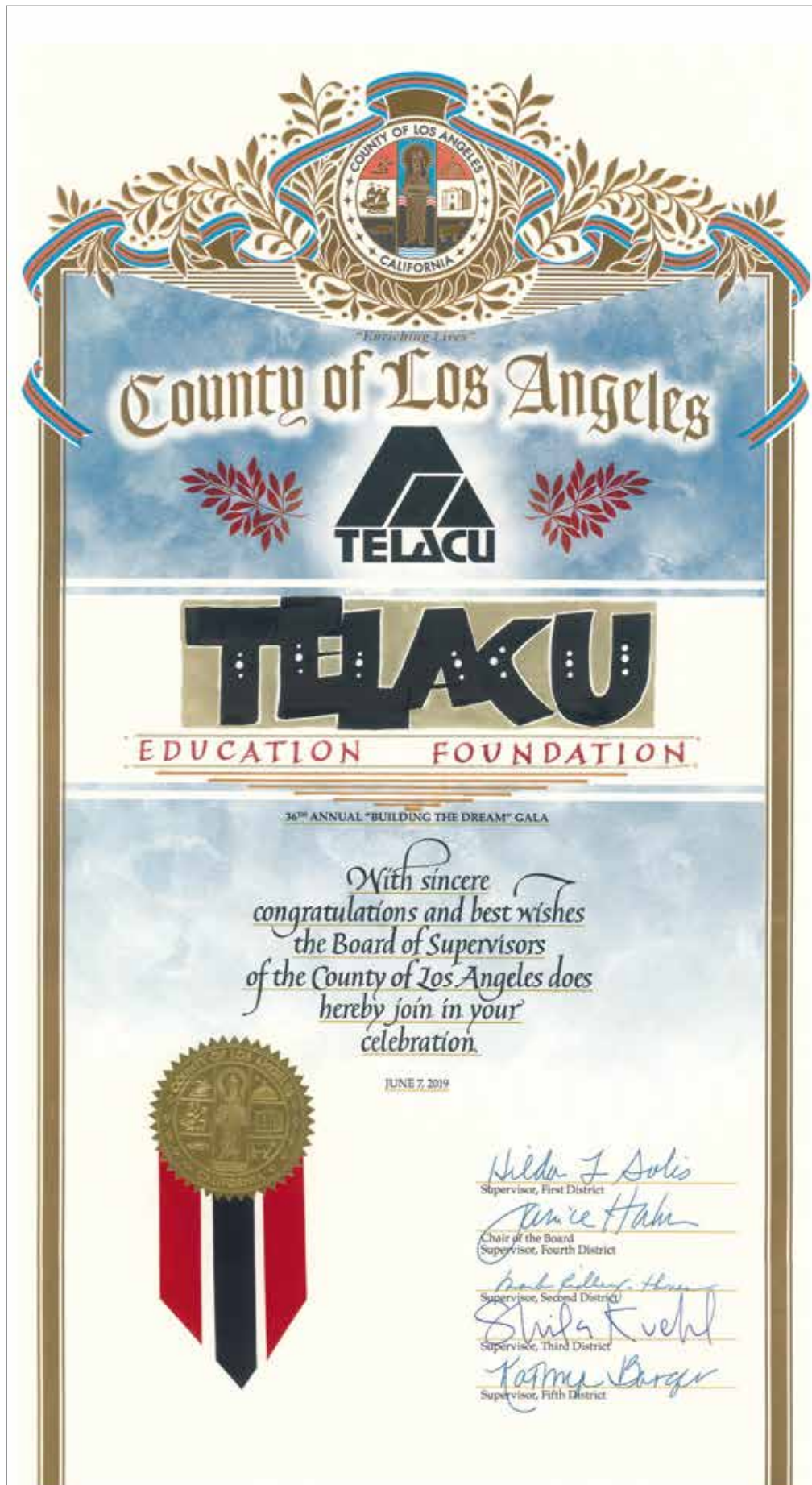
Members Resolution No. 959

Dated this 7th day of June, 2019

Miguel Santiago

Honorable Miguel Santiago
53rd Assembly District





VOICES OF LEADERSHIP



ATTORNEY GENERAL
XAVIER BECERRA
CALIFORNIA

On behalf of the California Department of Justice, I am honored to welcome you to the TELACU Education Foundation's 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala.

The TELACU Education Foundation has a long standing tradition of developing emerging leaders and encouraging professional success. This is accomplished through rigorous educational programs including College Readiness, College Success and Health Careers. Additionally, TELACU provides financial support to students and veterans to assist them with achieving their educational goals. I applaud TELACU for making a meaningful difference by investing in young students and making access to a quality education possible.

Tonight, TELACU is honoring Assemblymember Blanca Rubio and Senator Susan Rubio, recipients of tonight's "CREO" Award in recognition of their commitment to empowering young scholars and making positive impacts on the communities they serve. Congratulations to the 2019 TELACU Scholars who are being recognized tonight for their scholastic achievements.



U.S. SENATOR
DIANNE FEINSTEIN
CALIFORNIA

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I applaud the TELACU Education Foundation for its tremendous dedication and contributions. Since its inception, TELACU has made significant contributions toward empowering talented young people to achieve their academic and professional goals. TELACU's tireless commitment to investing in communities through scholarship, career, and housing opportunities has touched the lives of countless individuals. There is no doubt that its efforts will continue to benefit the Southern California community for many years to come.



U.S. SENATOR
ROBERT MENENDEZ
NEW JERSEY

The TELACU Education Foundation's work is today more important than ever. Today, one out of every four children in high school or younger comes from a Latino home. However, Latino and Latina adults are less likely to achieve an associate degree or higher when compared to all other adults in the United States. Helping Latino and Latina students close equity gaps by overcoming the social and economic barriers to getting an education is what drives the TELACU Education Foundation's mission forward. As a product of the New Jersey public school system who has risen to become the highest-ranking Latino serving in the United States Congress, I know that investing in the future of Latino children is an investment in the future of America!

Juntos podemos avanzar la educación de todos nuestros hijos e hijas para un futuro más brillante. Muchas felicidades a TELACU Education Foundation por todos sus logros en los pasados 36 años.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN
CALIFORNIA

What began as a scholarship program for 15 Latino college students has grown tremendously to annually help more than 2,000 first-generation, low-income high school, college, and graduate school students, as well as many veterans.

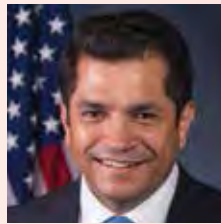
TELACU has not only helped students financially but also academically and professionally through mentorship and other resources. Your organization has been critical in ensuring that countless students get into college and successfully graduate through the support you provide throughout their educational journey. As the Representative of California's 44th Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to TELACU's leadership for continuing the long tradition of supporting students. You have made an indelible impact on their lives.

VOICES OF LEADERSHIP



U.S. CONGRESSMAN
TONY CÁRDENAS
CALIFORNIA

Since its inception in 1983, TELACU's Education Foundation has transformed educational outcomes for our nation's largest and fastest-growing demographic, first-generation students from underserved communities in their quest for academic achievement. As a son of immigrants and the first Hispanic to represent the Northeast San Fernando Valley in the United States Congress, I commend TELACU's efforts in shattering educational attainment barriers that Latino Youth encounter. On behalf of California's 29th Congressional District, I congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation for all its achievements and unwavering dedication to students in our communities, who are the future of our country. Please accept my best wishes on this special night of fellowship.



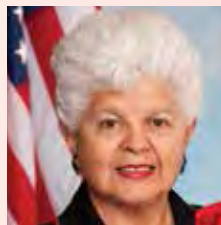
U.S. CONGRESSMAN
JIMMY GOMEZ
CALIFORNIA

Tonight marks a special occasion where the community will come together to celebrate 36 years of transforming the lives of thousands of first-generation college students. Since 1983, the TELACU Education Foundation has empowered thousands of students and veterans from our underserved communities on their journey to academic and professional success. Today, thousands of those students have earned their college degrees and gone on to do extraordinary things for our country. I would like to thank TELACU for their exemplary service, dedication, and leadership to the community. As the Representative of California's 34th Congressional District, I commend the TELACU Education Foundation for sustaining a positive impact in Los Angeles and for their commitment to transforming the lives of youths from our underserved communities.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
JUDY CHU
CALIFORNIA

As TELACU reflects, gives thanks, and celebrates the great accomplishments of leaders in our communities at the 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala, I want to commend the TELACU Education Foundation for its work in achieving its mission to help individuals create better futures for their families. The foundation's efforts ensure that more than 2,000 low-income students and veterans will have comprehensive services and financial resources to succeed as leaders academically and professionally. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 27th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for continued success.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
GRACE NAPOLITANO
CALIFORNIA

On behalf of the United States Congress and the Constituents of the Thirty-Second District, allow me to extend a warm welcome to all distinguished guests who support TELACU's praiseworthy mission of student empowerment and advancement. TELACU has made significant contributions in scholarships, opportunities, educational programs, and comprehensive services that enable students to become professionals in the future. I would like to acknowledge and commend TELACU for their unwavering support to students and their academic excellence. I wish your organization many more years of continued success.



U.S. CONGRESSMAN
J. LUIS CORREA
CALIFORNIA

Since 1983, the TELACU Education Foundation has improved the lives of thousands, including many first-generation Latino students, critical to the future of our communities. What was once a modest 15-student scholarship has grown into a network of thousands of students. TELACU alumni have become engineers, healthcare professionals, advocates, elected officials, educators, artists, and lawyers. The successes of TELACU Scholars have left a wake of inspiration in their tracks; motivating friends, family, and community members to pursue their goals as well. On behalf of the people in the 46th Congressional District, I want to express my sincere congratulations and support for the work of the TELACU Education Foundation. I am proud to join the TELACU Education Foundation in congratulating this year's scholars.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
CALIFORNIA

I commend the TELACU Education Foundation for its outstanding dedication to empower our community's talented youth and help them achieve their academic and professional goals. For over 36 years, TELACU has provided first-generation students with critical financial resources and a comprehensive support system to help them shatter barriers to higher education. Congratulations to every student receiving a scholarship award and best wishes for a successful and memorable evening!



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
LINDA SÁNCHEZ
CALIFORNIA

It is with great pleasure that I join you in celebrating TELACU Education Foundation's 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala.

For over half a century, TELACU has dedicated their efforts on empowering and providing the necessary resources for the betterment of the Latino community, providing academic and professional pathways, which help mentor and create the leaders of our society. I thank TELACU for their relentless and continued efforts in our community. It is my distinct honor to offer my congratulations to TELACU board members, staff, scholars and this evening's honored guests. *¡Les deseo lo mejor en este gran evento y sigamos luchando por la comunidad!*



U.S. CONGRESSMAN
JUAN VARGAS
CALIFORNIA

For decades, TELACU's commitment to service, empowerment, advancement, and the creation of self-sufficiency has been truly inspirational and will have a lasting impression for years to come. Each year, their work in education impacts the lives of 2,000 first-generation, low-income students ranging from high school to graduate school as well as our nation's brave veterans. TELACU is a pioneer institution providing educational opportunities that create a better future. In addition, I want to congratulate the young people being presented with scholarship awards. TELACU Scholars succeed both academically and professionally as leaders across every sector of society. I applaud TELACU's dedication to them and the community.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
MAXINE WATERS
CALIFORNIA

I am pleased to recognize the TELACU Education Foundation under the leadership of my friends, Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Dr. Michael Lizárraga, on the occasion of your 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala. As a supporter and consistent

member of your Honorary Gala Committee, it gives me great pride to congratulate your outstanding work inspiring and empowering young Latinos to go after their dreams through higher education. Your efforts have convinced young people to not only stay in school, graduate from high school, but go to college to achieve their goals and attain true success for themselves and their families.

To the amazing scholars receiving their awards tonight, I salute you and extend to each and every one of you my very best wishes for success in everything you are doing to realize your full potential and make your dreams a reality.



SECRETARY OF STATE
ALEX PADILLA
CALIFORNIA

As we gather tonight to celebrate the 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala, we recognize the TELACU Education Foundation's work in the community. From providing college scholarships to leadership and professional development, TELACU has been a committed force in the community supporting and empowering Latino youth. Congratulations on more than 50 years of service to the community!

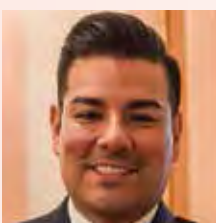


STATE TREASURER
FIONA MA
CALIFORNIA

As the 34th Treasurer of the State of California, it is my pleasure to join the TELACU Education Foundation on the occasion of the 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala. Since 1983, the Foundation has advanced educational opportunities

for thousands of first-generation Latinx students from under-resourced communities. Through opportunities such as the College Success and College Readiness Program, students are given academic support and guidance to complete their education and become leaders in their communities. In addition, with the contributions of a network of committed partners, the Foundation is able to assist over 2,000 students and veterans reach their goal of receiving a degree in higher education.

I join with you in applauding tonight's "CREO" Award honorees: the Honorable Blanca Rubio, California State Assembly, District 48; the Honorable Susan Rubio, California State Senate, District 22, and Albert P. Carey, Former PepsiCo NA CEO.



INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA

Growing up in East Los Angeles, I have known TELACU as the leading organization to provide scholarships, workforce development for veterans and housing for seniors. As I have served in the Legislature and now as I lead the nation's premier State Consumer Protection Agency, I have come to appreciate TELACU's great impact in our local community of Southern California. TELACU has been a beacon of hope to multiple generations of leaders within our state. On behalf of the people of the Great State of California and the nation's premier State Consumer Protection Agency, I thank you for your service to our community and look forward to many more years of successful programming and results driven investment in our local communities.

VOICES OF LEADERSHIP



STATE SENATOR
STEVEN C. BRADFORD
CALIFORNIA

On behalf of California State Senate District 35, I would like to commend the TELACU Education Foundation on their 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala. The commitment to service, empowerment, advancement and the creation of self-sufficiency since its establishment is an outstanding achievement worthy of celebration. TELACU's dedication to provide tools that access jobs and scholarships are noteworthy endeavors that enhance our communities and thousands of first-generation students from under-resourced areas. It is with great honor that I take this opportunity to commend this year's honorees for their impact and service to humanity. Congratulations on receiving the "CREO" Award and thank you for working so diligently to improve the lives of others.



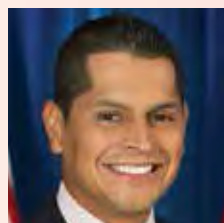
ASSEMBLYWOMAN
BLANCA E. RUBIO
CALIFORNIA

As a Member of the California State Legislature, and former teacher, I commend TELACU for their commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders. The long arm of support and immeasurable contributions which TELACU makes to our communities makes me proud to serve as a member of the Honorary Gala Committee for this momentous celebration. TELACU continually yields positive change within communities across the nation. The commitment of TELACU's Education Foundation to student success deserves the highest recognition.



ASSEMBLYWOMAN
WENDY CARRILLO
CALIFORNIA

Tonight we celebrate the positive impact of education and its importance to the wellbeing of the Latino community. The TELACU Education Foundation's focus on its College Readiness and College Success Programs has been vital to shattering barriers by guiding Latino Youth to finish college and providing the mentorship that enables students to finish graduate school. I also commend TELACU for their STEM and Business Initiative. TELACU's work in the service of the Latino community is admirable. Congratulations to those receiving the "CREO" Award: my colleagues, Assemblymember Blanca Rubio, Senator Susan Rubio and Albert P. Carey former PepsiCo NA CEO. All very well deserved!



ASSEMBLYMAN
MIGUEL SANTIAGO
CALIFORNIA

Greetings to all those attending TELACU's 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala. I would like to thank the TELACU Education Foundation (TEF) for hosting this significant event that recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the amazing young people the Foundation was created to empower. Your dedication and support has transformed educational outcomes for thousands of first-generation students. I commend TEF for its tremendous work, contributions, and dedication to serving our youth. I look forward to working with TELACU to serve our residents in the state of California and the 53rd Assembly District in Los Angeles. Please accept my best wishes for continued success and congratulations on your 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala!



ASSEMBLYWOMAN
ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES
CALIFORNIA

As the Assemblymember for the 47th District, I understand the importance of supporting our seniors, low-income communities, and students through the services and resources that TELACU provides. I applaud TELACU for all the life-changing work done here in the Inland Empire and throughout the Nation. Your commitment to the advancement of the community is truly remarkable. We remain ready to partner with you on those innovative ideas that move our community and our state forward. You have been life-changers and hope deliverers. Thank you!



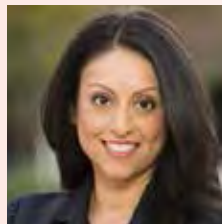
SUPERVISOR
JANICE HAHN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Today we celebrate the work TELACU does to make a positive impact in the lives of over 2,000 first-generation low-income students from high school thru graduate school, and those who have served in our nation's armed forces. TELACU scholars are supported by the wonderful contributions and support from corporate sponsors, elected officials, educational institutions, and community leaders. Thank you for your continued support in uplifting our entire community. It also gives me great pleasure to congratulate all of the brilliant and talented TELACU Scholars who are being recognized here today. This award is a reflection of your ambition to thrive in both your academic and professional careers. I wish you all much success in all of your endeavors.



SUPERVISOR
HILDA SOLIS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the First District, it is my pleasure to support TELACU's 36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala! Thank you for supporting countless veterans, DREAMers, and first-generation, low-income high school, college, and graduate school students in their pursuit of higher education. Your exceptional leadership ensures that diverse students successfully break through barriers and are empowered to uplift their communities. Thank you for all that you do to shape our future leaders and for spurring transformative change throughout the nation. I look forward to continuing to partner with TELACU to impact our communities and improve opportunities for all.



COUNCILWOMAN
NURY MARTINEZ
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

For over 50 years, TELACU has empowered thousands of young Latinos and Latinas to aspire for greatness and achieve their dreams. As the daughter of immigrants and the first Latina to serve as President

Pro Tempore of the Los Angeles City Council, I want to commend all the young people here tonight and I wish them the best as they embark on their personal and professional journeys. This unique organization provides an incredible service to these students, and TELACU alumni are leaders in every sector they enter. I congratulate everyone here and TELACU on another successful year of creating better outcomes for young Latinos in the Greater Los Angeles Area.



COUNCIL PRESIDENT
HERB J. WESSON, JR.
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

As President of the Los Angeles City Council and on behalf of the residents of the 10th District in the City of Los Angeles, I am pleased to be on the honorary committee of the TELACU Education Foundation's

36th Annual *Building the Dream* Gala. Tonight's event celebrates the accomplishments of the amazing young people TELACU was created to empower. For almost four decades, the TELACU Education Foundation has transformed educational outcomes for thousands of first-generation students from underresourced communities. TELACU serves by continually pioneering solutions that shatter barriers to higher education faced by Latino youth—the predominant segment of our nation's largest and fastest-growing demographic. I commend TELACU's continued efforts to empower our young people by inspiring them to embrace their potential and direct their lives in a positive and rewarding direction.



BOARD PRESIDENT
MIKE FONG
LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT

Congratulations to tonight's honorees for your amazing leadership and efforts! And thank you very much to the TELACU Education Foundation for

your strong commitment to excellence and service in the community and for embracing the hopes and aspirations of future leaders in the community. I commend your efforts, successes, and dedication. I am proud to partner with TELACU in helping improve the quality of life throughout the service area of the Los Angeles Community College District serving nearly 5 million residents.

Each and every year, for half a century, TELACU has enjoyed the tremendous support of leaders from the public sector, many of whom are with us here this evening.



Corporate Partners, Dignitaries, and TELACU Scholars



Al Smith, Sebastian Ontiveros, Michael D. Rouse, and Adriana Holguin representing Presenting Sponsor Toyota

"CREO" Award Recipient The Honorable Xavier Becerra, Attorney General, State of California; Michael D. Rouse; and Dr. David C. Lizárraga

Richard Montañez representing Presidential Partner PepsiCo Foundation

Dr. John Raffoul representing Millennium Partner Adventist Health White Memorial

Aaron Wade
CIT/OneWest Bank

Neena Master, Trisha Muse, Patti Wagner, Sharon Tomkins and Gillian Wright, SoCalGas



Peter Villegas
The Coca-Cola Company

Julius Robinson
Union Bank

Janet Clayton
Edison



Michelle Hadley, Purdue University-Krannert School of Management

Eric Reed, Verizon

Jess Tirado, Emery Younes, and Luis Gonzalez, Wells Fargo

Zafar Brooks, Hyundai

Paul Stephens and Dr. Michael Lizárraga perform "The New Colossus"



Cindy Howell
Charter Communications

Don Kincey
Comerica

Keisha Nix
Los Angeles Lakers

Dr. David C. Lizárraga,
Priscilla Lizárraga,
Assemblywoman Blanca
Rubio, Assemblyman
Timothy Grayson, and
Dr. Michael and Oneida
Lizárraga



First Row: Adriana Holguin, Toyota; Sebastian Ontiveros, Toyota; Darrell Brown, US Bank; Brandon Ramirez, Hyundai; Senator Richard Polanco (Ret.); Lupita Sanchez-Cornejo, AT&T; Patti Wagner, SoCalGas; Julius Robinson, Union Bank; Richard Montañez, PepsiCo; Al Smith, Toyota; Michael D. Rouse, TELACU Education Foundation Advisory Board; Priscilla Lizárraga, TELACU Industries; CA Attorney General Xavier Becerra; Dr. David C. Lizárraga, TELACU Education Foundation; Dr. Michael Lizárraga, TELACU; Dr. John Raffoul, Adventist Health White Memorial; Eric Reed, Verizon; Peter Villegas, The Coca-Cola Company; Michelle Hadley, Purdue University-Krannert School of Management; Aaron Wade, CIT/OneWest Bank; Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio; Assemblyman Timothy Grayson; Carmen O. Perez, TELACU Board; Beth Zachary, TELACU Education Foundation Advisory Board



Julius Robinson
Union Bank

Peter Villegas
The Coca-Cola
Company

Sandy Walia
Wells Fargo



"CREO" Award
Recipient The
Honorable Anthony
Rendon, California
State Assembly
Speaker, with
Chancellor Timothy P.
White and Dr. David C.
Lizárraga

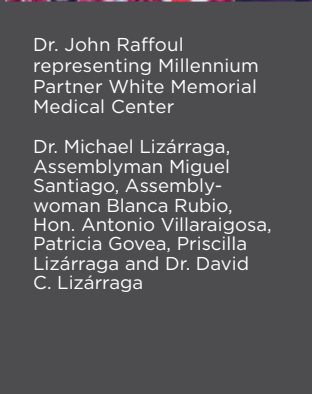
Michael D. Rouse
representing
Presenting Sponsor
Toyota



Eric Reed, Verizon

Dennis Arriola, Patti
Wagner, and Hal
and Liz Snyder of
SoCalGas with Dr.
Michael and Oneida
Lizárraga and Dr.
David C. Lizárraga

Lupita Sanchez-
Cornejo, AT&T



Dr. John Raffoul
representing Millennium
Partner White Memorial
Medical Center

Dr. Michael Lizárraga,
Assemblyman Miguel
Santiago, Assembly-
woman Blanca Rubio,
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa,
Patricia Govea, Priscilla
Lizárraga and Dr. David
C. Lizárraga



Ambassador Gaddi
Vasquez, Edison
International

Zafar Brooks, Hyundai



Drs. Michael Lizárraga and David C. Lizárraga with "CREO" Award Recipient Leticia Aguilar and fellow Union Bank executive Tim Wennes

Dr. Michael Lizárraga; Dr. Mildred Garcia, CSU Fullerton President; Oneida Lizárraga; Mitzi Barhorst; Ronito Cantina-Caballo, Chairman of the CSU Foundation; and Garrett Ashley, CSU Vice Chancellor

Brandon Ramirez
Hyundai

Lupita Sanchez-Cornejo, Mike Silacci, Ken McNeely and Marc Blakeman, AT&T

Dr. Michael Lizárraga, Senator Tony Mendoza, CA Assembly Speaker Emeritus John Pérez, Assemblyman Miguel Santiago, Senator Richard Polanco (Ret.), Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Richard Montañez



Dennis Arriola, SoCalGas

Honored Guest Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Hon. Kevin de León

Dr. Michael Lizárraga, Hon. Kevin de León, Dr. David C. Lizárraga, Priscilla Lizárraga, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Congressman, Ed Royce and Council Member Gilbert A. Cedillo



Chairman David C. Lizárraga and Gala Chair Michael D. Rouse, Toyota, present the "CREO" Award to Hon. Kevin de León, California Senate President pro Tem

Lisa Deloney represents Legacy Sponsor Citi

Dr. John Raffoul represents Millennium Partner, White Memorial Medical Center



Peter Villegas
The Coca-Cola Company

Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez
Edison International

Raul Bustillos
Bank of America

2014 Gala:
Gala Chair Michael D. Rouse, Toyota, and Dr. David C. Lizárraga present the "CREO" Award to CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White PhD

Michael D. Rouse, Toyota, and Dr. David C. Lizárraga present the "CREO" Award to SoCalGas President & CEO Dennis Arriola



2013 Gala:
Dr. David C. Lizárraga; Hon. Mónica García, LAUSD Board President & Decade One "CREO" Award Recipient; Gala Chair Michael D. Rouse, Toyota

Dr. David C. Lizárraga; Hon. Benjamin Cárdenas, Decade Two "CREO" Award Recipient; Priscilla Lizárraga

Drs. David and Michael Lizárraga; Angélica Gutiérrez, PhD, Decade Three "CREO" Award Recipient

2014 Gala:
Dr. Michael Lizárraga, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Honorary Co-Chair, joins Gala immediately after LA Kings win the Stanley Cup

Millennium Partner White Memorial Medical Center represented by Beth Zachary



2013 Gala:
Corporate Chair Lisa Deloney, Citi

George Ramirez and Corporate Co-Chair Leticia Aguilar Union Bank



2013 Gala:
Lidia Martinez Southwest Airlines

Chris Hosford and Walter Rodriguez Hyundai

2014 Gala:
Paul Stephens and Dr. Michael Lizárraga perform National Anthem

2011 Gala: The Honorable Carol Liu, CA Senator, 21st District, accepts "CREO" Award on behalf of her husband, the Honorable Michael R. Peevey, President, CA Public Utilities Commission, from Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Catherine Sandoval, CA Public Utilities Commissioner

2011 Gala: Rod Spackman accepts "CREO" Award on behalf of Chevron Corporation from Toyota's Jerome Miller and Dr. David C. Lizárraga



2011 Gala:
Rod Spackman
Chevron

2011 Gala: Citibank's Lisa Deloney caps off the evening with Dr. David and Michael Lizárraga

2012 Gala:
Jonathan Weedman
Wells Fargo



2012 Gala:
Toyota's Michael D. Rouse with Dr. David C. Lizárraga, Priscilla Lizárraga, and David C. Lizárraga Fellows Sponsored by Toyota

2011 Gala:
Leticia Aguilar
Union Bank



2012 Gala:
Dr. David C. Lizárraga;
Julia Perez, "CREO"
Award Recipient;
Michael Lizárraga

2012 Gala:
Ambassador
Gaddi Vasquez
Edison

2009 Gala: Mónica García, Board President, Los Angeles Unified School District, is presented the "CREO" Award by Toyota's Irv Miller; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles; and Dr. David C. Lizárraga



2009 Gala: CA State Senator Gil Cedillo is presented the "CREO" Award by Citi's Rebecca Macieira-Kaufmann and Dr. David C. Lizárraga

2009 Gala: Dream Builder Award Recipients Julio & Grace Negrete

2010 Gala: Michael D. Rouse receives the "CREO" Award on behalf of Toyota from Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Kristie Hernandez, 2010-2011 Lizárraga Fellow, Sponsored by Toyota



2010 Gala: Hon. Yolie Flores receives the "CREO" Award from Dr. David C. Lizárraga and Jamie Zamora, 2009-2010 Lizárraga Fellow, Sponsored by Toyota



2009 Gala: Scholars and sponsors gather on stage



2008 Gala: Michael Lizárraga, TELACU Industries President & CEO, and Dr. David C. Lizárraga, TEF Chairman & Founder, and Priscilla Lizárraga, Event Chair, pay tribute to past "CREO" Award Recipients

2008 Gala: Back Row: Richard Alatorre, Former LA City Council Member; Rocky Delgadillo, LA City Attorney. Front Row: Beth Zachary, President & CEO, White Memorial Medical Center; Antonio Villaraigosa, LA City Mayor; Dr. David C. Lizárraga



2008 Gala: Lisa Barrett, Citibank Southwest Division President, and Irv Miller, Toyota Motor Sales USA Group Vice President, Corporate Communications



2007 Gala: Lisa Barrett presents Citi check for \$400,000

2008 Gala: Previous "CREO" Award Recipient, Tom Harkin, U.S. Senator, and Dr. David C. Lizárraga

2007 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient Steven Barr, Green Dot Public Schools; Lisa Barrett; Dr. David C. Lizárraga; Harris Luu accepts "CREO" Award on behalf of Oscar De La Hoya Ánimo Charter High School

2007 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient Fabian Núñez, CA Assembly Speaker; Toyota's Irv Miller; Dr. David C. Lizárraga



2006 TELACU Scholars



2006 Gala: Priscilla Lizárraga, Event Chair; U.S. Congressman Joe Baca; Dr. David C. Lizárraga, TEF Chairman & Founder; U.S. Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon; Michael Lizárraga, President & CEO, TELACU Industries

2006 Gala: Cali Garcia-Velez, President, Citibank West FSB; Lisa Barrett, Citibank



2005 Gala: Mary Anne Chern, Charitable Foundation President, White Memorial Medical Center; David C. Lizárraga

2006 Gala: Honorary Gala Committee Members LA City Council Member José L. Huizar; CA State Senator Gil A. Cedillo; LA City Council Member Janice Hahn; CA State Senator Richard Alarcon

2005 Gala: David C. Lizárraga; "CREO" Award Recipient Ken Salazar, U.S. Senator; Congressman Joe Baca

2005 Gala: David C. Lizárraga; "CREO" Award Recipient Anna Escobedo Cabral, U.S. Treasurer; CA State Senator Richard Polanco (Ret.)



2004 Gala: U.S. Congressman Joe Baca; Corporate "CREO" Award Recipient Jorge Delgado, General Manager, Univision, Channel 34; David C. Lizárraga

2004 Gala: David C. Lizárraga, TEF Chairman & Founder; LA City Mayor James Hahn; Michael D. Weitzman, President, Citibank West; Michael Lizárraga, TELACU Industries President & CEO; U.S. Congressman Joe Baca



2003 Gala: (L-R) First Row: Priscilla Lizárraga, Event Chair; TELACU Board Member Jay Candelaria and Mrs. Jay Candelaria; Richard Polanco, CA State Senator (Ret.); Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante; "CREO" Award Recipient Marco A. Firebaugh, CA Assembly Majority Leader; David C. Lizárraga; Honorary Gala Chairwoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, U.S. Congresswoman; Michael Lizárraga; Sil Gonzales, President, Casa de Gonzales Chrysler Jeep; U.S. Congressman Ed Royce



2004 Gala: David C. Lizárraga; U.S. Congressman Ed Royce receives the "CREO" Award on behalf of U.S. Congressman Michael Oxley

2003 Gala: David C. Lizárraga; "CREO" Award Recipient Marco A. Firebaugh, TELACU Alumnus; U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

2003 Gala: Corporate "CREO" Award Recipient Michael D. Weitzman, Citi; Honorary Co-Chair Cruz Bustamante

2003 Gala: Corporate Co-Chair Rudy Beserra, Vice President, Latin Affairs, Coca-Cola Co.; David C. Lizárraga; Peter Villegas, First Vice President, Washington Mutual





2000 Gala:
David C. Lizárraga;
Christina Aguilera;
Benefactor
Rudy Beserra,
representing The
Coca-Cola Company



2001 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient
Roderick Paige, U.S. Secretary of
Education; Michael Lizárraga, President &
CEO, TELACU Industries

2001 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient
Frank Quevedo, Vice President, Southern
California Edison; Priscilla Lizárraga, Event
Chair; David C. Lizárraga, TEF Chairman
& Founder; "CREO" Award Recipient
Martha Escutia, CA State Senator;
"CREO" Award Recipient Hector Barreto,
SBA Administrator

2000 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient Tom
Harkin, U.S. Senator; David C. Lizárraga;
Senator Martha Escutia



1999 Gala: Gala Chairman
Cruz Bustamante, CA Lt.
Governor; Rudy Beserra;
David C. Lizárraga

1999 Gala: "CREO" Award
Recipient Ruben Zacarias,
LAUSD Superintendent;
Priscilla Lizárraga



1999 Gala: "CREO"
Award Recipient Antonio
Villaraigosa, CA State
Assembly Speaker;
Lizárraga Family

2000 Gala: "CREO"
Award Recipient Louis
Caldera, U.S. Secretary of
the Army; Senator Martha
Escutia





1998 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipients
Esteban Torres, U.S. Congressman, and Mrs. Arcy Torres; TELACU Board Member Dolores Carrillo; Joe & Blanca Gonzalez; Gala Chairman Antonio Villaraigosa, CA State Assembly Speaker

1998 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient CA Assembly Speaker Emeritus Cruz Bustamante; Honorary Gala Co-Chair Richard Polanco, CA State Senate Majority Leader

1998 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient Marty Martinez, U.S. Congressman; David C. Lizárraga, TEF Chairman & Founder



1997 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipients
Senator Richard Polanco and Richard W. Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education; David C. Lizárraga

1995 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipients
Jack Kemp, Co-Director, Empower America; Herminio Blanco, Mexico Secretary of Commerce; Ronald H. Brown, U.S. Secretary of Commerce

1996 Gala: Gala Chairman Senator Richard Polanco; **"CREO" Award Recipient** Reed E. Hundt, FCC Chairman; David C. Lizárraga; Councilman Richard Alatorre

1993 Gala: Councilman Richard Alatorre; **"CREO" Award Recipient** David C. Lizárraga on the occasion of TELACU's 25th Anniversary

1995 Gala: "CREO" Award Recipient Ronald H. Brown, U.S. Secretary of Commerce; David C. Lizárraga



1994 Gala: LA City Councilman Richard Alatorre; **"CREO" Award Recipient** Richard Riordan, LA City Mayor; David C. Lizárraga; TELACU Special Award Recipients

1993 Gala: David C. Lizárraga; Mike Roos, CA State Assemblyman; Martha Escutia, CA State Assemblywoman; **"CREO" Award Recipient** Richard Alatorre, LA City Councilman

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Each year, TELACU Scholars graduate from some of the most selective and prestigious colleges and universities across the United States, due in great measure to the generous financial support provided by our network of committed corporate partners. These funds are further leveraged through partnerships TELACU has established with some of these institutions to maximize their impact, ensuring that Scholars have sufficient funds to earn their degrees as well as to increase the number of scholarships we are able to provide. Below is a partial list of our Scholars' alma maters.

PARTNERING COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

AZUSA PACIFIC
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PAUL FERGUSON, PHD
PRESIDENT

BIOLA UNIVERSITY
BARRY H. COREY, PHD
PRESIDENT

CAL POLY POMONA
SORAYA M. COLEY, PHD
PRESIDENT

CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS
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PRESIDENT

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PRESIDENT

CSU LONG BEACH
JANE C. CONOLEY, PHD
PRESIDENT

CSU LOS ANGELES
WILLIAM A. COVINO, PHD
PRESIDENT

CSU NORTHRIDGE
DIANNE F. HARRISON, PHD
PRESIDENT

CSU SAN BERNARDINO
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PRESIDENT

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UNIVERSITY
TIMOTHY L. SNYDER, PHD
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UNIVERSITY
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JONATHAN VEITCH, PHD
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

For nearly four decades, the women and men of the TELACU Education Foundation have had the honor of empowering first-generation students from underserved communities to achieve academic and professional success. We are so incredibly proud of each high school diploma, college and graduate degree, and internship and employment position that our Scholars, including veterans and nursing school students, have earned over these past four decades. And we are privileged to see them grow and thrive as powerful representatives for their peers, families and all the generations yet to come. Beginning with just 15 students, our hopes and dreams of closing

educational and professional gaps for Latinx students in our local community have been far exceeded by serving tens of thousands, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of partners like you! We are humbled beyond measure to be called mentors and friends by the phenomenal individuals who have allowed us to be a voice in their lives—who honor us by calling us *Familia*.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each and every person whose advocacy and dedication empower our TELACU Scholars to achieve their dreams. Our generous Sponsors, visionary Board of Directors, committed Advisory Board, and dedicated Staff propel our entire community, this Great State, and our nation forward. *For everywhere we look, there is work to be done.* And I am honored to continue that work alongside each and every one of you!

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HIGH SCHOOL



ASHLEY PEREZ

South Gate High School
*Bachelor's in Computer
Engineering and Computer
Science Candidate*
University of Southern
California, Viterbi School
of Engineering

Ashley's passion to disprove harsh assumptions about Latinos' academic ability fueled her to enroll in college-level coursework during her senior year, complete 10 AP classes, earn a perfect 4.0 GPA, and graduate as valedictorian of her senior class!

She also founded and served as President of South Gate High's Robotics and Peer Tutoring Clubs, supported her fellow students as a Peer College Counselor, and won the All-Star Rookie Award in the FIRST Robotics Competition.

Last summer, she participated in USC Viterbi's immersive SHINE research program, through which she contributed to research on Socially Assistive Robotics for autistic children and gained invaluable mentorship and connections that will support her when she officially becomes a Trojan in the Fall.

COLLEGE



MONICA AREVALO, BS
Mechanical Engineering
Cal Poly Pomona

Recognizing the lack of ethnic and gender diversity in the field of engineering, Monica has pledged to expose students—particularly Latinas like her younger sister—to STEM disciplines.

She has begun this mission by tutoring and mentoring students through the Educational Opportunity Program and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and also as a volunteer at Breed Street Elementary. Through an engineering internship at Parsons Corporation, she had the opportunity to practice her skills while assisting the Transportation and Rail teams and was trained on industry software, including MicroStation.

POST-GRAD



AARÓN RUVALCABA, MBA
Purdue University
Krannert School of
Management
BA, Political Economy
UC Berkeley

Motivated by his parents' emphasis on education,

Aarón was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college and to attend graduate school.

Passionate about education, empowerment, and equity, while at Berkeley he mentored first-generation Latinx students and supported his three younger sisters' goals of attaining higher education. After college, he moved to Southeast Asia and founded an English language summer camp in Hong Kong and Vietnam before returning to Los Angeles to teach high school Spanish.

While pursuing his MBA, he served as President of the Krannert Graduate Student Association and founded the LGBTQA student group, Krannert Out. He is involved in broader diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives like the Reaching Out MBA (ROMBA) program. *Poets and Quants* named him one of 2019's "MBAs To Watch" and, recognizing the value he would add to their company, our Legacy Partner—PepsiCo—recently hired him as an HR Representative.



MELVIN LOPEZ, JD
University of Southern California
Gould School of Law
BS, Criminal Justice
CSU Long Beach

Growing up in a socio-economically disadvantaged neighborhood plagued by gangs, violence, and crime,

Melvin made the conscious and conscientious decision to pursue an education that would empower him to combat issues prevalent in areas with limited resources.

Since neither of his parents had even a high school education and could not financially support his dream of higher education, he worked his way through college with jobs at New City Public Schools, LAFLA Self-Help Legal Access Center, and the Youth Policy Institute. A member of Alpha Phi Sigma—the only accredited Criminal Justice Honor Society—he was a Hale Moot Court Honors Program Quarterfinalist and Alumni Relations Chair of the Latino Law Students Association. Currently, he supports the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office as a Certified Law Clerk for the Preliminary Hearing Unit.

HEALTH CAREERS PROGRAM

JOSEPH PEREZ, BS, ADN
Associate of Science, Nursing
Rio Hondo College
BS, Fire Protection
Administration
CSU Los Angeles



With more than six years of experience as an EMT and a strong academic record, this Vice President of the Rio Hondo College Nursing Council was nicknamed *Professor Joseph* by his peers!

Committed to serving as a positive role model for his family, peers, and community, he has also served as a Catechist Teacher at his community church for a full decade. Now, he plans to merge his EMT background with his nursing education to train as an Emergency Department Nurse, and eventually to continue his nursing education, becoming an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Nursing Educator.

VETERANS PROGRAM

PATRICK DORAN
Army Veteran

Being out of the school setting for several years did not deter Patrick from enrolling and excelling in all levels of Computer Science courses.



Continuing the dedication to service ingrained in him as a member of our nation's brave military, he gladly assisted his instructor and helped classmates with their lessons. He was top of his class, received excellent scores on all of his exams, and was an avid participant in all Program workshops as well as Campus Tours—his unparalleled commitment even earned him selection as the Veterans Upward Bound Scholar of the Quarter! He plans to leverage this success to continue his education and pursue a career in Robotics.

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RODOLFO ISAAC BARRANCO ROJAS, MS
PhD Candidate in Mechanical Engineering
 UC Los Angeles
MS and BS, Mechanical Engineering
 UC Los Angeles

Rodolfo's story is one of perseverance. He and his family immigrated to the U.S. when he was 12 years old. Unable to speak English, school was difficult, and he would spend his breaks and lunchtime reading in the library to catch up to his peers. He not only caught up, he surpassed them, graduating with a 4.2 GPA and gaining admission to UCLA's highly competitive PhD Program.

Despite this success, as an undocumented student, he didn't qualify for most financial assistance and couldn't even apply for a driver's license, so he had to commute 2 hours each way on the bus just to get to class. Still, he found a way to make use of that time by recording all of his lectures and listening to them on the ride. Now, he is a standout student and has returned to his alma mater to help prepare high school students for college-level math classes. Along his educational journey he also completed internships in the Active Materials Lab at UCLA, and the Mechatronics and Embedded Systems Lab at UC Merced; he led his AISES Rocket Project Team to a 2nd place finish at the 2016 National Tribal College Competition sponsored by NASA.



RICARDO CACHUA, BA
MBA Candidate
 University of San Francisco
BA, Business Administration: Accounting
 CSU Fullerton

Nothing, not even life itself, has come easy for Ricardo. A five-year cancer survivor and the son of undocumented immigrants, he channels all of the struggles and hardships he has overcome into fuel to generate positive change. He joined TELACU's *Continuum of Education* as an undergraduate TELACU Scholar and was also named an Adelante, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and Latino Business Student Association Scholar. While completing his Bachelor's, he co-founded LXGNDRY—a clothing line with a core emphasis in creating social impact driven collections and community service—which donates funds to and raises awareness of social initiatives including the Santa Ana Relay for Life, Black Lives Matter, and the Orange County LGBTQ Center. Concurrently, he has worked as Assistant Media Planner for Conill Advertising, a full-service Hispanic Multicultural Advertising Agency, with high profiles client like Toyota and the LA Chargers.

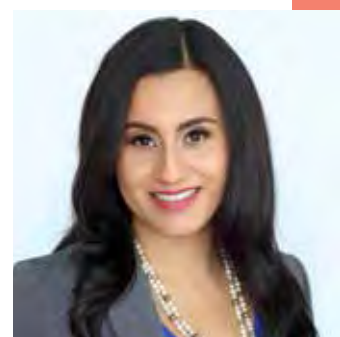
JOSUE ENRIQUEZ, MBA, MS, PE
 UC Los Angeles
 Anderson School of Management
MS and BS, Civil Engineering
 University of Southern California

Josue was deeply affected by the 1992 LA Riots. Not only did he experience them firsthand, but for years he also felt repercussions from the fallout ripple through his community. He became a civil engineer to empower underrepresented communities to reinvent themselves and become self-sustaining, even traveling as far as Honduras with Engineers Without Borders to increase the potable water available to children in Corral de Piedras. He also joined the Riordan Programs, raising more than \$10,000 in scholarship funding and exposed high schoolers to higher education, leadership development and business through the Saturday Business Institute. Having spent more than five years with Arup—the international design firm ranked #14 in the world—and recently completing a Product Manager MBA Internship at Dell, he plans to merge his experience with a solid foundation in business to establish an angel investment firm that cultivates the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in his community.



ZUHEY ESPINOZA, MA
Doctoral (EdD) Candidate in Educational Leadership
 UC Los Angeles
MA, Public and International Affairs
 University of Ottawa
BA, Humanities/English; Chicano Studies Minor
 Loyola Marymount University

One of an extended family of 30, Zuhey's graduation from college was not an expectation, but rather an exception—an unfortunate fact she is committed to changing. She participated in TELACU Programs throughout high school and her undergraduate career before travelling abroad to teach English in Taiwan, conduct research in Mexico City, and study in China, Canada and Sweden. Now back in the States, she is the Director of Policy and Government Relations at CSU Los Angeles, where she lobbies for access and resources at the local, state and federal levels. She has also helped secure \$4 million in federal funding for LA BioSpace—a life science business incubator spurring economic development in the heart of East Los Angeles. With an ultimate goal of eradicating inequality through higher education policy, she hopes to become the youngest Latina CSU President in history!





PAOLA FERNANDEZ, MPP
University of Southern California
BA, International Relations
Minors in Spanish and Social Entrepreneurship
University of Southern California

While working for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Paola was struck by the gender and ethnic inequity in policy-making roles, and decided to earn an MPP to become a policy analyst who protects women's rights, helps eradicate poverty, and supports minority-owned small businesses. A natural leader, she is currently a Young Network Board Member and the Professional Development Director of Latinas Lead California, Director of External Affairs of USC's Graduate Student Government, and Professional Development Co-Chair of the USC Price Latino Association. Most recently, she joined the Leadership for Urban Renewal Network as a Research Fellow, which will support her ultimate goal of representing District 1 on the Los Angeles City Council.

STEPHANIE HARO, BS
PhD Candidate in Speech and Hearing
Bioscience and Technology
Harvard University Graduate School of Arts
and Sciences-Division of Medical Sciences
BS, Electrical Engineering
Brown University

Although her initial transition to college across the country was challenging, Stephanie soon acclimated and began thriving. Engaging in graduate level coursework while still an undergrad, she focused on digital signal processing and medical imaging techniques, and research and development of an automatic infant pain cry detection system for hospitals and a biologically-inspired bat sonar model. Recognizing that she could challenge the perception of minorities and women in engineering, she worked diligently to be the best and most prepared Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Teacher's Assistant at both MIT and Brown.

This is an impressive CV for anyone, especially for a first-generation Latina from Boyle Heights. Now, she is uniquely poised to develop next-generation hearing aids and protection devices as she pursues her PhD at one of the most respected universities in the world—Harvard—and continues her research at MIT Lincoln Labs with funding from the National Science Foundation's prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship Program!



IRMA GORROCINO, BA
Master of Public Administration Candidate
CSU Los Angeles
BA, Journalism and Urban Planning
CSU Northridge

Irma was a struggling college student juggling three part-time jobs when her father was diagnosed with stage 4 multiple myeloma. Helping him navigate the complex health care system, she felt how dehumanizing and demoralizing the bureaucracy in accessing basic health and human services can be—particularly for the socio-economically disadvantaged and communities of color—and she vowed to make a change. She shifted her career path to focus on public service, joining the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority as a Policy Analyst where she helped secure more than \$112 million in HUD funding and coordinated the Regional Homelessness Advisory Council. She was later hired by the Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, climbing the ranks from Caseworker to Senior Field Representative where she now oversees housing and health care issues within the district.

BIANCA LIZARRAGA, MD, MPH
UC Los Angeles
David Geffen School of Medicine
BS, Psychobiology
UC Los Angeles

A participant in TELACU's *Continuum of Education* since 9th grade, Bianca completed UCLA's highly competitive dual-degree PRIME program, which integrates medical education, health disparity courses, community projects and a Master's degree. In addition to her studies, she is currently working on two research projects: one with the Los Angeles Department of Public Health focused on hypertension and blood pressure guidelines for the American Heart Association, and another with the UCLA Hotspotter Program developing a cost-effective system to care for high-utilizing patients.

Dedicated to service and empowerment, she worked as a counselor for pre-medical undergraduate students and was Senior Mentor for the UCLA First-Generation Medical Student Organization—and now she has gone global! After months of planning and fundraising, last summer she traveled to a rural village in Mussotte, Haiti as part of a week-long health fair which provided desperately needed services.

Armed with this extensive experience and her impressive resume, she recently landed a competitive residency where she will begin fulfilling her lifelong dream!



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LIZBETH MARTINEZ, BA
MBA Candidate
Northwestern University
Kellogg School of Management
BA, Business Administration
CSU Fullerton

Lizbeth is committed to opening doors of opportunity. As a DACA student and DREAM Act recipient, she struggled to find Latinx mentors and found her journey toward an MBA very lonely before she discovered a network of support at TELACU. In an effort to serve as a resource for her peers and for younger students, she is Director at Large of CSU Fullerton's Alumni Association, an MBA Prep Fellow with Management Leadership for Tomorrow, and a Big Sister in Orange County. Through her work with UCLA's Anderson School of Management Riordan Programs, she helped fundraise more than \$80,000 for programming, high school mentoring, and scholarships. After completing her MBA, she plans to establish her own scholarship program and advocate for entrepreneurs as a member of the Small Business Administration leadership team.

EMILY MORENO, BS
PhD Candidate in Biomedical Engineering
UC Davis
BS, Bioengineering
UC San Diego

A Toyota/TELACU Undergrad Scholar, Emily is passionate about applying engineering innovation to combat the number one leading cause of death in the U.S.—cardiovascular disease. Despite taking on increasing responsibilities, including an Undergraduate Research position in the UCSD Cardiology Lab, her GPA continually improved. Former Outreach Chair of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, she was last year's Bioengineering Team Lead on the design and construction of a low-cost and safe ECG machine, as well as a collaborator on the design of a portable solar-powered medical refrigeration system for use in third-world countries. She is also a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society and a UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering IDEA Scholar. This summer, she tested and repaired donated medical equipment, ranging from centrifuge to ultrasound machines, as Bio-Tech Engineer Intern at Giving Children Hope, a non-profit organization that works to alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, through disaster relief and community development. She is now pursuing her PhD with the goal of becoming an interventional cardiology research and development team lead in the medical device industry.



LILIANA MONTES DE OCA, BS
Master of Mechanical Engineering Candidate
CSU Fullerton
BS, Mechanical Engineering
CSU Los Angeles

Though Liliana was a TELACU Scholar and received more than 10 additional scholarships, she worked 30-hour weeks to help support her family throughout her undergraduate career. Despite juggling so many responsibilities, she completed her rigorous Bachelor's degree in just four years and graduated in the top 5% of her class! She is now gaining technical experience with industry software including AutoCAD, Bluebeam, and Energy Pro as a Junior Project Engineer at Optimum Energy Design where she supports jobs ranging from school and tenant improvement to commercial building. Earning a Master's will empower her to pursue her passion to design efficient systems that reduce harmful emissions and ensure public health, safety, and welfare.

FRANCISCO MOXO GALICIA, BS
Master of Mechanical Engineering Candidate
CSU Los Angeles
BS, Mechanical Engineering
CSU Los Angeles

Francisco is the eldest of seven siblings and first college graduate in his family! Eager to share his knowledge and the skills and training he acquired as an undergraduate TELACU Scholar, he has served as an ITS Trainer Assistant and an Instructional Student Assistant at CSU Los Angeles, as well as a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Students United to Reach Goals in Education, and the Society of Hispanic Engineers. As Mechanical Lead in the Haptic Development Lab, he worked on proprietary VR technology using SolidWorks to model components for 3-D printer fabrication. Through the Teleoperations Robot Project, he led the development, design and testing of a Wi-Fi accessible autonomous robot that demonstrated human characteristics. He hopes to combine these hands-on experiences with his education to one-day build robots that will advance space exploration.





JENNIFER PERDOMO, BS
Medical Degree Candidate
 University of Southern California
 Keck School of Medicine
 BS, Biology
 Mount St. Mary's University

Jennifer's education and community clinic experience through the Keck Primary Care Program are preparing her to become a health care leader in underserved communities. Committed to inspiring the next generation, she served as Co-Chair of USC's Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) where she mentored undergraduate students and, through its *Educación Primero* Program, exposed Latinx elementary school students to careers in the medical field. While studying for boards and preparing to transition into clinical rotations, she is working with her research team to publish their findings regarding perceived barriers and potential solutions to medication adherence in Latinx patients with diabetes.



AARÓN RUVALCABA, MBA
 Purdue University
 Krannert School of Management
 BA, Political Economy
 UC Berkeley

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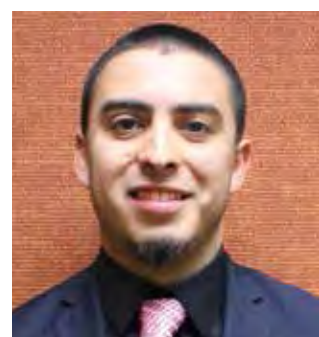


ESAU TORRES, BA
MBA Candidate
 Northwestern University
 Kellogg School of Management
 BA, Business Administration
 CSU Fullerton

Esau is passionate about increasing Latinx representation in business and influencing systemic positive change from within. As a Google Cloud Program Manager, he developed initiatives to facilitate access to innovative technologies across Mexico—an experience he plans to build on with his MBA. His ultimate goal is to create a data-driven ad-tech company that develops market insights on diverse subsets of Latinx, leveraging market insights, such as how age and cultural demographics influence buying behaviors, to help companies improve their engagement with Latinx consumers via digital channels. He is also dedicated to giving back as a Mentor with the San Francisco State Buddy Program and as a Basic Tax Preparer with Mission Economic Development Agency.

JOSHUA DAVID VILLALOBOS, MS
Mechanical Engineering
 Loyola Marymount University
 BS, Mechanical Engineering
 Loyola Marymount University

As a Toyota/TELACU Undergraduate Scholar at LMU, Joshua was accepted into the accelerated 4+1 program, enabling him to earn his Master's just one year after completing his Bachelor's! While on this educational fast track, he also served as Vice President of Recruitment at Delta Sigma Phi and was both an Edison International and LMU Latino Alumni Association Scholar. He gained valuable hands-on experience as a summer research assistant, conducting tensile strength testing on heat treated metal samples and compiling data, and through his work with Engineers Without Borders where he helped design hydrophobic houses for the homeless. Currently, he is a Design and Engineering Intern at Morf3D, responsible for inspecting 3D printed parts to ensure all dimensional accuracy, thicknesses and tolerances are met. His ultimate goal is to become a mechanical engineer in JPL's research and development department.



ROXXETTE LEZLY ZEPEDA, MSN
 UC Los Angeles
 BS, Public Health
 CSU Northridge

Roxxette's ultimate goal is to become a NICU nurse and researcher to care for the world's tiniest patients and help prevent infants from developing critical diseases before birth. A proponent of higher education, she is also writing a resource book, "*Si Se Puede Ir Al Colegio*", to help Latinx navigate the educational system in the United States and attain college degrees. She is an active member of Global Action in Nursing (GAIN)—an open forum for the UCLA nursing community to enhance knowledge and participation in global health—as well as an Educational Opportunity Programs Peer Mentor for incoming freshmen at CSU Northridge.



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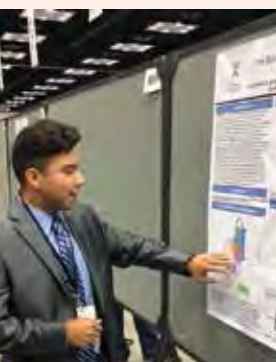
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was able to purchase a
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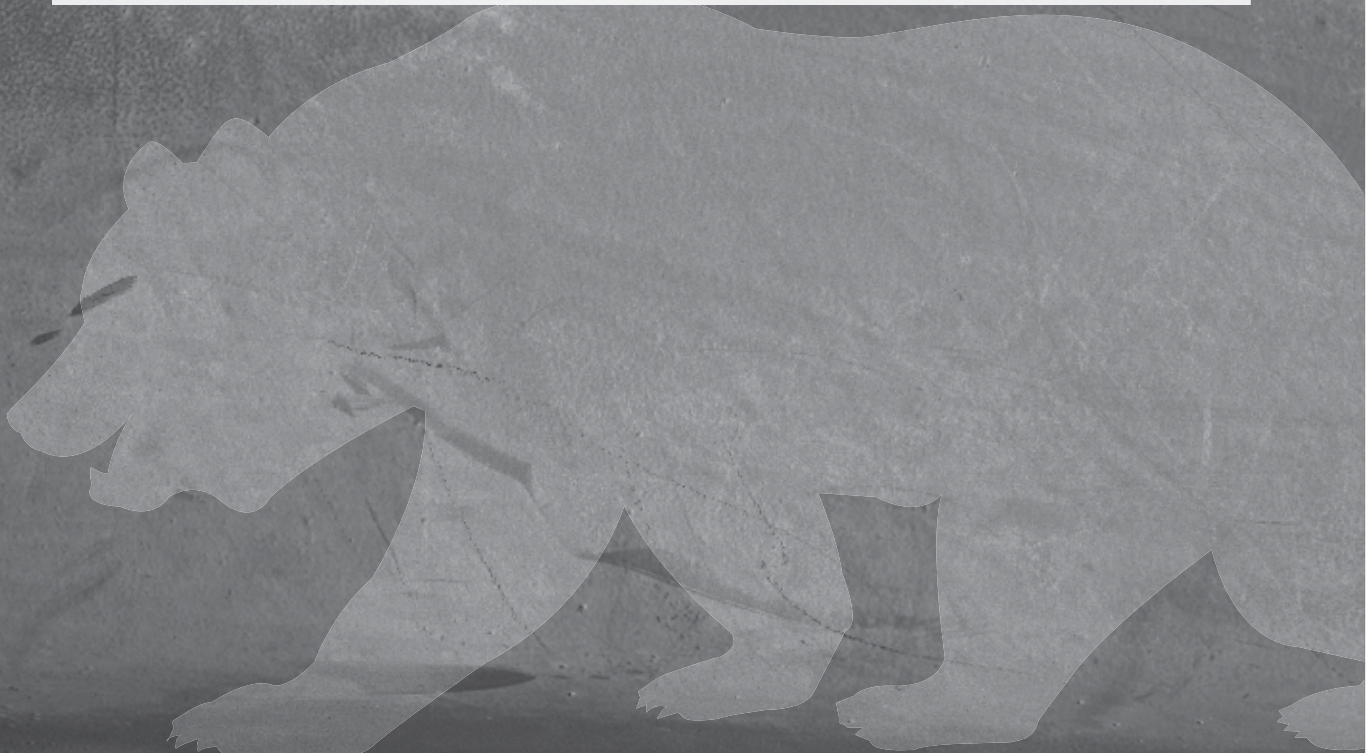
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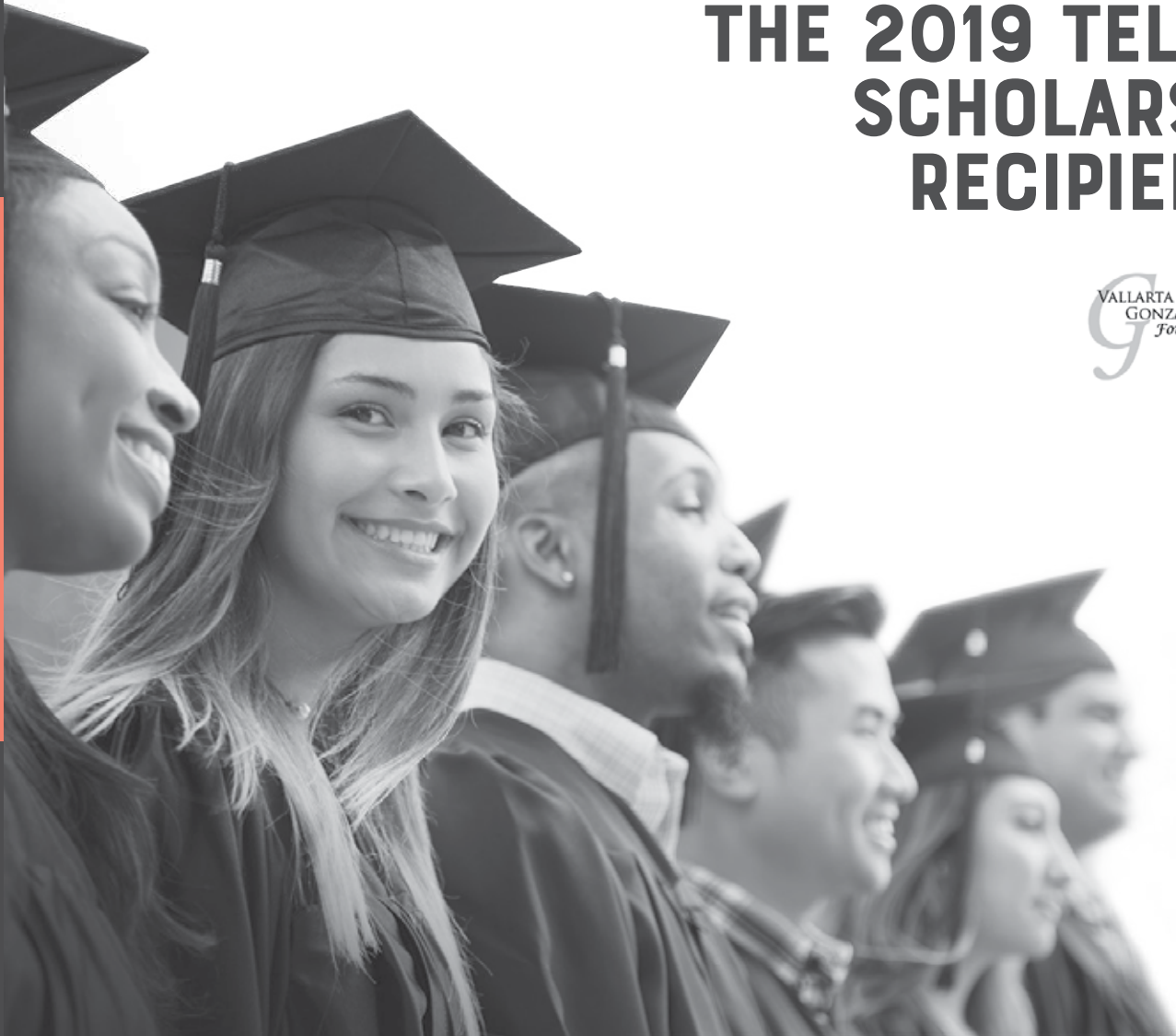
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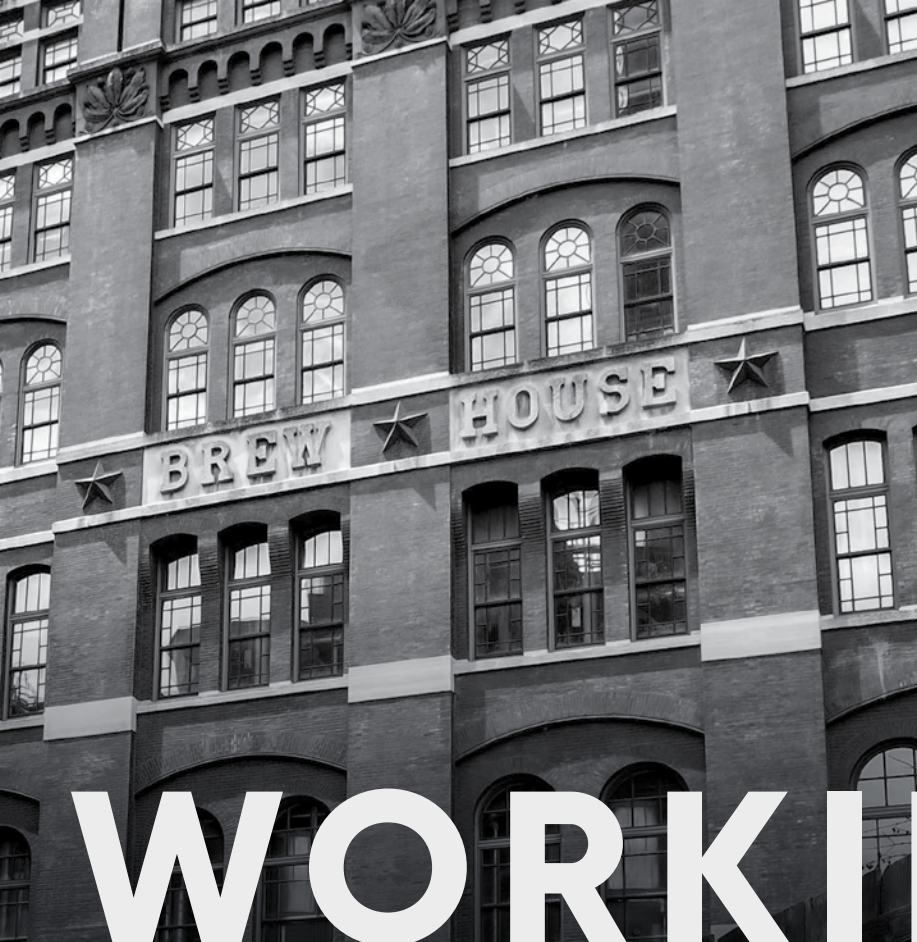
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