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ESSAY CONTEST

ANNUAL STATEWIDE WRITING CONTEST FOR LATINO STUDENTS

Topic: "Write about a Latino(a) leader and why you admire him/her"

The Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition invites Latino students throughout the Commonwealth to participate in a statewide writing contest. They will have an opportunity to submit essays on the topic: "Write about a Latino(a) leader and why you admire him/her" The winners, together with their parents, will be invited to the Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which will be held **October 6-8, 2005**.

ESSAY CONTEST PRIZES/AWARDS

There shall be three categories of winners: 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades. Prizes will be awarded as follows: **FIRST PLACE WINNER** in each category \$500. **SECOND PLACE WINNER** in each category: \$300. **THIRD PLACE WINNER** in each category \$100. All participants will receive a certificate of participation for submitting an essay.

Entries must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2005.

Winners will be notified no later than September 30, 2005.

For further information, please contact Dr. Francisco Alarcón at 724-357-2206 or by e-mail at falarcon@iup.edu.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOMED!

PSLC is once again inviting 11th and 12th grade students to participate in its conference. The conference has always had a special emphasis on the education of Latino youth. PSLC feels that students will benefit greatly from the experience of interacting with peers from other areas of the state, as well as from the uplifting and motivating experience from attending the conference activities. Contact us for information on how your school can participate.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Pre-conference events by invitation only.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Gala

Yerbabuena is a collective of individuals who come together to play the music that they love. It is composed of musicians from the New York City area, who share an intense passion for the musical traditions of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Community Night

Join us as we visit the Harrisburg's Latino Community.

The Pablo Perez Project is a ten piece salsa band led by Pablo, an explosive percussionist born to Puerto Rican parents and raised in the streets of "Jersey". The band lights up the dance floor Puerto Rican/Afro Cuban influenced rhythms that will knock you off your feet!



"10 Años Después: Creando Literato y Exigiendo Responsabilidad para Crear Cambio Social"

OCTOBER 6-8, 2005

Hilton Harrisburg & Towers
Harrisburg, PA

10 Years Later:
Providing Leadership and
Demanding Accountability to
Create Social Change



PSLC 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mission Statement

The Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition (PSLC) is a non-profit, non-partisan alliance of Latino leaders, organizations, community activists, students, and individuals that serves as a statewide institutional catalyst for positive social change and political advancement. Its primary purpose is to analyze issues of common concern to Latino communities throughout the Commonwealth and develop strategies for espousing and advocating a Latino perspective before the various levels of government, the private sector and other relevant institutions.

2005 PSLC Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

8:00 AM–6:00 PM Registration
 7:00 AM–12:00 PM Exhibit Set-up
 10:00 AM–3:00 PM Community Job Fair
 1:00 PM–5:30 PM Exhibit Display
 12:00 PM–2:00 PM Luncheon/Opening Plenary
 2:15 PM–3:45 PM Panel/Workshops
 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Panel/Workshops
 5:30 PM–7:00 PM General Networking
 Session/Latino Art Exhibit
 7:00 PM–9:30 PM Reception/Visit to Harrisburg's Latino Community

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

8:00 AM–4:00 PM Registration
 8:30 AM–10:00 AM Latinas' Breakfast
 8:30 AM–4:00 PM Exhibit Display
 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Student Jam (High School/College/University)
 10:00 AM–11:30 AM Regional Caucuses/Plenary
 11:45 AM–12:30 PM Student Essay Contest Ceremony
 12:30 PM–2:30 PM Leadership Luncheon
 2:30 PM–3:45 PM Panel/Workshops
 4:00–6:00 PM Student Summit
 4:00 PM Exhibit Tear-down
 6:00 PM–7:30 PM Sponsor/Partners Thank You Reception (by special invitation only)
 7:30 PM–9:30 PM Gala Dinner
 9:30 PM–1:00 AM Gala Celebration

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Brunch & Closing Summit

For more detailed information visit our website: www.pslconline.org

WORKSHOPS (list incomplete)

Leadership Program Models from across PA: Developing Latino Leaders to ensure our future (CBO/Youth)

Join our panel of statewide experts as they share successful leadership development models. This session will provide participants with an in-depth dialogue on the importance of using a proactive approach to develop our communities' future leaders. This presents an opportunity for both youth and service providers to hear from the best in PA.

Attacks on Immigrant and Latinos Today: Patriot Act, Minutemen (Political)

If you were part of last year's discussion on the growing tensions across the country towards immigrants, particularly Latinos you do not want to miss this session. This workshop will not only serve as a continuation of the 2004 discussion but will also cover how the Patriot Act and anti-immigrant groups such as the Minuteman are creating a hostile environment for the growing Latino community.

Predatory Lending: Barrier to Homeownership for Latinos (Economic)

There has been national, state and local legislation to curtail the predatory lending practices currently impacting Latino homebuyers. Why is it that we are more likely to purchase a home with the most expensive mortgage products? This session would provide participants with key information on these practices and strategies to protect individuals and families targeted by these lenders. This illegal practice can be stopped if we are aware of our options.

My Parents Can't Afford it: How to pay for college (CBO/Youth)

Do you want to go to college and/or know somebody who does? The ever-growing Latino population represents 15.1% of the college-age population and 12% of all undergraduates in U.S. colleges and universities. Nonetheless, less than a 25% of Latino students ages 18 through 24 are enrolled in postsecondary institutions. The most common barrier is often cited as financial constraints. This workshop will feature a panel of Financial Aid professionals that would share their expertise and strategies on ways to help eliminate this barrier and make a college education accessible.

Political Empowerment (Political/Policy)

Activism, Leadership, Accountability and Responsibility are terms that immediately come to mind when we think about vital qualities for our elected officials. This session is designed to provide participants with a nuts and bolts look at political empowerment and practical contributions we can make to support our communities in this process.

Medicaid Workshop (Health)

Our Medicaid system is drastically changing and facing major budgetary cuts. Keystone Mercy Health Plan and other providers have joined forces to provide participants with vital information on how to navigate this system and access health care services.

Voting Rights Reauthorization (Political/Policy)

Our vote is our voice! This year marks the 40-year anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Voting is a fundamental right given to all citizens by the Fifteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Every citizen has the right to cast a vote and have their voice heard. It is imperative that Latinos understand the reauthorization process and its possible impact on our communities. Aware of this need, the Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition (PSLC) is bringing together a diverse group of organizations for a comprehensive nonpartisan discussion on the VRA.

My history and why it relates to me today (Youth/Culture)

Really? I didn't know that! We all have heard that at least once before when we share something about our history and culture. Isn't it neat when you school a friend on your history? This session has been designed to discuss the importance of knowing our history and how that knowledge can positively impact our self-confidence and leadership skills.

Worker Rights (Policy)

As members of the workforce, it is important that we know our rights. This workshop will provide participants with an overview of your legal rights as an employee as well as a discussion/case review where employers have engaged in worker rights' violations. This panel brings together lawyers, activists and union representatives to discuss labor laws such as overtime and workers' compensation, minimum wage, on the job safety and other issues affecting Latinos workers.

No Child Left Behind Act: What does it mean for our children? (Policy/Education)

"No Child Left Behind" legislation supporters have made a series of claims about its positive impact on students, parents, educators and schools, especially in poor communities. This workshop will cover key provisions of this act and discuss opportunities for the Latino community to use this law to improve educational outcomes for Latino students.

REGISTRATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
 October 6–8, 2005

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

(Please type or print clearly. Complete a separate form for each individual. Photocopies accepted.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Company/Organization/School		Title	
Work Address	City	State	Zip Code
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REGISTRATION PACKAGE

(Check Package Desired)

	ATTENDEE RATE	COLLEGE STUDENT RATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Three-Day Package	\$ 150	\$ 65
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Only	\$ 95	\$ 45
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only	\$ 140	\$ 65
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner/Gala Dance	\$ 80	—
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala Dance Only	\$ 15	\$ 15
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Students: Friday only - 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM		\$ 50

No refunds will be permitted unless requested and received in writing before 9/30/05. On-site registration will begin on October 6, 2005.

**Mail checks payable to:
 PSLC Conference 2005
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**Deadline for submission of artwork:
 September 16, 2005.**
 There will be a \$75 set-up charge for work not camera-ready.

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