



## CELEBRACIÓN AND SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



*Excelencia* in Education aims to accelerate higher education success for Latino students. By linking research, policy and practice, *Excelencia* serves Latino students and the institutions and programs where they participate. A 501(c)(3) organization, *Excelencia* is building a network of results-oriented educators and policymakers focused on policies and institutional practices to increase academic achievement for Latino students and strengthen the country's human capital.

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 **EXAMPLES OF**  
*Excelencia!*  
2007 ★ LOS ANGELES, CA



# Examples of *Excelencia Celebración*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007  
5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

THE MILLENNIUM BILTMORE HOTEL  
506 South Grand Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

## Presentation of the 2007 Examples of *Excelencia*

### **ASSOCIATE LEVEL**

#### **Enlace Program**

Evergreen Valley College (CA)

### **BACCALAUREATE LEVEL**

#### **Compact for Success**

San Diego State University (CA)

### **GRADUATE LEVEL**

**Psychological Services for Spanish Speaking  
Populations Program (PSSSP)**

#### **Department of Psychology**

Our Lady of the Lake University (TX)

## Associate Level

### SEMI-FINALIST

- Montgomery Scholars Program – *Montgomery College (MD)*  
Transitional Bilingual Learning Community –  
*Truman College (IL)*  
Case Management Approach to Academic Advising  
Program – *South Texas College (TX)*

### HONORABLE MENTION

- Digital Bridge Academy – *Cabrillo College (CA)*  
Rising Star Scholarship Program – *Dallas County  
Community College (TX)*  
First Year Experience – *El Camino College (CA)*  
Middle College High School – *San Bernardino Valley  
College (CA)*

## Baccalaureate Level

### SEMI-FINALIST

- Mathematics Intensive Summer Session – *California State  
University, Fullerton (CA)*  
Proyecto Pa'Lante – *Northeastern Illinois University (IL)*  
Office of Premedical Education Program – *The University of  
Texas at Brownsville (TX)*  
Access College and Excel – *The University of Texas at  
San Antonio (TX)*  
Bronx Institute ENLACE Latino Collegiate Society –  
*Lehman College-CUNY (NY)*  
Mother-Daughter Program – *University of Texas at El Paso (TX)*

### HONORABLE MENTION

- Culturally Responsive Special Education/ESL Program –  
*Brigham Young University (UT)*  
Opening the Pipeline/Closing the Gaps – *Texas A&M  
Corpus Christi (TX)*  
College Academy for Parents – *The University of Arizona (AZ)*  
Language Development Access the Discipline Program –  
*Universidad del Sagrado Corazón (PR)*

## Graduate Level

### SEMI-FINALIST

- IE Pre-Graduate School Internship Program –  
*The University of Texas at Austin (TX)*  
Puerto Rican/Latino Studies Project – *University of  
Connecticut (CT)*

More information about these effective programs and departments can be found in *What Works for Latino Students in Higher Education: 2007 Compendium* at [www.EdExcelencia.org](http://www.EdExcelencia.org)

## Excelencia Symposium

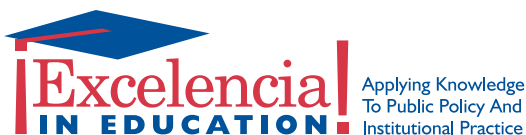
OCTOBER 10 FROM 8:00AM TO NOON,  
THE MILLENNIUM BILTMORE HOTEL

## TRANSLATING COLLEGE ACCESS INTO SUCCESS FOR LATINO STUDENTS

Dewayne Matthews of the Lumina Foundation for Education and Sarita Brown, president of *Excelencia* in Education will share early results of an ongoing study of higher education's capacity and affordability to serve Latino students. Critical to access is outreach. This study includes assessments of U.S. higher education's place in the world and the metrics to assess the impact of major efforts throughout the country in reaching Latino college-going students and their families.

The following panel will spotlight the 2007 Examples of *Excelencia*. Representatives from the 2007 associate, baccalaureate and graduate level award winning programs and departments will describe how they achieve positive results for Latino students and suggest ways their tactics and strategies may be adapted to meet the needs of other communities throughout the country.

The final segment will begin with highlights from the ACT report, *State of College Readiness for Latino Students*. Deborah Santiago, vice president of policy and research at *Excelencia* in Education, will follow by presenting findings from *Voces (Voices): A Profile of Today's Latino College Students*. This new research blends analyses of national statistics and data derived from student focus groups.



**Excelencia in Education** was founded in 2004 with the aim of accelerating Latino student achievement in higher education. By 2025, 22 percent of the U.S. college-age population will be Latino, a level already reached in four states: California, Florida, New York, and Texas. Meeting the country's future human capital and workforce needs make it imperative to improve outcomes for Latino students today. As public attention is focused on current achievement gaps, educators and policymakers search for what they can do to improve education outcomes for Latino students. Finding this information is difficult.

**Excelencia in Education** responds to this challenge through research, analysis, and pragmatic initiatives that advance practices and policies that support Latino student achievement in colleges and universities. Premiere in this effort is *Examples of Excelencia*, a national campaign to systematically identify and honor programs and departments boosting Latino enrollment, performance and graduation.

Annually *Excelencia* asks higher education stakeholders to nominate programs or departments at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate levels. Recognizing the importance of evidence-based evaluation, *Excelencia* staff developed a multi-step review and selection process enhanced by the expertise of the following experts who serve on the *Examples of Excelencia* selection committee: MARGARITA BENITEZ, *Excelencia's* EXITO (Excellent Ideas Transform Outcomes) Taskforce

JACQUELINE E. KING, *Director*, Center for Policy Analysis, American Council on Education

MARIA VALLEJO, *Provost*, Palm Beach Community College and *Past President*, National Community College Hispanic Council

BRUCE VANDAL, *Director*, Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development Institute Education Commission of the States

ARTURO VARGAS, *President*, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund

**Nominations for the 2008 Examples of Excelencia may be made on line beginning on January 2, 2008 thorough April 30, 2008 at [www.edexcelencia.org/programs/examples](http://www.edexcelencia.org/programs/examples)**

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