View this email in your browser

Welcome you to the Spring 2026 edition of The LatinEd Connection!

Spring is a season of renewal and momentum. Across the country, our LNESC education centers are hard at work helping students and families navigate students for graduation, learning to college plans, and gearing up for summer programs.

We hope this edition enlightens you on all that's happening in our communities as we move into the warmer months!

IN THIS EDITION

Que Pasa: Updates and Happenings at LNESC

- LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) Application Closes
- Leading and Learning through AT&T Digital Library
- Ford Ayuda Tech Scholarship Launch
- LNESC Dallas Champions Ethical AI with Innovative Partnership

Connecting Community to Education: LNESC in the Field

- LNESC El Paso Inspires Academic Excellence
- LNESC Vancouver's Springtime Stars & Graduate Pride

Listens in Action: Rising Stars of LNESC

- 2026 Ford Philanthropy Scholarship Recipients

College Cues: Tips for Student Readiness

- Preparing for End-of-Year Activities and Summer Break

Parent Forum: Strategies for Student Success

- Inspiring a Meaningful End-of-Year and Summer Break

Que Pasa: Updates and Happenings at LNESC

LULAC National Scholarship Fund Application Closes

The LULAC National Scholarship Fund (LNSF) application officially closed on March 31, 2026.

We extend our sincere thanks to every student who applied, as well as our partners in the LULAC Councils, corporate partners, and staff whose dedication makes this program possible.

In 1975, LNESC and LULAC established the LULAC National Scholarship Fund to help students turn the dream of college education into reality. The LNSF program is a unique collaboration between grassroots advocates and corporate partners, working together to fund scholarships that remove financial barriers and expand access to college and support access to higher education nationwide.

For 2025–2026, LNESC, in collaboration with 89 LULAC Councils across the country and corporate partners, awarded $776,000 in scholarships to over 1,000 students.

Since its inception, the LNSF program has awarded over $22 million in scholarships to over 40,000 students — helping make higher education more accessible for thousands of families.

Awardees for the 2026–2027 cycle will be contacted directly by LNESC beginning in June 15.

In the meantime, you can explore this year's LNSF impact Report and eligibility for future cycles on the LNSF webpage.

Leading and Learning through AT&T Digital Literacy

Our AT&T Connected Learning programming has had a strong start this year!

From January through March, we facilitated over 75 workshops across all centers and reached over 1,800 participants. With our new added workshop series, Lifelong Learning, we fulfill the need for professional, social, and technology development for learners of all ages.

On April 16, 2026, LNESC hosted "Cybersecurity: Protect Yourself Online," our final cybersecurity workshop of the spring, in collaboration with AT&T Connected Learning.

The workshop was led by Gabbie Segovia-Ortiz, Program Coordinator, Alejandro Ríos & Programs Coordinator, and Vivian Llanes Bonjoc, Special Projects Intern at the LNESC National Office.

They walked participants through real-world digital safety exercises, building stronger passwords, and more. Ultimately, the session brought together 100 participants from across the country.

We're excited to continue bridging the digital literacy divide in coming weeks!

Up next, mark your calendar for our Basics of LinkedIn workshop on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**. To learn more and RSVP, click here.

Attendees will be entered into a raffle for gift cards worth $100, $75, $50 and $25. "Must attend the full session and complete the post-event survey to qualify.

To stay connected on upcoming workshops, be sure to follow us on social media @LNESC.

Ford Ayuda Tech Scholarship Launch

We're excited to announce that the Ford Ayuda Tech Scholarship Program is officially open!

Ford Philanthropy in collaboration with Ford Dealers, is proud to support the next generation of automotive technicians by offering 50,000 scholarships to students pursuing careers in automotive and diesel technology.

This needs-based award is awarded directly to the student's school and may be used for tuition, tools, credentialing fees, transportation, and more.

Through its partnership with Ford Philanthropy and the TechForce Foundation, LNESC continues to invest in students and make the dream of college a reality!

Eligibility

✓ Needs-based scholarship: Students must have a completed FAFSA form

✓ U.S. citizen or permanent resident

✓ Enrolled accredited student in good standing at an eligible post-secondary institution

✓ Plan to use the scholarship in the Eligibility section tags.

CREATE YOUR PROFILE AND APPLY NOW

Questions? Attend Our Upcoming Info Session

The virtual session will take place **Thursday, May 21 at 4 pm PT / 6 pm MT / 8 pm CT / 7 pm ET**.

To **RSVP, scan the QR code** or click here.

Our Programs Manager at LNESC Dallas, Roger Romero, will be available to answer any questions about the scholarship and application process.

Be bonus: We're raffling off $25 VISA gift cards to two lucky attendees of our info session!

For updates on future info sessions, follow us on social media @LNESC.

Ford Philanthropy

LNESC Dallas Champions Ethical AI with Innovative Partnership

This year, LNESC Dallas partnered with 4 Essentials, an organization that equips students and educators with hands-on, ethical AI literacy.

The mission of 4 Essentials is to advance AI literacy as an asset for students to amplify their creativity, productivity, and career growth throughout their education. This is precisely what competitive the collaboration between 4 Essentials and LNESC Dallas's TRIO program students.

"We were wrestling with how we were going to introduce the concepts of AI, especially the ethical.

We wanted [students] to learn how they're already being impacted and also what they can do to become part of the community that's developing the future of AI."

— Ray de los Santos, Director, LNESC Dallas

Students came away with more than new skills. They came away with a different relationship with AI tools.

One student reflected on using AI to break down college-level material:

> *"I would actively ask it questions and say, accommodate to Economics 1301, or explain it to me like I was in elementary school.*
>
> *It really helped me understand the principles."*
>
> — LNESC Dallas TRIO student

Another spoke to how AI opened support outside of the classroom:

> *"Let's say I'm doing homework late at night and it can't contact anyone. I'm not going to wake my teacher up.*
>
> *It's here to stay, and I think it's better for all of us to know how to properly use it."*
>
> — LNESC Dallas TRIO student

This collaboration reflects how making technology accessible is key to allowing every student to reach their highest potential. To watch the full video, click here.

Connecting the Community to Education: LNESC in the Field

LNESC El Paso

Over at LNESC El Paso, the Talent Search team has been keeping students connected to college pathways through a busy spring of career and campus exploration.

Talent Search students from Bel Air High School toured New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), giving them an up-close look at two campuses many will consider in year ahead.

Read more here

LNESC Vancouver

In Vancouver, students wrapped up a spring full of meaningful programming, highlighted by a standout Upward Bound college tour and a new generation of student leaders stepping up across the centers.

This year's Spring Break College Tour was a transformational milestone for LNESC Vancouver's Upward Bound program and the students it serves.

Read more here

Listens in Action: Rising Stars of LNESC

In this edition, we are proud to spotlight two of this year's Ford Philanthropy Scholarship recipients.

Each scholar has been awarded a scholarship ranging from $1,500 to $10,000 to support their studies in STEM, particularly high-demand automotive fields.

These are the stories of students building the future of STEM, and we're proud to be part of it.

Elisha Ekukodun, Computer Science, Howard University

Elisha's journey into STEM attends the kind of technical impact the Ford Philanthropy Scholarship was designed to support. The scholarship has allowed him to focus fully on his studies as he pursues a Computer Science degree at Howard University in Washington, DC and prepares an working career in today's dynamic tech industry.

> *"The Ford Philanthropy Scholarship has significantly supported my academic journey by easing the financial burden on my family. As a student, this support has helped cover part of my tuition for the Spring 2026 semester and reduced my overall financial burden, allowing me to focus on academic success and achieve my goals."*
>
> *My parents have been my biggest motivation, and their sacrifices have made my path clearly committed to my education.*
>
> *The scholarship has also strengthened my long-term goal to pursue a career in software engineering and leverage technology for meaningful impact.*
>
> *My advice to future applicants is to be honest about their story and apply with confidence. Opportunities like this can truly make a difference."*
>
> — Elisha Ekukodun, Computer Science, Howard University

Shah Mohammad Samiul Huda, Mechanical Engineering, Western Michigan University

Shah Mohammad Samiul Huda is a junior Mechanical Engineering student at Western Michigan University, where he maintains a 4.0 GPA. He has combined academic excellence with hands-on engineering experience through his work with the Formula Racing team, where he has helped design and manufacture suspension components for the Racing team while he maintained undergraduates at the university.

On campus, he also supports his peers as a Statics course learning assistant and has taken on leadership roles as Student Supervisor at Flossie's Cafe, Orientation Student Leader, and Fall Welcome Ambassador. Shah Mohammad was recently recognized as a Barron's Scholar for Sustainable Impact Winner.

> *"I'm honored to share that I've been selected as a Ford Philanthropy Scholar, with the scholarship administered by LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNESC).*
>
> *This scholarship is more than financial support, as it motivates me to continue pushing myself technically and professionally as I prepare for a career in engineering.*
>
> *I'm grateful to Ford Philanthropy and LNESC for investing in students and creating pathways for future engineers and leaders."*
>
> — Shah Mohammad Samiul Huda, Western Michigan University

We are proud to support students like these as they continue to build their paths in STEM, and we look forward to seeing all that they accomplish in the years ahead!

College Cues: Tips for Student Readiness

Spring moves fast. One week you are deep in finals, the next you are staring down three open months of summer. How you spend the next few weeks shapes how ready you feel when the fall semester poles back up.

Summer is more than a break. If used well, it is a chance to level a career path, strengthen a skill you have been putting off, or take the kind of real-life return you to the fall semester stronger. The key is to move through this stretch with intention.

Below, you will find a few ways to set yourself up for a brighter, more fruitful summer!

Close Out the School Year with Intention

Before you start mapping out your summer, finish the school year the right way. Turn in the last assignments, return what you borrowed, and give yourself a few minutes to reflect on how you completed the semester.

This Spring Tips Sheet has complete 10 reflection activity sheet worth exploring.

A short end-of-year reflection can be surprisingly useful. Ask yourself: What survived this semester? What didn't? Where did I lose time, and where did I grow the most? According to the Harvard Graduate School of Education, research shows that the more often you monitor your progress, the greater the likelihood that you will succeed.

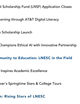
Read more here

Parent Forum: Strategies for Student Success

Spring brings both celebration and pressure. Finals, graduations, proms, and college decisions often land in the same two weeks. For parents, this is the season where being steady matters most. A calm presence at home can make the difference between your child finishing the year stressed or finishing it strong.

Below, you will find a few ways to help your child close out the school year well and step into a summer with real substance.

Help Your Student Shine and Succeed



End-of-year functions are common: Finals, projects, graduations, proms, and more. For your child, this is an emotional weight of ending a chapter, whether it is middle school, high school, or college, can make the final stretch feel harder than the rest of the year.

The best thing you can do is help your child maintain their routine. This means getting regular sleep, balanced meals, and quiet study time. Of course, this foundation can matter more than any last-minute cram session.

This article offers tips and tricks on how to create that priority-based schedule without school in session.

Read more here

Support LNESC

Your contributions are what help us continue with our educational and leadership programs. Together we can continue making an impact in our communities.

Support LNESC today by making a donation.

DONATE NOW

About LNESC

For more information, visit the LNESC website.

LNESC
LULAC NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

Established in 1975, LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNESC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides scholarships, educational programming, resources, and leadership development to students across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The mission of LNESC is to advance educational excellence and leadership development through high-impact programs that remove barriers and create meaningful opportunities. We build our community's strength by empowering students to reach their highest potential.

Copyright © 2026 LULAC National Educational Service Centers, All rights reserved.

Unsubscribe from this list | Update your preferences

Make sure you receive email updates from LNESC.
Add info@lnesc.org to your approved senders list.

This email was sent to: htokhi@lnesc.org.
Click here to unsubscribe from email sent by LNESC.

LULAC National Educational Services Centers, Inc.
1150 18th St NW, Suite 650 | Washington, DC 20036

Powered by ARCOS | Design by Plus Three