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We welcome you to the Fall 2024 edition of The LatinEd Connection!

The golden leaves of autumn bring with it the celebration of our own golden milestones in our programming and partnerships. We're especially keen to highlight how our centers are bringing higher education and skill development to life. This includes LNESC Kansas' immersive college tour experience in Texas. You can also read about how LNESC is offering tailored tutoring designed to meet the unique needs of each Upward Bound student.

In the [Fall 2024 edition](#) of our Que Pasa section, we spotlight the latest in scholarships, opportunities and more. We're thrilled to share the impact of the recent Washington Leadership Seminar (WYLS), where young leaders from across the nation convened in Washington, D.C. for workshops on leadership, advocacy, and career development. The program was a great success, and one could definitely say that they arrived as young leaders and left as trailblazers!

This is also the perfect time to introduce two exceptional young leaders from WYLS. In our Líderes in Action section, you can discover how Khyaair Tyler and Xavier Rodriguez Villanueva arrived fittingly to WYLS 2024 as rising stars and left shining brighter than ever.

Our College Cues section highlights civic engagement as a powerful way for students to build essential life skills while uplifting communities in need. These meaningful experiences provide lessons that resonate far beyond the classroom.

As we settle into sweater season, we hope this issue warmly illuminates the lasting impact of the LNESC mission.

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Ford Philanthropy Scholarship

LNESC is excited to announce the new [Ford Philanthropy Scholarship](#)! The program helps support college juniors and seniors preparing for careers in the growing fields of Electric Vehicles and Advanced Manufacturing. The opportunity provides



the financial support necessary to help alleviate some of the financial burdens students may face, allowing them to concentrate on their studies and skill development. Qualified applicants are eligible to receive \$10,000 scholarships.



For consideration of the program, applicants must meet the criteria below:

- Must major in Computer Science, Data Science, Electrical Engineering, Mech Engineering, or Software Engineering
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Must attend an accredited college or university **full-time** within 60 miles of or following areas: Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Dallas, TX; Detroit, Kansas City, MO; Memphis, TN; Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ; or Seattle, WA.

Students who are interested in applying should visit the [Ford Philanthropy Scholar](#) on the LNESC website for more details.

To apply, please click here

NBCUniversal Media Scholarship





In partnership with [NBCUniversal](#), LNESC awarded ten (10) \$5,000 scholarships to sophomores and juniors for the 2024-2025 academic year. The program aims to empower future leaders in the media and entertainment industry by providing financial assistance to students pursuing four-year degrees from universities across Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Texas.

NBCUniversal has funded the program since 2015, giving financial support to high performing college sophomores and juniors. Since its inception, LNESC has awarded \$500,000 in scholarships to 100 students from throughout the nation.

2024-25 NBCUniversal Media Scholarship Recipients

 Emma Balleste University of Miami Broadcast Journalism	 Catalina Bencardino Florez Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute Film/TV Acting	 Emily Delamora Loras College Creative Media and Marketing	 Vallerie Garcia Fashion Institute of Technology Fashion Design	 Michael University of G... Film and
 Emily Morales Cleveland State University Film and Media Arts	 Javier Rodriguez University of Illinois at Chicago Film and Media Arts	 Gabriel Salazar University of Northern Iowa Digital Media Production and Political Communication	 Gabriela Vargas Jimenez Dean College Dance and Health & Society	 Abraham University of... Radio-Te

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This scholarship does not only represent so much to me, it represents a lot for my family.

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As a first-generation college student, financial concerns often weigh heavily on my mind as I...

With the soaring prices of tuition, this scholarship helped relieve a great financial burden.

I am so excited to continue to learn and grow in my broadcast journalism studies and can't wait to see what the future holds.

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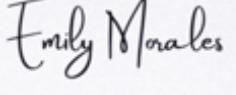
University of Miami,
Broadcast Journalism

navigate my educational journey.

Throughout my time at school, I have balanced multiple jobs alongside my studies and leadership roles on campus to ensure my financial stability.

Thanks to the generous support from this scholarship, I feel more empowered to pursue my dreams in the Film and Media industry without the added stress of financial burdens.

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Cleveland State University,
Film and Media Arts



Macy's Emergency Scholarship Fund

The [Macy's Emergency Scholarship Fund](#) is now open for the 2024 fall semester. A partnership between LNEC & [Macy's](#) is designed to assist full-time undergraduate students facing economic hardship in **California, Florida, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Puerto Rico, or Texas**. Students who are interested in applying visit the [Macy's Emergency Scholarship page](#) on the LNEC website for more details.



2024 Washington Youth Leadership Seminar





The [LULAC National Educational Service Centers \(LNESC\)](#) hosted its 27th Annual [Washington Youth Leadership Seminar \(WYLS\)](#) at the Washington Hilton on October 2024. This year's event brought 63 high juniors and seniors from across the United States together to focus on leadership development and encourage participants to apply these lessons to their communities.

During the event, students attended a series of workshops to help them prepare to become leaders within their communities with sessions focused on leadership, advocacy, career exploration, and professional development.



Washington Youth Leadership Seminar

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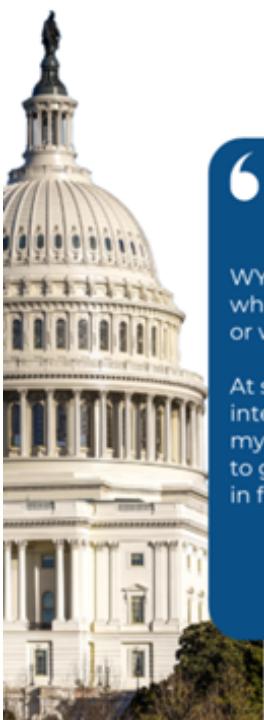
The first thing I learned is that there are many various ways to be a leader and show leadership. However, there are many people can be a leader and not show any leadership skills. I learned that I could be a better leader and voice in my community.

Many of the speakers taught valuable lessons that will stick with me throughout my life. One of them was that you may not know what your future holds, but you should always be prepared for what will come next.

I have learned that we have a voice and to be a leader in your community you have to express any problem and try to find a solution. Our generation will be the new leaders for the future

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-Stephanie, WYLS 2024 Participant



Washington Youth Leadership Seminar

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WYLS emphasized the importance of networking, which is a skill applicable to every professional event or workday.

At school, in my community, and in any future internships or careers, I now know how to market myself and my skills. WYLS gave me the opportunity to grow my confidence in approaching professionals in fields I aspire to pursue.

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-Sophia, WYLS 2024 Participant



This year's WYLS was sponsored by AT&T, Toyota, Walmart Foundation, Nissan, and Comcast/NBCUniversal Telemundo.





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Celebrating Ford Philanthropy's 75th Anniversary



LUNESCN is proud to celebrate [Ford Philanthropy](#)'s 75 years of empowering underserved communities through educational access and opportunity.

Through our partnership, we've worked to empower underserved communities through building opportunities and scholarship with a nation-wide impact!

This includes the Ford Auto Tech Scholarship Fund, which has invested over \$2 million building the next generation of skilled auto technicians!

Our ongoing collaboration through the [Ford Philanthropy Scholarship](#) offers an outstanding opportunity for students pursuing STEM careers in Electric Vehicles and Advanced Manufacturing. The program awards up to \$10,000 and is currently open for applications. This exemplifies Ford Philanthropy's commitment to building transformative educational pathways.

[View more about Ford Philanthropy's 75 years of community impact](#)

You can read more about Ford Philanthropy's 75-year legacy of community impact

Thank you to Ford Philanthropy for your steadfast commitment to LNESC. We look to many more years of impactful collaboration!

Connecting the Community to Education: LNESC in the Field

LNESC Kansas City

Autumn has arrived in full force and LNESC Kansas is ready to “leaf” no opportunity unturned for youth!

Under the mentorship of Mike Macias, Sharon Ko, and the center’s dedicated staff, the center has been busy with initiatives like the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program (HLOP), the Bayer STEM Program, and (of course!) Upward Bound.

Notably, the programs are diverse in their scope, as some nurture early leadership skills while others spark a passion for STEM.



[Read more](#)

LNESC Miami



In the golden hues of autumn, LNESC welcomes the academic year and the opportunities of academic growth!

The center’s initiatives are spearheaded by Dulce Diaz-Vega and LNESC Miami: diligently positively shape student futures. Through programs like Upward Bound, we excel as the team adapts to meet the

needs of Miami's youth. This commitment translates to equipping students with the resources they need to thrive, whether in traditional academic settings or today's digital world.

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Lideres in Action: Rising Stars of LNESC



In this edition, we honor two remarkable WYLS 2024 participants, Khyaair Tyler and Rodriguez-Villanueva.

As participants in our 27th Annual Washington Youth Leadership Seminar, Khyaair Xavier deepened their understanding of leadership through engaging in skill-building workshops and mentorship during their time in Washington, D.C.

Below you can learn more about the impact WYLS had on their respective leaders journeys.

KHYAAIR TYLER

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Interests: Baking, singing, and R&B

Dream Dinner Guest: Angela Bassett –

"I'd love to ask her for advice on becoming

an actor who everyone loves to watch."



For Khyaair Tyler, the 2024 Washington Youth Leadership Seminar was not merely a seminar, but a transformative experience of growth! Upon inquiring on the most important moment of WYLS 2024, he responded "I think meeting the first round of guest speakers reshaped my leadership goals. It showed me that advancing my career with purpose can lead me to where I aspire to be in life."

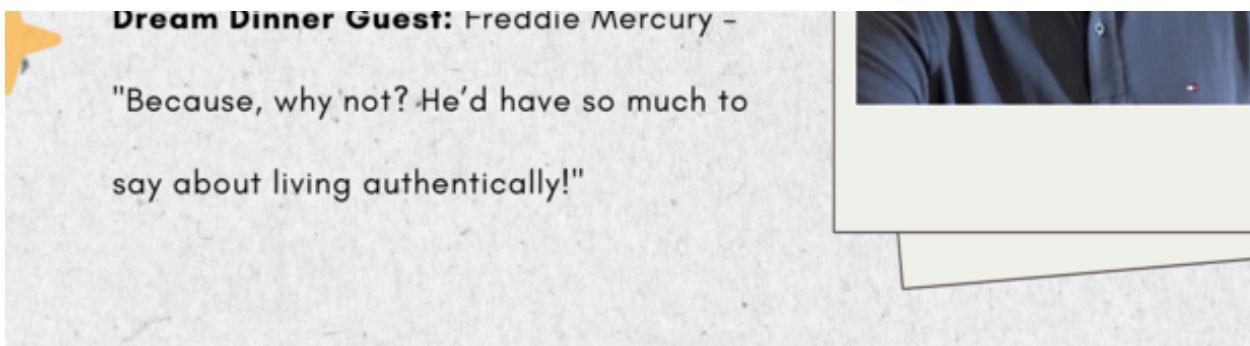
[Read more here](#)

XAVIER RODRIGUEZ-VILLANUEVA

Hometown: Grand Prairie, Texas

Interests: Sharks, Hamilton, and The Smiths





Dream Dinner Guest: Freddie Mercury -
"Because, why not? He'd have so much to
say about living authentically!"

Xavier Rodriguez-Villanueva approached WYLS 2024 with enthusiasm and a boundless curiosity. He quickly acclimated to the seminar's dynamic environment, and stood out by presented a poem with his peers during the "Leadership 101" workshop session.

He also won the 2024 social media contest by submitting spoken word on his leadership journey, which adhered to this year's fun theme!

[Read more here](#)



As the leaves blanket schoolyards, this edition invites students to turn a new leaf and reflect on the impact of civic engagement. Whether you're in high school, college, or somewhere in between, giving back to your community offers powerful opportunities for growth. This season of gratitude upon us, upcoming events like Thanksgiving embody the spirit of giving and highlight how acts of service can strengthen the bonds within our communities.

And beyond the immediate impact of civic engagement, it also helps students build essential communication and teamwork skills. These crucial life skills that are invaluable in the classroom and the workplace.

Building Communication Skills Through Community Service

Students who are engaged in community service are able to quickly capture the value of building clear, confident communication skills. These are highly



communication skills. These are highly essential skills for personal and professional success.

For example, you can use Thanksgiving as an opportunity to practice these skills this year.



[Read more here](#)

Parent Forum: Strategies for Student Success

As parents, you understand the value of preparing your child for a successful future. Through civic engagement, students of all ages have the chance to strengthen their soft skills and sharpen their professional outlook.

In this sense, volunteer work is more than simply adding a line to their resume. It's inspiring to develop a well-rounded skill set and a grounded, compassionate world view. You can serve as a mentor to share your past experiences and the emotional support to help your child navigate this new chapter in their growth.

Here's how you can support your child and prepare them to gain the most from civic engagement.