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Education Boards Become More Diverse in Houston

Latinos for Education launches a new fellowship to train local Latino leaders

Houston, TX, February 1, 2019 — Latinos for Education announced ten leaders were selected to join its Latino Board Fellowship in Houston, an innovative initiative that helps diversify the city's educational leadership.

Created by Latinos for Education, the Latino Board Fellowship identifies, trains and places exceptional Latino leaders from across sectors onto governing boards of education nonprofit organizations across the region.

"Improving access to quality education will require leadership and insight inclusive of the Latino experience, particularly because our city is home to 600,000 Latino children," says Andy Canales, Executive Director of Houston at Latinos for Education. "We believe meaningful representation matters and we are committed to developing local Latino leaders with experiences similar to our students. With more Latino leaders in positions of influence, education organizations can better serve our children."

Latinos for Education is the first Latino-led national nonprofit creating pathways for Latino education leaders. The organization began in Boston in 2016 and launched the first Latino Board Fellowship in Massachusetts the following year. In 2018, Houston was selected as the first expansion site for Latinos for Education and this fellowship is one of two local programs beginning this year focused on developing Latino education leaders locally.

Fellows will participate in a six-month comprehensive training that will develop skillsets critical to effective board governance including the state of Latino education, governance, strategic planning, and diversity and inclusion. Fellows are then matched to the governing Board of Directors for local education organizations committed to increasing Latino representation within senior-leadership roles.

This year's cohort includes Latino leaders with a wide range of skills and experiences from finance to healthcare. The Houston 2019 cohort of the Latino Board Fellowship includes:

- **Maria DeLourdes "Luly" Castillo**, Senior Account Representative, Halliburton
- **Maria Guzman**, Finance Business Partner, Rolls Royce Group PLC
- **Amy Hinojosa**, Process Engineer, Chevron

- **Janette Lindner**, Director, Veritas Total Solutions
- **Miguel Lozano**, Manager, Healthcare Systems Engineering, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- **Angelica Montelongo**, Community Engagement Manager, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch
- **Maria Del Pilar Montes**, Director of Boards and Commissions, City of Houston
- **Dr. Armando Orduña**, Director of Outreach, Children's Museum of Houston
- **Robert Rodriguez**, Asset Manager, Occidental Petroleum
- **Ana Salinas**, Operations and Analytics Manager, Energy Edge Consulting LLC

Latinos for Education expanded to Greater Houston thanks to a seed investment of \$450,000 from Houston Endowment.

About Latinos for Education:

Latinos for Education is an education non-profit organization focused on developing, placing, and connecting essential Latino talent in the education sector. The organization is mobilizing a network of skilled education leaders to ensure the voice of students and families is not only heard but factored into decision-making in schools, communities and education institutions throughout the U.S. Learn more at: www.LatinosforEducation.org.