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Mission

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) *Líderes* Initiative is a national program created to advance opportunities for Latino youth that will elevate their influence as leaders in the United States. Through a national network of high school and college students, as well as young professionals, *Líderes* identifies, supports, and develops new leadership in the Latino community.

Investing in a New Generation

Nearly half of all Latinos in the United States are under the age of 25. Through the *Líderes* Initiative, NCLR is tapping into this vibrant source of leadership, proactively nurturing and developing the potential of a whole generation of Latinos.

NCLR *Líderes* supports hundreds of local and community-based programs, as well as campus-based student organizations that build the skills of Latino youth and increase their leadership capacity. Moreover, the *Líderes* Network operates at a national level to link student groups and youth programs in 39 states. Currently, our network serves more than 600 groups by providing them with a wealth of information, resources, and networking opportunities.

Contact leadership@nclr.org to join the *Líderes* network and gain access to peer learning opportunities, information on all *Líderes* activities, and the chance to connect with active and experienced *Líderes* groups.

Resources and Coalitions

The Initiative provides students with the information they need to organize, educate, and build up leadership in their communities. Via the *Líderes* Website, all *Líderes* Network members have access to a wealth of resources.

Regional Congresos

To increase greater collaboration and networking, and to increase the collective impact of young Latinos, *Líderes* facilitates the convening of young leaders around the country.

At the regional level, *Líderes* brings together youth to discuss issues pertaining to the Latino community, connecting them to community leaders and resources. The Initiative partners with Network member organizations to access the speakers, resources, and funds necessary to put on powerful events for young leaders. These events provide a forum for sharing ideas while at the same time educating, empowering, and energizing students.

Visit <http://lideres.nclr.org> to learn about past Congresos and learn about opportunities for your organization.

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Vision

Our goal is to raise up new leadership—corporate executives, public officials, activists, and organizers that will serve their communities and promote social justice and local and national levels.

Annual *Líderes* Summit

A core pillar of the NCLR *Líderes* Initiative, the annual *Líderes* Summit provides an exciting and challenging leadership experience for young people. A component of the NCLR Annual Conference, the Summit brings together more than 450 students, activists, and young Latino leaders from across the country.

Líderes Summit activities build up young leaders, teaching youth how to work with one another in teams, and challenging them to think through tough issues affecting the Latino community. Moreover, the Summit provides a safe space for them to share their thoughts and opinions. Lastly, the *Líderes* Summit incorporates many NCLR Annual Conference events, allowing youth to partake in an invaluable networking experience.

Cyber Power: The *Líderes* Network

The *Líderes* Network operates at a national level to support and strengthen programs and organizations serving Latino youth. Through our bi-monthly e-letter and official website, we link our groups to a wealth of valuable information. Feature articles highlight community issues, leadership and educational opportunities, civic engagement efforts, as well as the inspirational stories of bright young leaders in our communities.

Through both of these online tools, *Líderes* alerts young people plugged into the Network about opportunities such as grants, scholarships, internships, fellowships, conferences, rallies, and networking events. Finally, students can search through our online database to connect with other Latino student programs and organizations.

Líderes: At your Fingertips

The *Líderes* Team at NCLR helps *Líderes* Network groups improve their effectiveness and impact. Staff can provide information, resources, guidance, and experience to help steer and encourage students and Network members.

To receive information or assistance from the *Líderes* Initiative, please email leadership@nclr.org.

