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More than 1,000 Georgia Latino youth gather to tackle deferred action, bilingualism, financial aid

Latin American Association's 13th Annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference attracts middle and high school students to state's largest college-focused event for Latino youth

ATLANTA, Ga. (Nov. 26, 2012) --- More than 1,700 college-bound Latino preteens, teens, parents, teachers and volunteers will gather at Emory University Dec. 1 for the 13th Annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference.

WHAT:

The Latin American Association's 13th Annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference is titled "The Stepping Stone for Your Future: Identity, Knowledge and Leadership." The annual conference's goal is to motivate middle school and high school youth to graduate from high school and attend college.

The conference features dozens of breakout sessions on topics such as immigration, deferred action, bilingualism and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Sessions also address how to write college essays, how to prepare stress-free for the SAT and how to apply for scholarships. There will also be a college and career fair, as well as a workshop for eighth-graders on transitioning into high school.

Students must register in advance. Media are invited to attend.

WHO:

Nearly 1,200 Latino middle and high school students from all over Georgia, plus 275 parents, 200 college and corporate volunteers and 85 school staff. Guest speakers include AT&T research scientist Alicia Abella and motivational speakers Consuelo Kickbusch and Ernesto Mejia.

WHEN:

Saturday, Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the George W. Woodruff Physical Education Center. **Media parking is at the Peavine Parking Lot and Deck. For parking directions, please go to <http://arts.emory.edu/plan-your-visit/parking/peavine.html>**

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