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Now that it is October and school is well underway, the National Hispanic Institute (NHI) has started to hit the road conducting its annual fall semester student outreach campaign. Since 1979, NHI has had the privilege of developing over 80,000 young leaders through its transformational summer leadership experiences. Originally founded in Austin, Texas with a group of 100 high school students, NHI alumni attend college at a 98% rate, 90% of them finish undergraduate studies in five years or less, and more than two-thirds immediately enroll in graduate studies. For over 32 years, NHI has worked on harnessing its members' maximum potential through game-based, transformational leadership experiences held annually on college campuses throughout the U.S. and Latin America.

NHI's programs are designed to bolster the personal growth capacities of students as they plan for college, examine their career options, and determine the quality of lives they wish to live in the not too distant future. In recent years, we've taken a partnership approach with several select high schools.

We know that schools like yours look beyond academic achievement and college prep opportunities. We understand that you value and support opportunities that give youth leadership experiences that are positive and innovative in their approach, challenge the intellect, stretch critical thinking, provide multiple national, cultural, and socioeconomic perspectives, and emphasize citizenship and civic engagement. Therefore, we want to join your efforts in providing world-class education for your young people. Be advised that there are no binding requirements in this partnership except an agreement to work together to identify the best students possible during our annual outreach efforts. Some schools and/or districts oftentimes provide partial or full financial assistance to students who gain admission to attend our programs. Others assist us with student identification. Some provide classroom space for either our staff or community volunteers to make presentations to eligible students.

Included in this packet are informational pieces on our summer programs and some historical information on the Institute's work. I encourage you to also visit our website and learn some more. We have included several 9th grade Great Debate materials and several 10th/11th grade Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session pieces. Feel free to contact us for more materials, request a staff or alumni presentation at your school, or if you would like to speak to a representative directly by reaching out to our admissions office at (512) 357-6137 or via e-mail at info@nhimail.com.

We look forward to working with your school this year.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Nieto
President