

Resources

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Hispanic Scholarship Foundation

<http://hsf.net/en/scholarships/programs/>

Latinos in College

[http://www.latinosincollege.com/home/
default.aspx](http://www.latinosincollege.com/home/default.aspx)

Hispanic Heritage Foundation

<http://www.hispanicheritage.org/>

ASPIRA

<http://www.aspira.org/>



Cobb Education Consortium
<http://www.cobb-ed-consortium.org/>

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Latino/Hispanic Student Success Project

*Dream, Learn,
Succeed*

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Project Overview

The Latino/Hispanic Student Success Project was designed to help increase the retention and graduation rates among at-risk K-12 Latino/Hispanic students. Several at-risk K-12 students were identified to participate in our pilot program. Using research and anecdotal evidence, we designed a program to help introduce students to post-secondary education opportunities and success.

Our mission was to create a blueprint for a program to help increase the retention and graduation rates among at-risk Latino/Hispanic students at all levels of our education system in Cobb County. Upon identifying at-risk students and gathering data through questionnaires, interviews, and other means, we wish to provide information to Cobb County educational institutions in hopes that they will create specific resources in the future to increase the educational success of Latino students.

Complete College America has built an alliance of states that are taking bold actions to significantly increase the number of students successfully completing college. Georgia is part of this group. According to Complete College Georgia, it is projected that by 2020, more than 60% of jobs in Georgia will require a certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree. Today, only 42% of young adults are prepared at that level. One of the goals for Complete College Georgia states, "Improving access and completion for traditionally underserved populations."

Given all of the above information, the University Committee endeavored to support Complete College Georgia and help to increase the recruitment, retention, progression, and graduation of the state's Latino/Hispanic population.



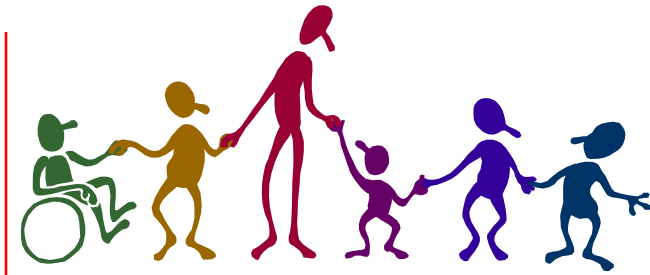
Hispanic students represented 5.4% of enrolled students in postsecondary institutions in Georgia in 2012.

In 2011, one in four public elementary school students was Hispanic.

As of 2012, the Hispanic population represents the largest ethnic or racial minority in the United States.

After participating in our program, all of the K-12 students said they planned to attend college.

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NEXT EXIT ↗



PROJECT COMPONENTS

Alumni and Current Post-Secondary Students

In October, our group met with current and alumni students who identified as Hispanic/Latino and interviewed them about their stories and experiences. This video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=legSB8OG-E>

K-12 School Visits

In early December, our group visited Osborne and Marietta High Schools to get to know our student participants. The following is the structure of these visits:

- Introduction
- Ice Breaker
- Viewing of Video
- Questionnaire completion
- Social Time

Kennesaw State Visit

In February, our project culminated with an on-campus visit to Kennesaw State University. Our K-12 students were introduced to the current and alumni students and a mentorship connection was made. The following represents our day together.

- ◆ Students arrive and tour campus
- ◆ Mentor/Mentee meet and greet
- ◆ Icebreaker
- ◆ Lunch in the dining hall
- ◆ Student organization presentation
- ◆ KSU RRPG Program for Hispanic and Latino Students presentation