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Dear College and University Leaders:

On behalf of the Texas Hispanic-Serving Institutions Consortium (TxHSIC) and the officers of the Consortium, we are writing to remind all of our fellow HSIs of the upcoming Hispanic Serving Institutions' Week.

There are more 492 HSIs across the nation. We serve not only a majority of Hispanic students, but also many students who might not otherwise attend college. The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities suggests ways you can celebrate HSIs Week on your campus:

A) Raise awareness by collaborating with your local newspaper or radio station to advertise HSI Week and the events sponsored by your institution. This increased visibility can highlight the contributions made by HSIs on a local, national and international scale.

B) Host a campus forum by organizing a town hall meeting with staff and community leaders to explore issues of interest to the HSI community,

C) Organize a community-wide activity by building and promoting campus-community partnerships to address various issues, which affect the local community,

D) Use social media to share your story,

E) Showcase your students by arranging a choir, band, cheerleading squad or dance troupe to perform during events held to commemorate National HSI Week, including highlights during a sporting event,

F) Celebrate in a way unique to your institution,

G) Thank all those who sponsor and support our students and our institutions, especially through federally sponsored research and projects.

Visit our webpage located at www.txhsic.wordpress.com to share what your institution will be doing to celebrate National Hispanic Serving Institutions' Week. Please also share with HACU.

At my institution, Laredo College, we will be reading a proclamation, and featuring Dr. Karen Lozano, innovator, inventor, researcher and Master Teacher from the University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley. She will address college and ISD students and parents on the topic of “The Power of Innovation” thus inspiring students in the community to create their futures in STEM.

If your institution has not joined the consortium, please consider joining our ranks. Your institution’s annual membership fee helps the Consortium award several scholarships annually to students from 2-year and 4-year member institutions that have representatives in attendance at our annual Conference. To find out if your institution is a member and to view institution scholarships awarded this past year, see the website.

We have enclosed the membership form for the TxHSIC that provides details about payment of the annual membership fee (\$300 per institution). Membership fees can be paid through your federal grant under EDGAR 200.454 and 34 CFR Part 606.10(14). There is strength in numbers, as we have seen over the last decade of the Consortium’s work. We have seen numerous successful joint grant proposals to federal, state, and local funders that have grown out of the networking, conversations, and planning that takes place at our annual Conferences and through the meaningful connections that are built around our common interests. Please join us by submitting a new membership or by renewing your institutional membership. Our next conference will be in late May.

Finally, you may be interested to know some national statistics that have been published by the Hispanic-Serving Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) at www.hacu.net. There are currently 472 HSIs that meet the federal criterion for Hispanic Serving designation, and together these institutions enroll 2,713,354 students. Those of us in Texas at HSIs are part of this national picture, where 64% of all Hispanic students are enrolled in HSIs. Thank you for your work in advancing access, success, and opportunities for students and faculty at your institution, and for participating in the work of the Texas Hispanic-Serving Institutions Consortium.

Sincerely yours,

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