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As you pack your bags to head to college, we wanted to invite you to join us at the Collegiate Leadership Network (CLN) at Celebración 2014. The CLN is the official undergraduate arm of the National Hispanic Institute (NHI). It can be an incredible outlet for NHI alumni to maintain close ties with the organization and serve as a platform for furthering undergraduate leadership development. In Spring 2014, NHI established the first recognized college organizations at Texas A&M University – College Station and Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. As our undergraduate population grows, we expect more college organizations to pop up in Austin, Dallas, Philadelphia and other parts of the United States. Not to mention, university admissions offices across the country are looking for ways to support these organizations since NHI is one of the top organizations to meet Latino student leaders.

Beyond remaining in touch with other NHI alumni on your campus, the CLN is the place through which you can continue playing a large role in NHI leadership programs. Recently, we established new programs in the State of Florida: 2014 International Collegiate World Series (Tampa, Florida) and 2015 Florida Great Debate (Miami, Florida). In the next few years, we expect our presence to be felt throughout the entire state of California and on the Atlantic Coast. Our demand for Senior Counselors, Head Coaches, Secretary of State candidates, Umpires/Senior Mentors and JFL Interns continues to grow and there must be an arm of the organization that cultivates our undergraduate community for these roles. Even discussions of an NHI language school are now on the horizon as we continue to imagine new learning opportunities for young people. We hope you consider being a part of these exciting initiatives.

The CLN at Celebración will be hosted at the **Omni Hotel** in **Dallas, Texas** from **November 13 – 16, 2014**. You can register at www.regonline.com/Celebracion2014 through selecting “**Collegiate Leadership Network**” as your leadership class. We expect over 100 top undergraduate students to be working on plans for the future of this organization as well as the legacies they wish to build. Your participation is needed and we hope to see you there.

If you need our office to write a special request for your university to partially sponsor your participation, please contact Zach Gonzalez at (512) 357-6137 ext. 205 or ZGonzalez@NHImail.com. He expects to be on the road this Fall visiting many universities where undergraduates are building college organizations, encouraging their university to join the College Register and meeting with students about Celebración.

This year marks the 35th anniversary for the National Hispanic Institute. I knew back in 1979 that strong leadership comes only with also having strong organizations. I can assure you that my commitment is as strong as it was the first day I created this organization. Why don't you step forward with me and make sure that the vision and legacy you helped lay remains strong for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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