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To Whom It May Concern:

As an alumnus and proud member of the National Hispanic Institute (NHI), I am writing to you about sponsoring this student's participation at the Collegiate Leadership Network (CLN) at Celebración 2016.

For 37 years, NHI has served over 95,000 high achieving youth from across the United States and Latin America. Our track record shows that 98.1% of NHI participants pursue higher education, 90% graduate within 4-5 years, and 67% pursue advanced studies (see full report at nationalhispanicinstitute.org). Our mission is to prepare self-reliant leadership with strong capacities in communication, organizational development, policy, management, higher education, evaluation, and life management.

The CLN at Celebración is a four-day conference where undergraduate students convene and implement social entrepreneurship principles for community development and social change. CLN participants will receive training in NHI pedagogy/theory, lead important discussions, field-test ideas, mentor high school youth, expand their networks, and receive career training from NHI young professionals and entrepreneurs. Student participants will return to campus better equipped for discussing community initiatives, engineering new ideas, and serving in community leadership roles on or off-campus.

Annually, Celebración gathers over 600 high school student leaders, parents, school officials, university representatives, and professional alumni. This year, the event will take place at the Embassy Suites and McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, Texas from Nov. 10-13. College students who are interested can sign up at www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org. They must also complete their entire registration or payment arrangements on or before Friday, Oct. 28.

The student bringing you this letter is seeking a sponsorship for the \$360 conference fee, which includes their hotel, food, training, and materials during the event. Undergraduate students who receive a sponsorship from their university/college are allowed to set-up a recruitment booth at the Celebración - Grand College Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:15am – 12:00pm. This will also allow CLN attendees to represent their institution and/or department amongst 600 high school student leaders.

Feel free to contact us at (512) 357-6137 ext. 205 or zgonzalez@nhimail.com if you have any questions or need more information about the event.

We appreciate your support and investment towards this student's leadership journey.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zachary D. Gonzalez'.

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