THE NATIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE
2019 FOUR DAY GREAT DEBATE
WHAT DOES NHI DO?
NHI annually hosts highly innovative and exciting learning experiences that challenge high school age youth to be imaginative, inventive, and forward-thinking in their views regarding the future Latino community. These students attend week-long summer camps where they get to know each other as individuals who will not only succeed as future professionals, but also participate in advancing quality of life in the Latino community as future leaders. Numerous graduate articles as well as two doctoral studies have evaluated the powerful, positive impact of NHI’s leadership experiences. Parents, teachers, education organizations, college preparatory nonprofits, and top universities and their leadership endorse NHI programs since the early 1980s.

NHI BY THE NUMBERS

3,000+ high school students from 24 states and 7 Latin American nations annually attend
98% of NHI members enroll immediately in college, over 90% graduate in 4 to 5 years and 67%+ continue into graduate work
NHI alumni are among the leadership of two state legislatures and two major cities - New York City and Chicago
NHI has programs on 14 college campuses across the U.S, including an abroad experience in Panama’s Ciudad
Students become part of NHI’s College Register, a network of over 75 four-year institutions of higher learning

WHO STARTED NHI?
Ernesto Nieto and Gloria de Leon, husband and wife team, founded the National Hispanic Institute 38 years ago in Austin, Texas. It was their vision to establish summer leadership experiences for the caliber of young people with the potential and drive to eventually become people of influence and leadership in Latino community life. They not only wanted to support young people dedicated to making strong grades in high school and interested in college; they also wanted young minds capable of also becoming individuals of influence in Latino community life. Over 70,000 participants have attended since the first summer program in 1981. In short, NHI has become a “Who’s Who” in Latino community life.

ABOUT YOUR NOMINATION
Innovative, courageous, and driven are words often used to describe the graduates of the Summer Leadership Series of the National Hispanic Institute (NHI). Annually, we conduct a search in target areas of the Americas to identify only the brightest and most talented youth of these communities and invite them to become members of NHI. Nominees for participation in one of NHI’s summer programs can be very proud that someone, a school teacher, counselor, or administrator, has taken notice of their potential. More than just great students, NHI nominees are identified for their potential leaders of their school, community, city, and beyond.

At NHI’s summer leadership programs, students will be surrounded with only the highest caliber of individuals who will attend, are enrolled, or have graduated from some of the best college and universities in the country. NHI members enroll in college at a rate of 98% and graduate from their undergraduate studies in 4-5 years at a 90% rate. NHI will welcome the 2018 class to the network of over 90,000 members that, over the 38-year history of this organization, have come together to shape the face of the Hispanic community in the US.

OUR PARTNERS

14 Colleges and Universities
Over 1,200 High School and college volunteers
Nearly 50 well educated faculty & trainers
500 annual student Participants
ABOUT THE FOUR DAY GREAT DEBATE
As the entry level experience of the National Hispanic Institute’s Summer Leadership Series, the Great Debate invites current ninth (9th) grade students to participate in an exchange of ideas that also addresses the first stopping point in any child’s leadership development: communication. Whether in the international six day format or the original four day Texas format, this experience consists of two parts. The first consist of concentrated training in the areas of critical thinking, thought expression, concept formation, reasoning and argumentation.

Training is focused by an annual theme which exposes participants to pertinent issues in the Latino community, allows them to explore and understand complex subjects from multiple points of view, and builds their knowledge base. Learning is guided in both formats by NHI alumni who are trained and certified by the national office to serve the close to 1,000 annual participants in this capacity. The last part of the experience culminates in a tournament that allows students to test, assess, evaluate and showcase all that they have learned during training. Top competitors receive awards and all students are invited to celebrate their achievements at an end of program dance. Participants of the Great Debate can continue their involvement and learning experience with NHI after the program by choosing to serve during the academic year as student ambassadors and/or choosing to be trained as returning junior staff members to assist the next generation of students.

GREAT DEBATE BY THE NUMBERS
• Approximately 950 students participate in the 5 Great Debates that NHI hosts annually
• NHI hosts 5 Great Debates every year, two of which are 4-day Great Debates where students attend representing their regions
• Austin College in Sherman Texas has hosted the Texas Great Debate for 28 years
• There are 11 regions represented at the Texas Great Debates
• There are 266 schools represented at the Great Debate

Comfort and confidence in competitive and intellectual environments
Develops critical thinking and communication skills
Increase exposure and knowledge of social, cultural, economic, and political issues
Advance language and writing skills as a key to achieve academic success
Ability to organize and lead through NHI’s volunteer opportunities
ENROLLING IN THE GREAT DEBATE
To apply to the 2019 GD, an applicant must be a 2018-2019 high school freshman (9th grade) with a 3.0 / 85% GPA in core subject matter. Students must submit (upload/e-mail/fax) their latest report card. NHI will accept a final report card from their previous year for the purposes of admission.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION
Students may apply at: https://www.nationalhispanicinstitute.org/apply-summer2019/. Select your program and submit a $20 USD application fee via credit-debit card or e-check.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
October 31, 2018 or until program is at capacity.

TUITION AND FEES
All students who apply to NHI programs and earn admission are automatically provided with a 50% scholarship that goes towards the actual cost of the Great Debate. These scholarships are the result of the volunteer services provided by NHI alumnus/a who assist with the Great Debate, plus the generosity of host colleges and universities that underwrite student housing, good, and facilities. The amount paid by students, $675, represents only half the cost to attend.

The Great Debate rate for families is $675 USD, which includes a $20 application processing fee. This amount covers meals, housing, materials, and the Great Debate tuition. Once the student receives notice of admissions via email, s/he has 10 days to make a $150 USD security deposit. All tuition is due in late October. Students can make tuition arrangements with NHI’s business office for an alternate payment plan. Travel costs to and from the program are not included. NHI provides local airport pick-up and drop off for $45 per person.

Additional cost may include the book Third Reality Revealed ($15 on smashwords.com), spending money for snacks, and optional NHI/University merchandise.

FROM THE FOUNDER
While schools work hard in preparing our young people for the work force, we as parents and community leaders know that this is not nearly enough. If we expect more from our young minds, they need much more development than what a regular school days provides. Educators know this all too well. NHI was established to engage our future leaders in learning experiences that are culturally receptive and supportive in environments that stimulate thinking to higher more complex levels, and with the intent of conveying a highly important social message to our young people. Students need to see themselves as representing important value to our future as a community and critical to the quality of lives we all wish for ourselves and those to come.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SPONSORS
Parents and student applicants are encouraged to visit with their respective schools, local businesses and civic organizations to seek financial support. NHI is a private, 501(c) 3 non profit organization that provides tax receipts to donors. In cases where the schools and/or sponsors provide support, either entirely or partially, NHI will reimburse families for funds they have submitted towards a student’s registration fee after they have attended the Great Debate.

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- Drake University • Earlham University • Elmhurst College • Emory University • Florida International University
- The George Washington University • Georgia Institute of Technology • Howard Payne University • Iowa State University
- Marquette University • Miami University (Ohio) • Michigan State University • National Catholic College Admission Association
- New York University • Northwestern University • Nova Southeastern University • Oakland University • Oberlin College
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