



As the winter thaws and the flowers begin to bloom, we are excited to welcome you to the spring edition of our newsletter! This season marks a special milestone for our organization as we celebrate our 50-year anniversary of supporting Hispanic and students with financial needs across the U.S.

In this edition, we are thrilled to share inspiring stories of our students and alumni who have made remarkable achievements in their academic and professional careers. We also highlight our recent events, partnerships, and initiatives that are contributing to our continued success.

We extend our gratitude to all our supporters, donors, volunteers, and staff who have been instrumental in helping us reach this incredible milestone. As we embark on the next 50 years, we look forward to continuing to provide life-changing opportunities to our students and making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you enjoy reading our spring newsletter!

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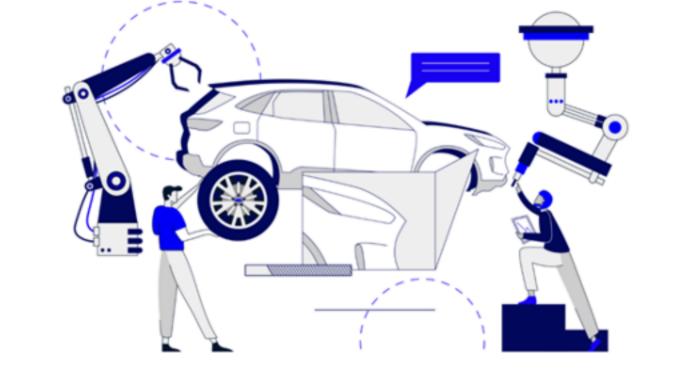
Que Pasa: Updates and Happenings at LNESC

LNESC National Office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The LNESC National Office celebrated a momentous occasion on March 10th with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, ushering in a new era of growth, progress, and innovation. You can read more about it <u>here.</u>



Ford Auto Tech Scholarship



LNESC's long-standing partner, Ford Fund is collaborating with Ford Dealers across four regions to invest \$1,000,000 in scholarships to address the needs for auto technicians in the industry. The program will award \$5,000 scholarships to eligible students pursing a degree in auto and auto/diesel technology at select schools in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Phoenix. This need-based scholarship will be applied to a student's tuition and may be used for education-related costs, such as tuition, tools, transportation, and room and board.

The Ford Auto Tech Scholarship is accepting applications now until June 30. For more information, please <u>click here.</u>

Macy's Emergency Scholarship Fund

The Macy's Emergency Scholarship Fund is a joint partnership between LNESC & Macy's to provide financial resources to full-time undergraduate or graduate students in California, Florida, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Puerto Rico, and Texas facing economic hardship and immediate monetary need that, if not met, could result in an inability to complete classes or a degree program. Students who are interested in applying should visit the Macy's Emergency Scholarship webpage.



For additional non-LNESC scholarship resources, click here.

STEM Explorers Brings the Heat

LNESC Albuquerque has recently received funding from the Danaher Foundation to continue expanding its STEMS Explorers program. The program's main goal is to encourage Hispanic and high-need students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering (STEM).

You can read more about it <u>here.</u>



Upward Bound Gets a Boost

LNESC is pleased to announce that Kia America has generously provided funding for select LNESC locations hosting Upward Bound (UB) or Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) programs. This funding will go towards special activities to complement the benefits of the federally funded TRIO programs.



You can read more about it **here.**



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LNESC Houston

LNESC Houston's Successful College Readiness Fair

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) College Readiness Fair was successfully held on April 15, 2023. At the event, Margie Murillo, Talent Search Advisor, along with Roxana Beltran and Luz Pedroza, participated in the LNESC/Shell Science Corps booth. Roxana and Luz have been a part of Shell Science Corps since they were in



6th grade and have continued to volunteer and work as college workstudy for the program. Roxana is currently majoring in biology and hopes to attend medical school, while Luz is graduating in May 2023 from the University of Houston Bauer College of Business.

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LNESC Dallas

LNESC Dallas's 50th Anniversary Celebration Programming and Summer Opportunities



LNESC Dallas is also celebrating its 50th year of providing education and leadership programs. As part of the celebration, the five-week academic session will start on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, and continue until Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The program is designed to

while also providing opportunities for fun

electives such as American Sign Language, Film Making, STEAM, Yoga, and Advocacy & Community Service.

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Lideres in Action: Rising Stars of LNESC

In this edition of our newsletter, we are proud to feature two exceptional individuals who have made significant achievements and exemplify the quality of a "*Líder* in action." These individuals not only represent the mission of our organization, but also positively reflect our 50-year legacy of providing life-changing educational opportunities to communities in need.

Through their hard work and dedication, our scholarship recipient and program alum have proven that education can truly be a transformative force. They serve as a source of inspiration for our organization and the communities we serve, and we are honored to share their stories with you!

Ruth M. López, Assistant Professor, University of Houston



Ruth Lopez, a trailblazing first-generation college graduate, has recently been recognized for her outstanding achievements and contributions to education. She was awarded the prestigious 2023 Texas TRIO Achievers Award for her participation in the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program, run through LNESC in Dallas in the 1990s. The TRIO program, which is federally supported, aims to promote equity in education and improve

college access for underrepresented students.

López credits her success and passion for education to her mentor, Renato "Ray" De Los Santos, who was her educational mentor in the program.

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Ava Acevedo, Stanford University

What is some advice you have for high school or college students?

I cannot stress enough how crucial it is for high school and college students to ask questions and truly listen! It may seem like a no-brainer, but with our hectic lives and endless to-do lists, we often forget to pause and connect with those around us. Whether it's your best friend, a family member, a community member, or even a teacher,



showing curiosity about their lives and passions, and genuinely listening with an open mind is essential to expanding our perspectives, enhancing our academic pursuits, and building stronger, more meaningful relationships.

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Malaya Combs, Cabrini University



How did you benefit from receiving the LNSF Scholarship?

As a first-generation college student hailing
from a low-income household, I am
delighted to share how the LNESC
scholarship has opened up a world of
opportunities for me. Prior to receiving this
award, I was faced with the daunting task of
purchasing textbooks and a laptop to access
course materials, which can often prove to be

quite costly. We are all aware that college is an expensive affair, and the added expenses can quickly escalate to hundreds of dollars. However, thanks to the LNESC scholarship, I have been able to procure the necessary resources for my academic pursuits without incurring an insurmountable financial burden.

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College Cues: Tips for Student Readiness

In a post-COVID world, technology has become an essential tool in education. Students can utilize technology to enhance their learning experiences, empower their education, and develop their leadership skills. Technology can provide students with an array of opportunities to take charge of their learning, develop new skills, and prepare for the future. Below, you will find how students can better utilize technology to empower their education, leadership, and learning experiences in and outside of the classroom.

Use technology to access learning materials and resources

One of the primary ways students can utilize technology to empower their education is by using it to access learning materials and resources. From online textbooks and journals to e-learning platforms, there are plenty of resources available to students that can enhance

their learning experiences. Online



resources can provide students with access to a wealth of information that might not be available in traditional textbooks. For example, Google Scholar can allow you access to a global database of scholarly articles and Khan Academy offers free tutoring and online courses. In fact, YouTube also offers a wealth of educational content in various subjects!

Students can utilize these resources to supplement their learning and develop a deeper understanding of complex topics.

You can find the most updated list of the best online learning platforms **here.**

Collaborate Using Technology







collaborate with their peers, which is crucial for developing leadership skills, especially in a world where classroom spaces can exist in the digital realm. Students can use various online tools such as video conferencing, instant messaging, and collaborative document editing platforms to work

together on group projects, share ideas, and discuss coursework. For example, when one is in a Zoom call for a school-related assignment, we encourage students to engage in the "chat" box with their peers. <u>Google</u> <u>Workspace for Education</u> provides a suite of collaborative tools, including Google Docs, Google Sheets, and Google Slides, which allow students to work together on projects in real-time.

Collaborating with peers can help students develop crucial leadership and communication skills, such as teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking. You can find a list of platforms that allow students to collaborate with peers <u>here.</u>

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Parent Forum: Strategies for Student Success

In today's digital age, technology has become an essential tool for education, leadership, and learning experiences. As a parent, you have the opportunity to help your child harness the power of technology to enhance their academic journey. Here are some tips on how parents can better help their child utilize technology to empower their education, leadership, and learning experiences.

Encourage Digital Literacy

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The first step in helping your child utilize technology effectively is to encourage digital literacy. What does this mean? Digital literacy for students means having the knowledge, skills, and competencies to effectively use digital technologies for various purposes such



socialization. **Blackboard** is a popular platform utilized by schools and educational institutions to read articles, submit assignments, and interact with students. By familiarizing your child with digital tools, you can help them develop essential skills such as online research, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

Set Boundaries



Technology is a powerful tool, but for students it can also be a source of distraction. As parents, it is important to help your child set boundaries and establish rules around technology use. This can mean utilizing apps to track and limit screen time and creating designated study spaces. By doing so, you can help your child develop

healthy habits that balance technology use with other activities.

Common Sense Media offers a wide range of resources for parents and educators to help children use technology and media in a healthy and responsible way. They even have a section specifically dedicated to screen time and offer tips and tools for setting screen time limits.

To read more, click here.

Support LNESC

Your contributions are what helps us continue with our educational programs and provide scholarships to outstanding Latino/a leaders. Together we can continue making an impact on the Latino/a community. **Consider supporting LNESC by making a donation.**



About LNESC



The LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc. (LNESC) is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit agency whose mission is to provide the highest quality educational opportunities needed for the development of life-long learners and leaders.

As LULAC's education arm, since 1973 LNESC has provided direct educational services to under-served communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, serving more than 14,000 students each year. Our educational programs break down the barriers that exist between highneed students and high school diplomas, college degrees, and jobs in highly skilled fields.

Through its network of community-based education centers, LNESC provides educational counseling, scholarships, mentorship, leadership development, literacy, and technology programs.

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