

## **Fifty Organizations Commit To Boost Our Nation's™ Human Capital - Latino College Completion is Key**

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Washington, DC – A national initiative focused on increasing Latino college completion will go public next week.

*Excelencia* in Education will announce the next step in the national initiative, ***Ensuring America's Future by Increasing Latino College Completion***, at a press conference on Wednesday, September 8.

The press conference will highlight the start of a capital campaign—a human capital campaign—and reveal the names of the organizations that have signed on with *Excelencia* in Education. The objective of the national campaign is to help reach the country's college completion goals by increasing Latino college completion by 2025.

The campaign will develop an innovative roadmap to help reach the college completion goals articulated by the Obama Administration and major national foundations. Two reports supporting investment in Latino college completion will also be released at the press conference.

**WHO:** **Sarita Brown**, President, *Excelencia* in Education

**Tom Dawson**, Senior Policy Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**Giselle Fernandez**, Journalist and spokeswoman for *Ensuring America's Future by Increasing Latino College Completion* campaign

**Dane Linn**, Education Director, National Governor's Association

**Deborah Santiago**, Vice President for Policy and Research, *Excelencia* in Education

**Cindy Rivera Weissblum**, President, Edwin Gould Foundation

**WHAT:** Presentation and discussion of the leadership committed to increasing Latino college completion and the release of a benchmarking guide and policy brief.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 8, 2010

9 a.m. – 10:30 [a.m.ET](#)

**WHERE:** National Press Club, Zenger Room

529 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW

Washington, DC 20045

*Excelencia in Education* is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization whose mission is to accelerate Latino student success in higher education.

## Ensuring America's Future by Increasing Latino College Completion

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### Organizations Signed-On by September 2, 2010

**Count: 50**

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