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INSPIRATION FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS, HUNDREDS OF HISPANIC STUDENTS TO ATTEND LARGEST EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Where: NCSU's McKimmon Center

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013

Time: 8:00am – 2:15pm

Raleigh, NC, March 22, 2013- As a planned effort to promote education and educational opportunities among Hispanic youth in North Carolina, the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals will hold its 14th Annual Hispanic Educational Summit. The Summit is hosted by NC State University and has over 650 Hispanic Students, grades 7 through 12, registered for the event.

A welcome address will be delivered by NCSU Chancellor Randolph Woodson and State Superintendent of Public Instruction June Atkinson, and the keynote speech will be delivered by the inspirational speaker Gabe Salazar who has reached almost one million students with his speeches. Salazar will share with students his personal experiences of homelessness as a child and growing up as a Hispanic in a single-parent home in the US. He will inspire them to push through their own similar struggles by sharing his path to college and how he persevered.

Concurrent sessions addressing important and influential topics such as educational planning, career development, college admissions and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals are scheduled. Students will also receive information from local colleges and community supporters such as UNC, NCSU, UNC Wilmington, Fox 50, Univision 40, Cisco and many others registered to participate in the exhibit hall.



Since 1999 the **North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals** has been providing educational services such as scholarships, mentors and tutors, educational conferences and other programs to help keep Latino youth in school and on a pathway to college. *The main purpose of the Hispanic Educational Summit is to **bring together Hispanic students who are eager to finish high school and pursue higher education** and to learn about all of the exciting opportunities that await them after high school graduation.*

"It is our hope that by providing these inquisitive young minds with all of the information they need to make the right decision about their future that we will in turn keep those same youth from dropping out of school," said Marco Zárate, President and Co-Founder of NCSHP.

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For more information about the Summit, including agenda, keynote speakers, presentations/workshops, and exhibitors, please visit our website at <http://thencshp.org/programs/hispanic-educational-summit/> or contact us at (919) 467-8424 or at mailbox@TheNCSHP.org

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals is a statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose only mission is to *promote education among Hispanic youth*. Acknowledging the under representation of Hispanic youths in higher education, and seeing the need for role models, it is the intent of the NCSHP to develop and secure educational opportunities and financial support to improve Hispanic youth's success and school performance.