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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IMPACT

The TELACU Education Foundation's mission is to increase the number of first-generation Latinx youth and veterans from underserved communities who achieve upward mobility through higher education and successful careers.

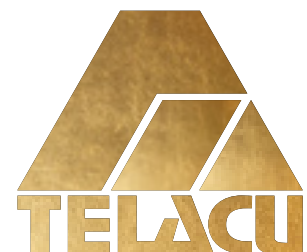
Our College Readiness and College Success Programs annually provide as many as 2,000 high school, college, and graduate school students—including veterans—with a unique combination of financial resources, comprehensive services and an unwavering support system. Virtually all of them become their family's first high school graduate; the first in their family to earn their Bachelor's degree; and the first professional equipped to launch an increasingly upward trajectory for their family's future!

Our STEM & Business and Workforce Preparation Initiatives address systemic educational and professional disparities faced by these tenacious young people. Beginning in high school, the STEM & Business Initiative exposes our students to these rigorous disciplines and promotes pursuit of careers in these fields, where this demographic has been traditionally underrepresented.

Concurrently, the Workforce Preparation Academy helps equip our students with the skills, tools, resources, and experiences—including connections to internship and employment opportunities with Foundation Partners—needed to succeed, with a focus on high-impact, high-growth sectors of the increasingly technical and competitive 21st Century workforce.

Affirming TELACU Scholars' passion for social impact, our Social Entrepreneurship/Intrapreneurship programming provides them with the knowledge, training, and connections to actualize their aspirations. These Change Agents will infuse more capital into the local economy; establish enterprises that create jobs; and be equipped to innovate positive and lasting change within their diverse spheres of influence.

We are privileged to serve these amazing young people who work so diligently to *Build the Dream...*and to share it with generations to come!



BUILDING THE DREAM

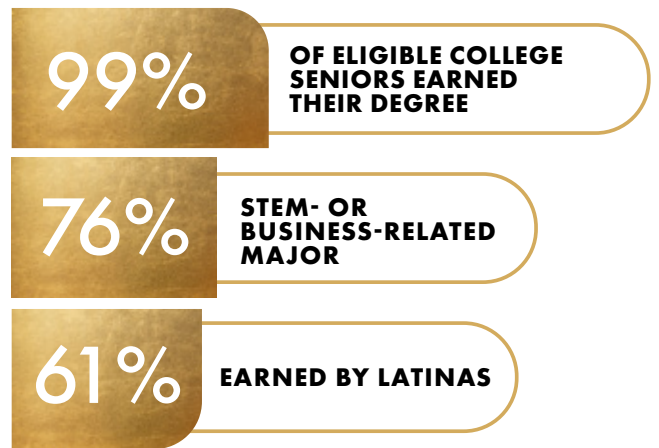
It arguably doesn't take much to dream—an active imagination, a desire for something other than what *is*, a chance opportunity that sparks a new idea. But everything beyond the first breath of a dream requires *something* to build that dream into a reality.

After 40 years of partnering with you in Building the Dreams of our TELACU Scholars, Alumni can now be found in places of influence throughout the world around you. Your uninterrupted investment in their lives has created ongoing positive impact everywhere the eye can see.

TELACU Scholars are transforming the worlds of medicine, law, engineering and business. They are creating public policy that impacts the very communities in which they were raised. They are empowering their immigrant families to attain their ancestors' dreams of prosperity and well-being. Best of all, they return to the frontlines of giving back to help others follow in their footsteps of accomplishment.

From 15 Scholars in 1983 to over 15,000 Alumni today—we will *never* stop dreaming and we invite you to continue *Building the Dream* with us.

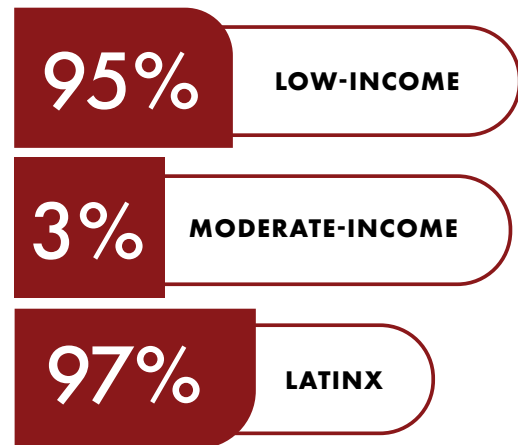
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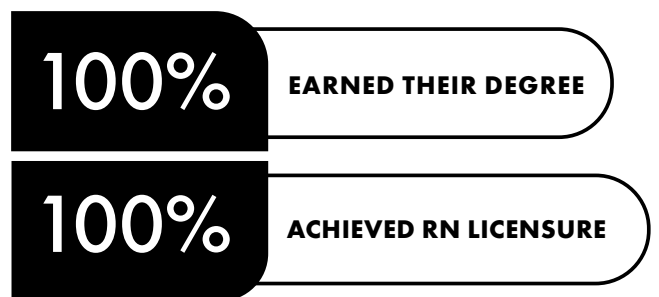
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STUDENT NURSES



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



THE HONORABLE LUCY ARMENDARIZ

JD | UC Hastings School of Law
BA, Sociology and Economics | UCLA

Judge | Superior Court of Los Angeles County

When she was just 8 years old, Lucy Armendariz entered the foster care system after her mother was sentenced to life in prison. Although she had caring caseworkers, even at her young age she could see how overwhelmed they were. As she watched her peers get pregnant, incarcerated, and even killed, she began to believe that her very survival depended on a college education. With no one to fall back on, she would have to build her own dream. But she found help in the TELACU Education Foundation.

When asked how our Programs touched her, Judge Armendariz replied, “TELACU saved my life. They were with me every step of the way. When I didn’t know the answers, or even the questions, TELACU was there, supporting me and rooting for me when no one else would.”

Now, Judge Armendariz presides over criminal trials in the Superior Court of Los Angeles, ensuring that everyone who comes before her is treated justly and feels heard, regardless of their background. She also devotes her time to mentoring youth because she knows firsthand the critical difference that having just one *believer* can make in the course of a young person’s life.



H. GUSTAVO LEÑO, MBA

Chapman University
BA, International Business | Loyola Marymount University

Latino Programming Content Acquisition Lead
DISH Network and Sling TV

Gus’s story is one that we hear often, but with a twist! Born in Mexico, he was raised by a *single father* who brought him to the U.S. in search of a brighter future. After earning his Bachelor’s, Gus quickly realized that an advanced degree and more curated professional network were the keys to launching the high-level career of his dreams.

As a David C. Lizárraga Fellow, *Sponsored by Toyota*, he was able to pursue his MBA while continuing to expand his resume through work opportunities and international travel where he learned about core infrastructure in England, India, the United Emirates, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. With a focus on green technology, infrastructure and real estate, he helped develop investment opportunities in Mexico and establish contacts with private equity and sovereign wealth funds. He continued working on international ventures until one day when TELACU connected him with our partners at SoCalGas—leading to both a new career as well as a wife!

While his story is exceptional, it is not the exception; too often, our exceptional Latinx stories go untold. As Latino Programming Content Acquisition Lead at DISH Network and Sling TV, Gus is now in a position to help ensure that our stories are told and that we have the power to shape our own narratives.



ANDREA AMBRIZ, MPP

UC Berkeley

BA, Public Policy and Sociology | DePaul University

General Manager | Exposition Park, Los Angeles

Guided by her personal resolution to provide economic and social justice for victims of discrimination, Andrea was drawn to public policy as a vehicle for empowerment. While working for the California Assembly, she helped pass legislation that created a \$400 million competitive grant for park development in underserved communities—the largest single investment in public park-bond-funds in history! Her impressive CV also includes political appointments from President Obama to both the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the White House as Deputy Director of Private Sector Engagement, but her heart always remained in her hometown.

She eventually returned to Southern California as Chief of Staff at SEIU Local 2015—the largest union in California and second largest in the entire nation—and just six months ago she was appointed General Manager of Exposition Park by Governor Gavin Newsom. This world-renowned 160-acre complex in the heart of Los Angeles is comprised of iconic locations such as the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and California Science Center as well as the coming-soon Lucas Museum of Narrative Art. It will be a representation of the U.S. and of Los Angeles when the eyes of the entire world are focused on the Park during the 2028 Olympics!

Founder of the Latino Undergraduate Mentorship Program in Public Policy at UC Berkeley, Andrea has remained committed to holding open doors of opportunity for other Latinx. She continues to offer guidance and mentorship, and to grow her network of TELACU Scholars and Alumni who support one another in continuing to Build the Dream!



BRIAN RAMIREZ, PHD

Mechanical Engineering | UCLA

MS, Mechanical Engineering | UCLA

BS, Mechanical Engineering | Cal Poly Pomona

Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Cal Poly Pomona

Growing up in the City of Commerce, Brian often passed by the TELACU Corporate Headquarters and dreamed of attaining the college degree that neither of his parents possessed. Determined to become a TELACU Scholar, in 2008 he walked into his first College Success Program interview armed with a robot to prove his merit as a future mechanical engineer. Needless to say, he was admitted to the Program and was supported throughout his undergraduate and graduate journey—all the way until completion of his PhD in 2017!

Brian's academic excellence and innovative research garnered numerous accolades and earned him a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for research that he co-authored with his faculty advisor. Acutely aware of being one of the only Latinx PhD students in his highly competitive Mechanical Engineering Program at UCLA, he pledged to impact this disparity and began with mentoring the next generation of Latinx students.

After graduation, he turned down an amazing employment offer from the prestigious Lawrence Livermore National Lab, instead accepting a postdoctoral position at Cal Tech, where he was selected to receive a 2-year NSF research fellowship. Today, he is continuing to make good on his pledge to impact the disparities faced by Latinx in the sciences as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in one of the top-ranked engineering programs—at his own alma mater—Cal Poly Pomona.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI (continued)



ARACELI NARANJO, BA

Biology | Occidental College

Associate Director, Cellular Immunotherapy GMP Manufacturing
City of Hope

With graduation approaching and plans to enroll in med school, Araceli met with recruiters from City of Hope at a job fair hosted by her college. That serendipitous meeting ignited her passion for research and, just two days after her interview, she received a job offer as a Research Associate. Nearly 25 years later, she is still immersed in research at City of Hope, only now as Associate Director, Cellular Immunotherapy GMP Manufacturing working in a primarily female-staffed lab! Her important work focuses on developing therapies and treatments that reduce mortality rates and improve the lives of patients with cancer. She has come a long way from a first-generation student with big aspirations to a highly skilled professional actively working to combat a devastating disease that impacts virtually every family around the world.

Now, having fulfilled her immigrant mother's dream of building generational success, Araceli has imprinted that same ambition on her own 17-year-old daughter who is off to college next year.



VIOLETA LEWIS, MSN, RN, CPN

University of Arizona

BA, Physical and Biological Anthropology | UC Santa Barbara
AS, Nursing | Rio Hondo College

Nurse Manager (NICU/PEDS) | Adventist Health White Memorial

Quality healthcare is critical to everyone's well-being. The past several years have demonstrated just how disparate access to quality medical service is across our nation and across socio-economic divides.

Determined to reduce these inequities, Violeta has led a career of service for her underresourced community. She began her nursing career in pediatrics, serving children and families with our very own Millennium Partner—Adventist Health White Memorial. After obtaining her Master's she expanded her commitment to include teaching local nursing school students at Cal State LA and Rio Hondo College. In 2012, she delved into the political realm in the City of La Puente, taking her personal mission to the next level! She served two consecutive terms on the City Council, followed by two terms as Mayor and another three as Mayor Pro Tem. In her current position, she is ensuring not only the health of our community's families, but also their futures by caring for our community's tiniest, most vulnerable members.

A Heartfelt Thank You to our Network of Faithful Partners!

Over the past 40 years, they have provided critical grants, sponsorships, and volunteers with subject matter expertise vital to the academic, professional, and personal success of our TELACU Scholars. We salute our 2023 Partners.

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