



TO: The University Community

FROM: Sharon Hahs, President

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2009

The Provost and I are pleased to announce the results of our *HSI Initiative* grant awards program. The Academic and Support Program Advisory Group received 71 proposals totaling over \$2.3 million. We were able to fund 20 of these proposals and they are listed below. The Committee and the President's Council were impressed with the strength and diversity of the proposals and look forward to seeing them in action on campus and in the area.

We wish to thank the members of the Committee for their outstanding job of thoughtfully reviewing each of the 71 proposals, as well as Jeannette Hernandez for supporting their work. The members of the HSI Advisory Group are:

Christina Gómez: Sociology, Co-Chair

Paul A. Schroeder Rodríguez: Foreign Languages and Literatures, Co-Chair

Teresita Díaz: Proyecto Pa'Lante

María Luna Duarte: El Centro

Jason García: President, Student Government

Claudia Mercado: Enrollment Services

Kendy Olaguez: Graduate Assistant and ENLACE Fellow

Víctor Ortiz: Latino and Latin American Studies

Evelyn Rivera Swint: Graduate Assistant and ENLACE Fellow

Funded Proposals:

LLAS Community Forum Lecture Series (\$4,800)

Victor Ortiz, Latino/Latin American Studies Program

Project Success & Proyecto Pa'Lante Recruitment (\$2,000)

Denise Roman, Proyecto Pa'Lante

LLAS Professional Conferences Faculty Travel (\$8,000)

Victor Ortiz, Latino/Latin American Studies Program

LLAS Professional Conferences Student Travel (\$19,500)

Victor Ortiz, Latino/Latin American Studies Program

LLAS Immigration & Education Conference (\$22,000)

Victor Ortiz, Latino/Latin American Studies Program

Feria del Libro Latino y Mexicano of Chicago: Supporting Language and Literacy Richness at NEIU (\$83,000)

Gina Gamboa, Chicago Teachers Center

Professional Development for Latino/Latina Upper Division Sociology Majors (\$6,400)

Susan Stall, Department of Sociology

Latinos in Science Panel Series (\$2,500)

Ana Gil-Garcia, Educational Leadership and Development, Alberto Lopez, Teacher Education Department, and Carlos LeBron, Summer Transition Program

Mexicayotl: Reclaiming Our Minds and Our Bodies (\$2,000)

Juana Montoya, student

Peer Mentors for Latino students enrolled in Developmental Mathematics (\$15,400)

Thomas Blackburn, Developmental Math Program

Latin(o) American Cultural Series (\$12,000)

Paul Schroeder-Rodriguez, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Improving Assessment of Spanish Learning at NEIU (\$13,400)

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Pedagogical AV Material on Latino, Latin American and Spanish Literatures and Cultures (\$13,900)

Paul Schroeder-Rodriguez, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Culture, History and Social Development in the Mexican Bajio (\$24,500)

Jade Stanley, Jane Peller, Job Ngwe, Joseph Cytrynbaum, Department of Social Work

Peer-Led Team Learning Seminars for the STEM Disciplines (\$3,600)

Nancy Wrinkle, Department of Math, and Ana Fraiman, Department of Chemistry

Community Education for NEIU-El Centro (\$23,400)

Daniel Lopez, El Centro

Student Peer Mentoring Program for NEIU-El Centro (\$25,700)

Daniel Lopez, El Centro

Future Educators of ASPIRA Inc. of Illinois: A Partnership Between NEIU's College of

Education and ASPIRA, Inc of Illinois (\$16,000)
Maureen Gillette, College of Education and Daniel Lopez, El Centro

Proyecto Pa'Lante Career Awareness Workshop (\$4,900)
Eric Justiniano, Manuel Cuba, and Elisa Rzany, Proyecto Pa'Lante

Alternative Spring Break Immersion Trip (\$10,000)
Sharron Evans and Veronica Rodriguez, Student Activities