

## HCAP

The Hispanic College Awareness Program at UNC Charlotte would like to invite all Hispanic/Latino parents to our second "Noche de Padres" (Parent's Night). Our mission is to inspire Hispanic students by advocating a higher level of education, and to provide information, guidance, and support for their personal and professional growth. Some of the topics that will be discussed will be: Parent Involvement, Financial aid, higher level classes, Student involvement and much more. This is a great information session, in which parents will be able to be knowledgeable on how they can help their child succeed in school and have their questions answered in their language of origin in a comfortable setting.

The event will be on April 10th at 6:30 pm at our UNC Charlotte campus in the Friday building, Room 141 (attached is a school map, academic building #35 on map). Food and parking (East Deck 1) will be provided. Parents must register online at: <https://orgsync.com/68438/forms/101425>

Questions: we can be contacted: askhcap@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity for parents that do not typically understand the information given to them in their second language. Many parents in the past have enjoyed and appreciate learning more ways to be involved and help their students grow.

Please share this information with parents and feel free to ask any questions. Hope everyone had a great spring break! My name is Megan Walsh and I run the College Access Para Todos Program here at the Latin American Coalition in Charlotte. Please share this with Hispanic students.

I am writing to invite students to a workshop this upcoming Monday, April 28 at the Latin American Coalition. The workshop is geared towards middle and high school DACA, undocumented, and immigrant students (who come from immigrant families). The workshop is called **(Un) Documented or Not, Planning Your Path to College"** and in it you will familiarize yourself more with the college application process. We will have the session for students in English and the session for parents in Spanish. I have attached flyers. We also have free SAT Prep classes every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

Please try and RSVP to the workshop and for SAT Prep. Thank you, Megan Walsh Youth Development Coordinator **Megan Walsh**//Latin American Coalition . 4938 Central Avenue. Charlotte, NC 28205 #: 704.941.6730 f: 704-531-3850 [www.latinamericancoalition.org](http://www.latinamericancoalition.org)

Profesor Mario Bahena, de la Universidad Johnson C. Smith, a los alumnos and Latin American Coalition

*Dear Mrs. Di Cenzo-Gómez,  
Thank you so much for inviting us to visit your students and tell them about College And Opportunities For All. Our visit to North Meck High School last week was fantastic, and by organizing the event you positively impacted more than 100 students. I saw how deeply Dr. Bahena's testimony influenced your students, and how they stayed after the conference to ask questions and get to know us and the Program. Thanks so much for all what you do for the international community in Mecklenburg. We need more dedicated teachers like you to create a better and equal Charlotte. You did a great job. Your students will always remember this day as the day they learned their way to college and*



Alrededor de un centenar de estudiantes de la Escuela Secundaria North Meck y de la Escuela Intermedia J.M. Alexander, en su mayoría latinos, recibieron guías de académicos y organizadores comunitarios acerca de cómo seguir estudios en centros de educación superior.

“No hay excusas para que los latinos, incluyendo los que no tienen un estatus migratorio no asistan a la universidad”, dijo el profesor Mario Bahena, de la Universidad Johnson C. Smith, a los alumnos.

Bahena habló de su experiencia personal, de llegar a Estados Unidos, con limitaciones de conocimientos de inglés.

“Me excluyeron de la escuela donde se suponía que terminara mi secundaria”, contó el hoy el doctor o PhD.

Bahena logró su título de estudios secundarios mediante el GED o de Desarrollo Educativo General e hizo trabajos no calificados para ganarse la vida.

Hoy Bahena ostenta un doctorado en literatura mexicana de la Universidad de Indiana en Bloomington, con un complemento en filosofía.

Previamente obtuvo una maestría en literatura hispánica de la Universidad de Loyola de Chicago.

Bahena contó que tiene 10 años de experiencia en la docencia universitaria, y como teniendo obstáculos iniciales de tipo migratorio hizo parte de sus estudios superiores por sus resultados académicos. “Muchachos ahora las universidades los están buscando. Los centros de educación están buscando diversidad”, insistió Bahena.

Después les contó cómo a su universidad han asistido en los últimos años alrededor de un centenar de estudiantes indocumentados, con un alto porcentaje de becados. De acuerdo con el catedrático, la clave está en tener buenas calificaciones, no solo para asistir, en muchos casos con los estudios pagados a universidades privadas de Carolina del Norte, Carolina del Sur y el país.

Megan Walsh, de la Coalición Latinoamericana, habló del programa College Access para Todos, que prepara a los estudiantes para el SAT, de ingreso a las universidades.

“Hemos contribuido al ingreso de estudiantes a universidades de Charlotte”, dijo Walsh.

La charla fue moderada por la profesora Nhora-Gómez Saxon, de la Escuela Secundaria South Meck.

La maestra Sharon DiCenzo-Gómez, de Inglés como Segunda Lengua (ESL), de la Intermedia J.M. Alexander, fue la organizadora del evento, en el que también se trató el tema del programa de acción diferida para los estudiantes indocumentados.

De los casi 1,700 estudiantes de la secundaria North Meck, el 7 por ciento son latinos y de los más de 600 de la intermedia J.M. Alexander el 10 por ciento es hispano.



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