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Dear Student:

Congratulations! You have been nominated to participate in the [National Hispanic Institute's](#) upcoming high school summer leadership program for 10th and 11th grade students. Annually, we ask your school districts, high schools, teachers, and administrators to nominate their top students to become members of NHI, and you have been identified to join this select group high achieving individuals.

For 39 years, NHI has guided youth through immersive learning experiences that hone their leadership and communication skills, spark their creativity and imagination, and encourage a lifelong commitment to learning. NHI is a non-profit organization that seeks to bridge the gap between academically high achieving Latino students and the leadership development needs of the communities they are part of. NHI partners with educational entities all over the United States and Latin America to foster the growth and success of its most bright and talented young people.

Over the past four years, the National Hispanic Institute has provided an eight-day summer program right here in California at the University of San Diego. This program is more formally known as the [California Lorzeno de Zavala Youth Legislative Session](#) (CALDZ), and will occur this summer from **July 3, 2018 - July 10, 2018** at USD.

You will be staying on campus during the program, and will be tasked with creating your own mock legislative session with over 150 peers from all over the country, Mexico, Spain, and Latin America. You will engage in activities such as organizing political parties, running for positions and voting peers into office, drafting and creating community social entrepreneurship proposals, and challenging yourself in a dynamic and hands on learning environment. Throughout these eight days, you will also have time to reflect and gain a better understanding of who you really are and what you dream of achieving as a future community leader. Activities are designed to build self-confidence, courage, and the ability to create and collaborate with others.

Not only will you get a glimpse of campus life by staying in the residence halls, you will also participate in an off-campus excursion experience, have the opportunity to participate in an all-program talent show, and attend a college fair with prominent colleges and universities. NHI has over 70 national colleges and universities listed in our college register, with most institutions prioritizing undergraduate and graduate applications from NHI program alumni, making this experience something that you will want to put proudly on your resume. You will also be surrounded by the highest caliber of individuals who will attend, are enrolled, or have graduated from some of the best college and universities in the country. The network of academic and professional resources at your disposal will help ensure a successful undergraduate career and transition into adult life.

You should be very proud. Someone has taken notice of your potential and believes that, more than being just a good student, you are someone who can become a leader of your school, your community, your city, and beyond. As part of NHI, you will stand as one of the 90,000+ members that, over the 39-year history of this organization, have come together to shape the face of the Hispanic community in the US.

So now we'd like to ask you: What role will you play in the future of your community? What does the community you want to live in 20 years into the future look like? How are you preparing to be a part of it? We hope you will join us during summer for this once in a lifetime opportunity, and would like to congratulate you, again, on this prestigious nomination.

You can apply online [here](#). If you should have any other questions or should need any other information, please email NHI at San Diego Region Organizer **Andrea Madeleine Medina** at amedina@nhimail.com.

Best Always,

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