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Latino Leadership Initiative Set to Kick-off Saturday, January 10, 2015

Snohomish County, Wash., January 10, 2015 – A consortium of educational groups will launch the 3rd year Latino Leadership Initiative (LLI), a program aimed to empower Latino Youth in becoming leaders while giving back and serving their communities. This year's cohort consists of 29 college students.

The LLI kick-off will take place Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Everett Community College (Jackson Center), located at 2000 Tower Street, Everett, Washington. We will acknowledge the attendance of local dignitaries who will be there to motivate and inspire the LLI participants at 11:30 am followed by a panel discussion with elected officials from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm; the panel includes:

- Washington State Legislature House Representative Luis Moscoso and
- Washington State Legislature House Representative Lillian Ortiz-Self
- The Honorable Jill Boudreau, Mayor of Mount Vernon
- The Honorable Nicola Smith, Mayor of Lynnwood
- The Honorable Ray Stephanson, Mayor of Everett

This program also seeks to put the future of Latino youth on the public agenda and promote leadership development and higher education through formal workshops, hands-on mentoring and service-learning projects. The Latino population is the largest ethnic minority in the nation and it comprises over 11 percent of Washington State's population.

The consortium includes partners in Snohomish and Whatcom counties like Edmonds Community College, Everett Community College, Skagit Valley College, Washington State University Extension's Latino Studies Program, Consulate of Mexico in Seattle and Las Americas Business Center. The program is administered by Latino Education and Training Institute (LETI) of Lynnwood.

The kickoff is open to all including participants, guests and their families, but RSVP is required. Photographers and press are also invited. Please see the following contacts for more information, photos and coordination of interviews.

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