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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2014 is a year to look back and reflect on the progress that has been made in our efforts to expand our fundraising capacity for scholarship support and our educational initiatives. We anticipate 2015 to be an even better year.

Each new year marks a new beginning. Next year, KHEDF, will launch a new educational initiative—the Kansas Hispanic Alumni Network.

The Kansas Hispanic Alumni Network will support our alumni by providing additional skills to help them succeed in college, transition into a career, and become leaders in the community.

We held a focus group in October, followed by the distribution of an email survey to gain input from our alumni for the direction and development of the program. We will also host a networking event to provide information about the program which is expected to be launched this summer.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

KHEDF is accepting applications for currently enrolled high school seniors with a 2.8 GPA who are of Hispanic heritage and who will be enrolling as a full time student in an institution of higher education in the fall of 2015.

The scholarship application and detailed application instructions and eligibility can be found at [www.khedf.org](http://www.khedf.org). Deadline to submit an application is February 1, 2015.

**MAY 27, 2015**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 27th when KHEDF will recognize our 2015 scholarship recipients. The event will be held in collaboration with the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at the DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport.

**KHEDF SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN**

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KHEDF awards students scholarships based on talent and academic potential. Our hopes are that scholarship recipients will make significant contributions in their professional fields when they graduate in our community.

Because of the rising cost of tuition, there are many students who have the dream, talent, and commitment to receive a post-secondary education, but they lack the financial resources to turn their aspirations into realities.

For these students, scholarships can create life changing opportunities.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 for our 2015 scholarship applicants. Increasing the Foundation's number of scholarships is critical to the achievement of this goal and ensuring our ability to continue to turn Hispanic dreams into college degrees!

KHEDF scholarship applicants have demonstrated that they are leaders in their schools and

will be leaders in our community. We hope to provide them an opportunity to excel and to reduce their concerns about the cost of higher education.

With a minimum commitment, you have an opportunity to have an immediate impact on a student's future.

To learn about the different giving levels, visit our website at [www.khedf.org](http://www.khedf.org).

**THE 2015 SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN RUNS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.**

## STUDENT STORIES



North High School graduate Ramiro Sarmiento is a junior at The University of Kansas where he is majoring in Political and International Relations with a minor in Spanish. He wants to attend the LBJ School of Public Affairs, a graduate school at the University of Texas, where he plans to concentrate on social and economic policy.

Ramiro's experiences and opportunities at KU have enhanced his class room learning.

He is president of HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization). HALO has hosted several events for Hispanic Heritage Month, including Hispanic Firsts, a display of the first Latinos to achieve a milestone in their fields, such as the first Latina woman to become an Astronaut or the first Latino presidential candidate.

He spearhead the founding and is vice president of the only Latino fraternity on campus, Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—the first chapter in Kansas.

At the Dole Institute of Politics, Ramiro has had a FRONT ROW SEAT to meet some of the world's top leaders like President Obama and President Santos from Columbia.

Ramiro competed at the Washington Model of the Organization of American States in Washington D.C. where KU represented Mexico. He met Joel Antonio Hernandez Garcia, the Mexican Permanent Ambassador to the Organization of American States.

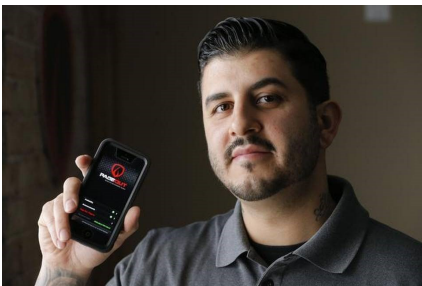
He also competed at the Harvard Model United Nations where KU represented South Sudan.

Ramiro's experiences and opportunities at KU have enhanced his classroom learning. He has gained real world experience that will add depth to his resume and to his overall college career.



Washington Model of the Organization of American States Pictured 3rd from right—Ramiro Sarmiento and 4th from right—Joel Antonio Hernandez Garcia

## TU FUTURO: THROUGH EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



The Tu Futuro: Through Education & Leadership Workshop will be held in January at the WSU Metropolitan Complex and will feature Carlos Fernandez, Jr. co-founder of Page-Out and Clutch Studio as the keynote speaker.

Mr. Fernandez will share his experiences about how his love of tech, design, and building led him down the path of entrepreneurship. And he will offer advice to students on becoming an entrepreneur.

Students from USD 259 with leadership potential and an interest in pursuing a post-secondary education will participate in the workshop.

Many Hispanic students simply aren't prepared for college. They don't know what classes to take, or how to prepare for the ACT. They may not even know that they are eligible for financial aid. The Tu Futuro workshop will give these juniors resources and opportunities needed to take charge of their education.

Breakout sessions will include:

### Careers of the Future

Students will learn about the shape of the job market over the next 20 years and the best ways to prepare to be successful in emerging careers.

### Planning for College

Students will learn the importance of GPA's and the ACT as well as how to choose a college, understand admission requirements, and how to get the most out of college fairs.

### Leadership Basics

Students shared examples of how they exercise leadership and learn how to use the Kansas Leadership Center principles to help them get into college, receive an internship and secure employment.

### College Fair

For many of our Hispanic students the Tu Futuro "College Fair" is their first chance to visit with college representatives from across the state. At the fair, students will have the opportunity to find out about academic programs, financial aid, and admissions requirements.

The workshop was funded by



We are extremely grateful to everyone for their part to make the workshop a success!