



## Capitol Area César E. Chavez Commission Michigan Hispanic Caucus

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Dear School Superintendents, Administrators, Principals, Teachers:

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus, the Capital Area Cesar E. Chavez Commission, the Michigan Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and Lansing Community College (LCC) are joining together this year to celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Month event and the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Dinner. The theme this year is: "Latinos Leading in a Global Society." The festivities will be held on **Tuesday, September 29, 2009**, beginning at 9:00am with a student summit at Lansing Community College held at Dart Auditorium. A **free** lunch will be provided at 11:30am on the State Capitol Lawn, complete with entertainment, student college fairs and participation of community leaders.

Our guest speaker is Mr. Ruben Gonzalez, who is a dynamic motivating speaker from Houston, Texas. You may find more information on Mr. Gonzalez at [www.thelugeman.com](http://www.thelugeman.com). As a Three-Time Olympian and a national luge champion, peak-performance expert Ruben Gonzalez knows how to achieve success again and again. A master storyteller, Ruben uses his Olympic experiences to inspire audiences to think differently, live life with passion and have the courage to take the necessary steps toward their goals - to push beyond self-imposed limitations and to produce better results!

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus holds this annual event to celebrate Hispanic/Latino culture and heritage and the promising future that stands before us. The Capitol Area Cesar Chavez Commission is dedicated to proclaiming the life, vision and work of Cesar E. Chavez in a manner that promotes the development and growth of our community with a special emphasis on youth. Due to the state of the economy, we believe that partnering the two organizations would make it easier to seek sponsorships for this memorable and historic event.

The Michigan Hispanic Caucus provides a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors by way of an essay contest. The Capital Area Cesar E. Chavez Commission offers a similar essay contest with winning essay writers receiving a savings bond award. The recognition dinner will be held at the Causeway Bay Hotel, 6320 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan (reception at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm). The application processes for both opportunities are attached.

As you can see, we have planned a full and exciting day (agenda attached). Please advise us with the number of students you are planning to bring no later than September 23, 2009 with RSVP's to LCC at (517) 483-1162 or by e-mailing to [sasdiv@email.lcc.edu](mailto:sasdiv@email.lcc.edu) . Again, **lunch will be provided on the Capitol lawn free of charge**. Please join us in this community initiative which will celebrate both the accomplishments of Cesar E. Chavez and empowered Hispanics in Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

Valde Garcia  
State Senator

John Espinoza  
State Representative

Lee Gonzales  
State Representative

Art Luna  
Cesar Chavez Commission  
Chairman

Lawrence T. Garcia  
Commission on Spanish-Speaking  
Affairs, Chairman

Stanley Chase  
Senior Vice President  
Lansing Community College



# Agenda for Tuesday, September 29, 2009

## Student Summit at Lansing Community College

- 9:00-9:15am All students arrive at Dart Auditorium\_500 N. Capitol Ave. (see note below)
- 9:20-9:30am Welcome by LCC representative
- 9:30am Introduction of Keynote Mr. Ruben Gonzalez
- 9:35-10:50am Keynote Address
- 11:00 am Dismiss to Capitol lawn
- 11:30am Welcome by Senator Valde Garcia, State Representative Lee Gonzales & State Representative John Espinoza
- 11:35am Lunch and festivities begins
- 1:00pm End of luncheon

**Note: Busses should drop off students on the WEST side of Capital Avenue across from Dart Auditorium (for safety). Dart Auditorium is located where the large X is on the map.**

**Busses may park at the Library of Michigan Museum Parking lot located on Allegan Street. The Museum is located where the large star is on the map.**

