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### **GDHCC Institute for Leadership and Business Education in Partnership with Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Will Award Over \$1 million in Scholarships for Dallas Area Students**

Dallas– The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GDHCC) is proud to announce that this year's Stars on the Rise scholarship recipients will be awarded more than \$1 million dollars in scholarships. This is a record-breaking amount, more scholarship money than the program has ever awarded in one year.

Over 450 scholarship applications were received by the deadline. Of this group of scholars, a pool of candidates was selected for individual interviews based on college success indicators: academic rigor; grade point average; leadership; community service/work experience; and a personal essay. The GDHCC is recognizing "academic excellence" in this year's recipients.

Since the inception of the Stars on the Rise program over twenty years ago, the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has collaborated with the community, corporate donors, and educational institutions to assist over 1,000 Dallas-area students with their dream of pursuing a higher education.

Long time supporters of the GDHCC's education programs include: The University of Texas at Arlington, Southern Methodist University, The University of Texas at Dallas, U.S. Navy, Midwestern State University, and Texas A&M University- Commerce among others. Corporate supporters include Bank of America, Ben E. Keith, Texas Instruments, Verizon, and the DFW Hispanic Contractors Association.

2009 Stars on the Rise scholarship recipients will be attending prestigious universities across the country. These institutions include Cornell University, New York University, Duke, Vassar, UT System schools, and Southern Methodist University among others.

This year's event underwriters include Texas Instruments, Capital One Bank, Kroger, Verizon, Darden Restaurants, Navy Recruiting District Dallas, Texas A&M University- Commerce, DART, and Mico Restaurants.

A press conference is scheduled for June 9, 2009 at the Dallas ISD headquarters. The annual Stars on the Rise Scholarship banquet will be held on June 12, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas.

For more information on the Stars on the Rise Scholarship program please contact the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 214-521-6007.

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#### **About the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

Established in 1939, the GDHCC is one of the largest, and influential Chambers in the United States, having been recognized National Chamber of the Year a record five times. The GDHCC is the voice of Hispanic business and proudly serves and represents its more than 2,000 member businesses in the greater Dallas region with innovation, advocacy and committed leadership.

**GDHCC MISSION:** To develop, promote and protect Hispanic businesses in the greater Dallas area and to support the advancement, education and economic growth of the Hispanic business community. The Chamber shall serve as a business resource, a forum and advocate for Hispanic business issues and a united voice for the Hispanic business community.