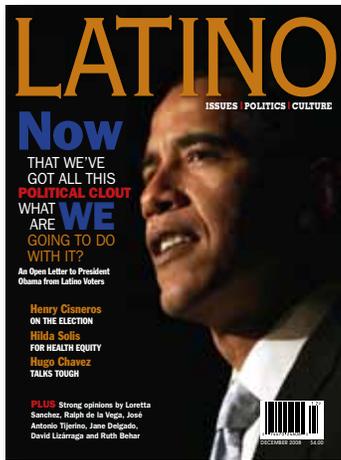


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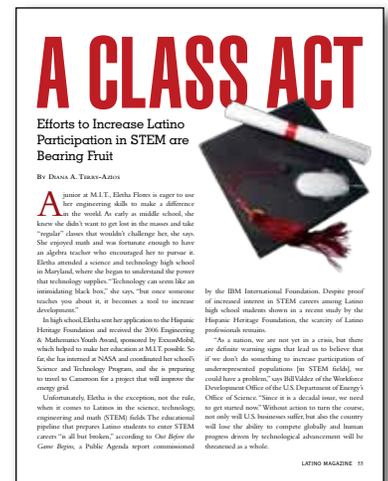
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To address this issue, LATINO Magazine will present the 2011 Latino Youth Forum,

to be held in Washington, DC on Thursday, December 1st at 2-4 pm EST. Our second annual event will bring together a panel of educators, community leaders, and Obama Administration officials. It will be moderated by CNN commentator Maria Cardona. These leaders will hear directly from young Latinos, both present at the event and via the internet, who will voice their concerns for the present and hopes for the future. The forum will be webcast live to a national audience, and may be accessed via desktop computers at homes and in schools at [www.latinomagazine.com](http://www.latinomagazine.com). Questions will be taken from viewers across the country. Working with our partners like the Hispanic College Fund, viewings will be organized in schools with high Latino enrollment. Post-event, the forum can be downloaded from LATINO Magazine's website and will be covered extensively in an extensive Special Report in the following issue.



## 2010 LATINO YOUTH FORUM **Students Speak Out**

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To address this issue, LATINO Magazine presented its first annual Latino Youth Forum to partnership with AHA! and the Hispanic College Fund on December 1, 2010 in Washington, DC. The first-of-its-kind event brought together a select audience of educators, opinion-makers and community leaders for a four-hour meeting at the Newseum moderated by Ray Suarez, host of NPR's *Counterspan* from NPR. Guest speakers included John Rodriguez, CEO Entrepreneur, Carlos Santiago, Hispanic College Fund, Deborah Santiago, Executive in Education, Jon Diaz, Dept. of Education, Incentiva Schools, Cesar Chavez Public Charter School and Ed Roberts, AHA!.

These leaders heard directly from young Latinos, both present at the event and via the internet. The Latino Youth Forum was webcast live to a national audience, accessible via desktop computers at homes and in schools. Questions were taken from viewers across the country. Present at the Newseum and at AHA! headquarters in Dallas were high school students from the Hispanic Youth Institute and the Cesar Chavez Public Charter School (see right) who shared their concerns for the present and hopes for the future. The webcast of the event is available at [www.latinomagazine.com](http://www.latinomagazine.com).

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**Students Speak Out**

On Friday, December 1, 2010, thousands of Latino students from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy in Washington, DC, discussed the increasing problem of the increasing drop-out rate with representatives from throughout the DC area, including the DC City Council, DC Public Schools, non-profit organizations, business, and local universities. The students and parents and their own experiences in their schools is the focus of the many standing issues on the agenda. The program was sponsored by American Promise Alliance.

The participating schools worked diligently for several months to prepare their presentations. During the forum, some of the students shared personal experiences such as the negative neighborhood influences surrounding them and their own experiences in their schools. One student shared a compelling story about the attitudes his family had and why he is determined to stay in school. They also used creative ways to explain why it is important to stay in school. Several students shared their own experiences with the current state of the public education system, some in a way that was quite humorous and others in a way that was quite serious.

The second evening of the Drop Out Summit was webcast live to a national audience to include the city and public schools through recorded live webcasts. When discussing the Drop Out Summit, Latinos in a panel at Cesar made it clear that the goal of the summit was to "share in a way that was quite humorous and others in a way that was quite serious."

Priscilla Garcia, AHA! welcomed the audience at the Newseum.

**On December 1, 2011, at 2-4 pm EST, LATINO presents a live Town Hall meeting on the Latino drop-out crisis moderated by Maria Cardona. Join us at [www.latinomagazine.com](http://www.latinomagazine.com)**

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