



The USHCC applauds the recent steps taken by the Biden-Harris Administration to uplift more Latinos across the country. On Wednesday, President Biden signed a new Executive Order establishing a White House initiative that will boost higher educational opportunities for the Latino community.

This initiative aims to increase awareness of federal opportunities for the nation's more than 500 Hispanic-serving institutions and improve alignment of their programs with national economic needs. This includes fostering cross-sector collaboration and strengthening Federal recruitment to enhance career opportunities for students, faculty, staff and alumni. Education is our society's great economic equalizer, and these actions help level the playing field.

The announcement also makes good on last month's Executive Order that creates legal pathways for undocumented spouses and children of United States citizens, allows more Dreamers to contribute to the economy and defend our nation, and expands access to legal representation and immigration services. Ensuring access to quality education, growing America's economy, keeping families together and moving towards a more just and equitable immigration system are at the core of strengthening our country.

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