

THE TOP 25

LATINOS IN EDUCATION

No matter how many challenges the Latino community faces, education continues to be a front burner issue.

As the number of Latinos in the U.S. exponentially increases, the opportunities available to them to achieve a higher education continue to dwindle. Proposed cuts to Hispanic higher education in President Bush's Fiscal Year 2009 budget have added to the disappointment of the community, as the proposed 20 percent reduction from Fiscal Year 2008 severely affects the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions program under Title V of the Higher Education Act. Those institutions, 270 in all, enroll half of the two million Hispanic-American college students today, but receive only half the federal funding that other colleges and universities receive.

These are trying times for educators, especially those who are taxed with the responsibility to help Latinos find their way through professionally educated America.

The men and women in these pages are but a brief example of all of the advocates who are waging daily fights against, and also oftentimes with the system in order to ensure that our community's chances for success through education does not die in the battle.

Congratulations to all of them for making the first of many lists to come. We feel immense gratitude for their extraordinary efforts.

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ANGEL CABRERA

President, Thunderbird School of Global Management



RESIDENCE: Glendale, Arizona

BACKGROUND: SPANISH

Who he is:

Cabrera, the second of four boys, was born in Madrid in 1967. The son of a businessman and grandson of a teacher, Cabrera chose his career track - engineering - early in life. However, his interests soon surpassed that narrow field. After receiving a bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Madrid Poly-technical University, the Fulbright Scholar earned a master's and doctorate from Georgia Institute of Technology. He worked as a consultant for two Spanish universities, then worked for the Instituto de Empresa, where he taught organizational behavior and human resource management. In 2001, he was named dean.

Why he is important:

Since 2004, Cabrera has been president of Thunderbird School of Global Management, where he guides a learning network with programs in the United States, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Russia, Singapore, Central and South America and China. Regarded as a leading institution in the education of global managers, the school holds the No. 1 ranking in the Financial Times, U.S. News & World Report and The Wall Street Journal/Harris Interactive survey of corporate recruiters. Cabrera, who in 2004 was named one of 25 "Stars of Europe" by BusinessWeek, serves on the boards of various international, professional and corporate boards, including the board of directors of eFunds. He also serves as a senior adviser to the UN Global Compact Office on Academic Affairs.

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