

THE NATIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE PRESENTS

DIONISIO "DENNIS" CHAVEZ NEW MEXICO LORENZO DE ZAVALA YOUTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
State Capitol, Santa Fe

June 9-16, 2024

THE LDZ EXPERIENCE

Have you ever witnessed a gathering of the most exceptional and **intelligent minds** in New Mexico? This extraordinary event brings together enthusiastic and driven students from every corner of the state for a **once-in-a-lifetime experience**. They will meet new people, form friendships, and establish a community themselves. At NHI, we believe that true leadership goes beyond just having a title. It involves having the drive to **bring out the best in others** and the ability to **inspire innovation**. By focusing on celebrating the success of others rather than just personal recognition, you can fully embrace and **unlock the true power of leadership**.



During an 8-day residential program, students are taught to adopt an asset-based mindset and utilize NHI's community equity-based approach to build a strong community, establish support groups, and create plans to maximize their strengths and abilities. The LDZ program fosters personal growth in all participants, ensuring that **no one leaves unchanged**.

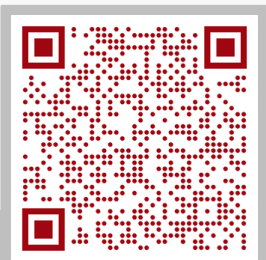
The experience of the journey leaves a profound **impact on the hearts** of all those involved, evoking a desire to relive it once more. As the week draws to a close, participants come to the realization that they have **become part of a family** that feels like home. By taking part in this program, you will join as yourself and emerge as a more empowered and improved version of yourself. Following your participation in an NHI program, you'll be **forever changed**.





RECOGNIZED AS THE DIONISIO "DENNIS" CHAVEZ SCHOLARS

Our communities are **home to many** creative and talented young individuals who will undoubtedly **shape the future** of society. These young minds carry the responsibility of navigating a constantly-evolving world and hold the potential to bring about significant influence and change. These exceptional individuals proudly bear the esteemed title of the Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez Scholars, paying homage to the notable Senator Dennis Chavez, who made history as the first Hispanic elected to a full term in the U.S. Senate from New Mexico. Just like Senator Dennis Chavez, these exceptional students embody the remarkable qualities of **tenacity, courage, strength, and wisdom** that the late senator possessed. They are poised to ignite transformative change that will not only uplift the Hispanic community but also **leave a lasting impact on the entire world**. The upcoming 2024 New Mexico LDZ participants are a talented group of young individuals who have been handpicked as the third cohort of U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez Scholars. As part of their responsibilities, these exceptional individuals will have the privilege of utilizing their skills and knowledge to embody the values and principles of **community leadership** in the great state of New Mexico.



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LDZ APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- **Current 10th or 11th grade from a high school in New Mexico**
- **3.2 (88) grade point average (GPA)**
- **HS transcript/report card**
- **Parental Release and Medical Form**
- **\$25 application fee (nonrefundable)**

2024 Dennis Chavez Scholars will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to assure a space in this popular program by:

Nov. 15 Early Admission

December 15 for Mid-Term Admission

Check website for extended deadlines.

The 8-day residential program at UNM and the State Capitol is fully funded and provided at NO COST to participants. Transportation assistance will be available for students confirmed by March, 2024.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023 DENNIS CHAVEZ SCHOLARS

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Albuquerque, NM

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SENATE

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE

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In 1979, the National Hispanic Institute was established by **Ernesto Nieto and Gloria de Leon** with the objective of constructing a significant and sustained presence in the Latino community. Their vision was to empower the next generation of leaders by providing young Latinos with opportunities to envision and realize their value beyond conventional notions of success, such as college degrees and career goals. Through thoughtfully-structured experiences, students are encouraged to analyze their beliefs, behaviors, and outlooks, in order to identify their inherent strengths and areas where they can grow. Additionally, students are taught to appreciate the

importance of preserving and embracing their cultural and spiritual identities. This approach, based on the recognition and leveraging of assets, is the bedrock of NHI's equity-building strategy for cultivating community leaders. For more than 40 years, NHI has been unrelentingly committed to serving the community through its leadership initiatives. Our organization remains steadfast in our adherence to this mission and will always prioritize it as our guiding principle.



SPECIAL THANKS TO SENATOR MICHAEL PADILLA

Special legislative funding for the 2024 Dionisio "Dennis" Chavez New Mexico LDZ is made possible by Senator Michael Padilla. In 1988 he attended the New Mexico LDZ as a student from Los Lunas High School and was elected Lieutenant Governor.

"Experiences gained by participating in this transformational program can have a lasting impact on you as an individual and your family for generations. My participation in this life changing program still guides me as a state Senator and key policymaker in my state."



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