

UT Brownsville New Affiliate

We are pleased to announce that the University of Texas at Brownsville has joined the HBLI consortium. **President Juliet V. García** accepted our invitation to affiliate with HBLI since "it will increase our access to both national and regional research and training resources that ultimately will expand the capacities of our students, faculty and staff." UT Brownsville is celebrating its tenth anniversary of partnership with Texas Southmost College District.

The primary linkage between HBLI and UT Brownsville will be through the newly created Cross Border Institute for Regional Development. The executive director, Dr. **Baltazar Acevedo**, who is also an HBLI scholar, seeing the value of joining forces, promoted the formal affiliation. He states, "Given the common mission, targeted region, and focus on Latinos for both Regional Development Institute and HBLI, by joining forces we magnify our respective influence in creating more opportunity and a better tomorrow."

In January 2003, both executive directors will meet in Brownsville to discuss a few concrete joint projects to pursue.

Award from the Lumina Foundation

We are pleased to inform our friends that the Lumina Foundation for Education in Indiana will be awarding a small grant to HBLI from its McCabe Funds competition. The year and half grant will permit us to encourage young Latino and Latina students to consider going to college. Basically, it is an early information sharing project that will inform both students and their parents on how to plan and prepare for admission into col-

lege. We plan to target 8th grade students in low-income schools with high Latino enrollments in the Phoenix area. Planned activities will include "Role Models" night, college campus visits, College Recruitment night, etc. For parents, there will be evening or Saturday one-hour information sharing about, how to find financial aid to pay for college, tips on how to help their children with school work, etc. We hope to serve about 500 students and 250 parents.

Book Review Series Coming

Your publications editor, Dr. **Barbara Firoozye**, is launching a book review series to be placed on the HBLI Web page. Books under review by HBLI Scholars are

<u>Books</u>	<u>Reviewers</u>
<i>Moving Up the Economic Ladder: Latino Workers . . .</i>	Barbara J. Robles , Prof., UT Austin
<i>Effective Programs for Latino Students</i>	Rey Contreras , Prof., SFSU
<i>Learning from Experience: Minority Identities . . .</i>	Sheryl Santos , Dean, CSUB
<i>Latino/a Thought: Culture, Politics, & Society</i>	Félix Gutiérrez , Prof., USC
<i>Making a Difference in the Lives of Bilingual . . .</i>	Concepción Valadez , Prof., UCLA
<i>Brown Tide Rising</i>	Terrence Wiley , Prof., ASU

Our first review is planned to be available for reading in late January. With the addition of these book reviews and the inclusion of other papers, more substantive information will be available to our school board members, state policy makers, scholars, researchers, and graduate students.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform our Community that Dr. **Consuelo Nieto**, professor at California State University at Long Beach, passed away just before the Thanksgiving holidays. Throughout her education career, she gave her expertise and strong voice to represent the views of students, community, and faculty in places where such perspectives were not commonly heard. Her involvement made a positive difference in the lives of many. Connie embodied the spirit and work of HBLI. For those who knew her, our lives will be lesser without her, but we are richer for knowing her.

Antojitos

Arizona State Senator **Pete Ríos**, an HBLI National Advisory Panel member, was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame for the ASU College of Public Programs. Among the many distinguishes he holds is that Mr. Ríos became Arizona's first Latino Senate President in 1991.

Dr. **Flora Ida Ortiz**, Program Coordinator at UCR, expects four or five of the seven HBLI fellows to complete their dissertation studies by June 2003. If so, this would bring the number of fellows with doctorates to 20 out of a total of 30, a very high completion rate, almost 70 percent.

Dr. **Tomás Arciniega**, President of California State University at Bakersfield, an HBLI NAP member, gave a keynote address at the Tempe, Arizona, conference organized by the American Council on Education, Office of Minority Affairs. The conference focus was "Standardized Expectations or Unexpected Standards for Professional Advancement and the Dilemma for Latino Leaders in the Academy." (You may read a summary of his comments in our Web page. Also you will find the presentation, "Still Marginalized After All These Years" by **Leonard A. Valverde**, made at the same conference.)

*Feliz Año Nuevo*

Even though our country is facing hard times (9-11 era homeland insecurity and a bad economy), the immediate future (2003) may be promising. Hard times are typical for agents of constructive social change. In fact, strong leadership emerges during difficult days. HBLI is well positioned with its National Advisory Panel, Coordinating Council, scholars, and graduates to provide needed leadership; with our Ford Foundation grant to enhance leadership skills of elected board members; and with our Lumina small grant to help our Latino youth attend college. HBLI is adding capacity to improve the lives of people and making the future promising.

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