

## News from the Carlos Rosario School



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### Justice Sotomayor Visits the Sonia Gutierrez Campus



In October we were honored to host Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the Sonia Gutierrez Campus. During her visit, the Justice answered questions from students and took a student-led tour of the school. [Read more](#) about her visit.

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## Engaging with Local Government

In mid-October a group of Carlos Rosario School students visited the D.C. City Council as part of annual Charter School Day. During the visit students, attended the Committee of the Whole meeting and saw local government at work. Then the group stopped into council member offices

and met with Brianne Nadeau, Robert White, Kenyan McDuffie, Brandon Todd, and Darby Hicks, a member of David Grosso's legislative staff. See [photos](#) from the visit.

The same day two members of the D.C. City Council's Labor and Workforce Development Committee visited the Harvard Street Campus to learn more about how we connect students with career resources and jobs.

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## Donor Spotlight: Institute for Mexicans Abroad



Thank you to our generous donors with the **Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME)**. The IME Becas program has been helping Carlos Rosario School graduates finance college since the spring of 2015. IME aims to help Mexicans abroad become part of the fabric of their communities in order to improve those communities and strengthen their members' cultural identities as proud Mexican citizens. IME not only offers scholarships for higher education, but also services related with learning to navigate their new communities in the U.S.

In the 2016-17 school year IME Becas awarded matching college scholarships totaling \$7,000 to five Carlos Rosario School graduates. These graduates are now attending classes at UDC, Ana G. Mendez, and The Professional Salon Academy and studying culinary arts, cosmetology, psychology and liberal arts. Over the past two school years, thanks to this matching scholarship program more than \$54,000 dollars have been rewarded and helped to pay for nine students (Latinos from across Latin America) going to college and vocational programs.

**Meet some of our recent Carlos Rosario School graduated IME recipients.**



**Alfonso**  
The Salon  
Professional  
Academy



**Bernardo**  
Ana G.  
Mendez  
University



**Jesus**  
Ana G.  
Mendez  
University



**Jorge**  
Ana G.  
Mendez  
University



**Selene**  
University of  
the District of  
Columbia

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## **New Training Program Aims to Grow Latino Leadership in D.C. Construction**

The Carlos Rosario School, in partnership with industry leaders, hosted a series of workshops and trainings in the areas of entrepreneurship, safety, management, business development, and more, through a historic initiative called Construye-D.C.: Latinos Thriving in Construction.



[Read more](#)

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## Honoring the Contributions of the Hispanic Community

This Hispanic Heritage Month we were excited to host City Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Council Member Kenyan McDuffie who read from a council resolution honoring the contributions of the Hispanic community to our nation and to the District of Columbia. During the ceremony, we honored Angela Franco, Senior Advisor to the D.C. Health Benefit Exchange, for her leadership in and contributions to the Latino community of the D.C. region.



Leticia Negrón, a Vocabulary student, shared her thoughts on the yearly Hispanic heritage celebration. Leticia, who is of Puerto Rican descent and was raised in Panama, served as this year's Hispanic Heritage Festival's emcee. Read her reflection [here](#).

Check out photos of the event [here](#).

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## College Bound Graduates Giving Back



As part of the Carlos Rosario School's first College Fair and College Spirit Day, graduates of the school came back to share their higher ed experiences with students

in each session. Pictured above an audience of current students interested in pursuing higher education listened closely to Alfonso, Miriam and Miskir. Graduate Alfonso Martinez gave the following advice to students, "Never stop learning. Always be hungry and humble."

Students also gathered information about scholarships, the Accuplacer exam, and admissions details from tables hosted by Ana G. Mendez, The Salon Professional Academy and BAU International University.

Check out photos of the College Fair and Spirit Day [here](#).