Excelencia in Education Experts Speak on ‘Latino Students and America’s Future’

Two national experts with Excelencia in Education who research and promote Latino/a student success spoke on "Latino Students and America’s Future" Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the Performing Arts Center. Both Sarita Brown, president of Excelencia in Education, and Dr. Deborah Santiago, the organization’s vice president, have studied many successful programs for Latino students across the country and have been consultants/speakers to many Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Brown and Santiago have also served as executive director and deputy director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence under former President Bill Clinton and continue to be heavily involved in promoting Hispanic initiatives.

According to Excelencia in Education, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., while Latinos are the largest and fastest growing minority group in the United States, the group lags behind other major racial and ethnic groups in higher education attainment. Excelencia in Education accelerates higher education success for Latino students by linking research, policy and practice to serve Latino students and the institutions and programs where they participate.