

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2019-1089

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Efforts of Hispanic Latino Affairs in Creating the First Year Arrival Program, ADELANTE

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WHEREAS, a report, released from the Education Trust, shows that the University of Florida has the highest graduation rate for Latino students among the top ten universities in the nation at 87.3 percent [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Enrollment and Demographics report shows that as of Fall 2018, 19.11% percent of the University's student enrollment identifies as Hispanic/Latino, a total of 10,716 students [2]; and,

WHEREAS, ADELANTE is a two-day early arrival program, focusing on the successful transition of incoming Hispanic Latinx students from high school to their first year of college; and,

WHEREAS, this program places an emphasis on academic success, community-building, personal and professional development, networking with University of Florida's Latinx faculty, and minority student opportunity by learning first-hand about university resources such as the Hispanic Student Association (HSA), the Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC), and Career Connections Center (CCC) [3]; and,

WHEREAS, participants will be assigned a peer leader who is committed to serving and helping each incoming student by answering UF and/or Gainesville related questions, giving academic and leadership advice, all while encouraging them as they enter their first year of college, serving similarly as a preview staffer [3]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the success of students from marginalized backgrounds is imperative to the advancement of our campus community.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the outstanding work of Hispanic Latino Affairs in creating ADELANTE to help Latinx students better transition into the University of Florida and provide them the resources necessary in finding their community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Dr. Joseph Glover, Dean of Students Dr. Heather White, Dean of the International Center Leonardo A Villión, Associate Dean of Students and Senior Director of Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Will Atkins, Director of Hispanic Latino Affairs Bianca Z. Quiñones, Hispanic-Latino Affairs Graduate Assistant Juan Pulido, Associate Dean of Students and Senior Director of New Student and Family Programs Kris Klann, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs Shaquille Lowe, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs Joseph Moore, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs Jonathan Tunwar, STAAR Agency Head Derlis Leyva, Diversity Cabinet Chair Stephanie Beltran, and Hispanic Student Association President Isabella Oliver.

[1] <https://news.ufl.edu/articles/2017/12/uf-a-top-performer-nationally-for-latino-graduation-rates.html>

[2] <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/uffacts/enrollment-1/>

[3] <https://hispaniclatinoaffairs.multicultural.ufl.edu/initiatives/adelante/>