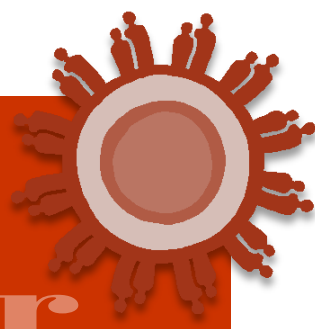


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Project MALES
is an initiative of the
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The 2015 UT Male Student Leadership Summit A Big Success!

On August 13-14, 2015, the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color (TECMSC) hosted the second annual UT Male Student Leadership Summit at the University of Texas at Austin, and it was yet another huge success. Over 200 young men of color and over 100 faculty, staff, administrators and guest speakers attended, representing school districts, community colleges, universities, and community organizations from across the state of Texas. This year we introduced a professional networking career/education fair as well as new topics for both our professional and student workshops. Our students had the opportunity to meet successful entrepreneurs as well as representatives from KPMG, Google, Union Pacific, among others. They also met with representatives from the UT School of Nursing and the McCombs School of Business. In addition, this year, our student track workshops featured topics on building trusting relationships with law enforcement, "Building Trusting Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Young Men of Color," a workshop introducing our male participants to gender and sexuality, "Introduction to Gender and Sexuality," and a workshop on how to successfully navigate the transfer process from the community college to a four-year university, "Successfully Navigating the Transfer Process: Pathways from the Community College to the Four-Year Institution" to name a few.



We would like to thank all of our grant and corporate sponsors, institutional partners, keynote and session presenters, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement staff, Dr. Gregory J. Vincent, Dr. Leonard Moore, and Dr. Darren Kelly, Project MALES staff, and volunteers, some who came from as far way as Los Angeles, California, who made this 2015 UT Male Student Leadership Summit a huge success. THANK YOU!

Project MALES Introduces Staff for the 2015-2016 Academic School Year

Project MALES is kicking off the 2015-2016 academic year with some new faces joining the mentoring and research teams. Dr. Emmet Campos, DeAna McCusky and Jorge Rodriguez are the new members of the Project MALES family. Dr. Campos is the new Director for Project MALES and for the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color. Dr. Campos previously directed grant-funded initiatives focused on men of color and Latina/o students college transfer and completion at the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE) at UT Austin and served as UT Austin's Project Director for the Institute for Community, University, and School Partnerships under Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. Dr. Campos has also taught at UT Austin, St. Edward's University and Austin Community College. Dr. Campos received his Ph.D. in Cultural Studies in Education/Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Austin. DeAna will join the research team as one of the research associates.



DeAna McCusky is a Ph.D. student in the Program in Higher Educational Leadership, she holds a Masters in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and Bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jorge Rodriguez will be the mentoring site coordinator at Reagan High School. Jorge received a BA in Economics from UT Austin and is pursuing a MA in College and University Student Personnel Administration (CUSPA).

We are excited to welcome Dr. Campos, DeAna and Jorge to the Project MALES family. We are also excited to be returning three staff members who have been involved with the project for a few years. On the research side, we have Claudia García-Louis who will continue with her role as the research coordinator, José Del Real Viramontes returns and will continue his role as a research associate. We will also be joined on the research team by Dr. Veronica Jones, a postdoctoral scholar within the Program in Higher Education Leadership. On the mentoring side, Juan Lopez will now be our new lead mentoring coordinator overseeing our work-study and mentoring programs for the 2015-2016 academic school year. Jorge Segovia, will continue as our Community Engagement Coordinator and will also oversee our mentoring sites at Webb Middle School and Gus Garcia Male Leadership Academy.

Project MALES Introduces New Faculty and Research Affiliates

We are proud to announce the launch of our new Project MALES (PM) Faculty and Research Affiliates Program. The goal of this Faculty and Research Affiliates Program is to raise the visibility of our affiliates' research on young males of color by amplifying their work to our growing national network of P-16 practitioners and administrators. Our Faculty and Research Affiliates include emerging and established scholars whose research focuses on the educational experiences of males of color (with a special emphasis on Latino males in K-12 and higher education).

In August two of our Faculty/Research affiliates, Dr. Taryn O. Allen, Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington and Dr. David Perez II, Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at Miami University in Oxford, OH, presented their most recent research on Latino males in higher education at our 2nd Annual UT Male Student Leadership Summit. Dr. Ozuna O. Allen shared her research on Latinos enrolled in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Dr. Perez II shared his research on thriving Latino males in higher education, revealing how Latino males employ different forms of capital to maintain their educational trajectories and achieve positive outcomes in college. In addition, their work was featured in our inaugural PM Faculty and Research Affiliates Research Briefs series launched in August.

We are looking forward to the first convening of the PM Faculty and Research Affiliates at the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) annual conference, taking place November 5-7, in Denver, Colorado. Stay tuned as we bring you more updates and the next in the series of PM Research Briefs out in early October regarding our PM Faculty and Research Affiliates and the research work they are doing on Latino males in higher education.



Project MALES Student Organization Welcomes New Student Council



Over the years the Project MALES Student Organization has been an important part of our PM initiative. They provide students the first opportunity to become involved in the PM project as freshman undergraduates and support our overall mission supporting our young Latino males. The organization leads the *Platica* series and provides students with opportunities to engage in community outreach and fulfill the overall mission of PM by engaging the surrounding local community in different events and activities each semester.



Last year the Project MALES Student Organization had one of their most successful years to date. They hosted and participated in multiple events at UT-Austin and in the local east Austin community. The Project MALES student organization participated in the First Annual Transfer Student Social, volunteered at Austin's Pets Alive, coordinated a Project MALES bowling night at the Underground, and fund raised over eight hundred dollars throughout the year to support their community service projects.

This year the student organization is looking forward to more successful events and activities. All this would not be possible without the leadership of the Project MALES Student Council for the 2015-2016 Academic School Year which includes President Estela Lopez, VP Cristian Santillan, Secretary Miguel Gonzales, Treasurer Nalisia Greenleaf, Public Relations Eduardo Banda, and Historian Jesús Nazario. We want to thank our student leaders for their continuous commitment to, leadership, civic engagement, and community service.