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ALAS Announces Participants in National Superintendents Leadership Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—August 6, 2014—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) is proud to announce the 2014-2015 participants of its prestigious Superintendents Leadership Academy (SLA). Only 15 superintendents and administrators from across the nation were selected to participate in the year-long program. The SLA Academy began in 2009. To date 11 graduates have become superintendents.

The leadership program is the first of its kind in the United States to focus on preparing the next generation of school system leaders with the skills necessary to close achievement gaps and specifically address the needs of English Language Learners and other disenfranchised groups.

Participants were selected for the program based on their proven record of leadership and commitment on raising the level of student achievement for students of color and for English Language Learners for the school districts they serve. Their level of dedication to serving the needs of children and their families was also considered essential for selection.

The year-long program will cover Curriculum & Instruction/Assessment; Equity Leadership & Community Engagement; Governance & Strategic Planning; Leadership & Preparing to Become a Superintendent Preparation; Management Systems & Structures; and Government Relations. Experienced superintendents and other educational professionals will share their expertise at the sessions.

The program participants represent six different states. They are:

Marisa Chapa
Consultant – Educate Texas
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
Pharr, Texas

Debra L. Duardo
Executive Director
Student Health & Human Services
Lost Angeles USD
Los Angeles, California

Gabriella Duran-Blakey
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum &
Professional Development
Santa Fe Public Schools
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Imelda Flores de la Guardia
School Leadership Officer
Harrison School District Two
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Gabriel A. Gonzales

Altagracia Guerro

Principal
Atrisco Heritage Academy High School
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Assistant Superintendent for Multilingual
Programs
Houston ISD
Houston, Texas

Jill Hoogendyk
Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction
San Francisco USD
San Francisco, California

Abram Jimenez
Vice President
Illuminate Education
Irvine, California

Edgar Lampkin
Director of English Learner Services
Yolo County Office of Education
Woodland, California

Jose R. Lopez
Executive Director for State & Federal Programs
Mission CISD
Mission, Texas

Luz M. Martinez
Principal
Sunset High School
Dallas, Texas

Margaret R. Morales
Assistant Superintendent
Plainfield Public Schools
Plainfield, New Jersey

Maycanitza Perez
Program Administrator
Rochester City School District
Rochester, New York

Angelica Ramsey
Chief Academic Officer
Santa Clara County Office of Education
San Jose, California

Julio C. Vazquez
Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum &
Instruction
Newburgh Enlarged City School District
Newburgh, New York

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About the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS)

Established in 2003, ALAS is an educational professional association advocating for Latino youth through professional development, interaction and networking among administrators in school districts nationwide that serve Latino students. The national nonprofit was formed in response to the lack of national advocacy and representation of Latino administrators and students by the existing mainstream professional associations.