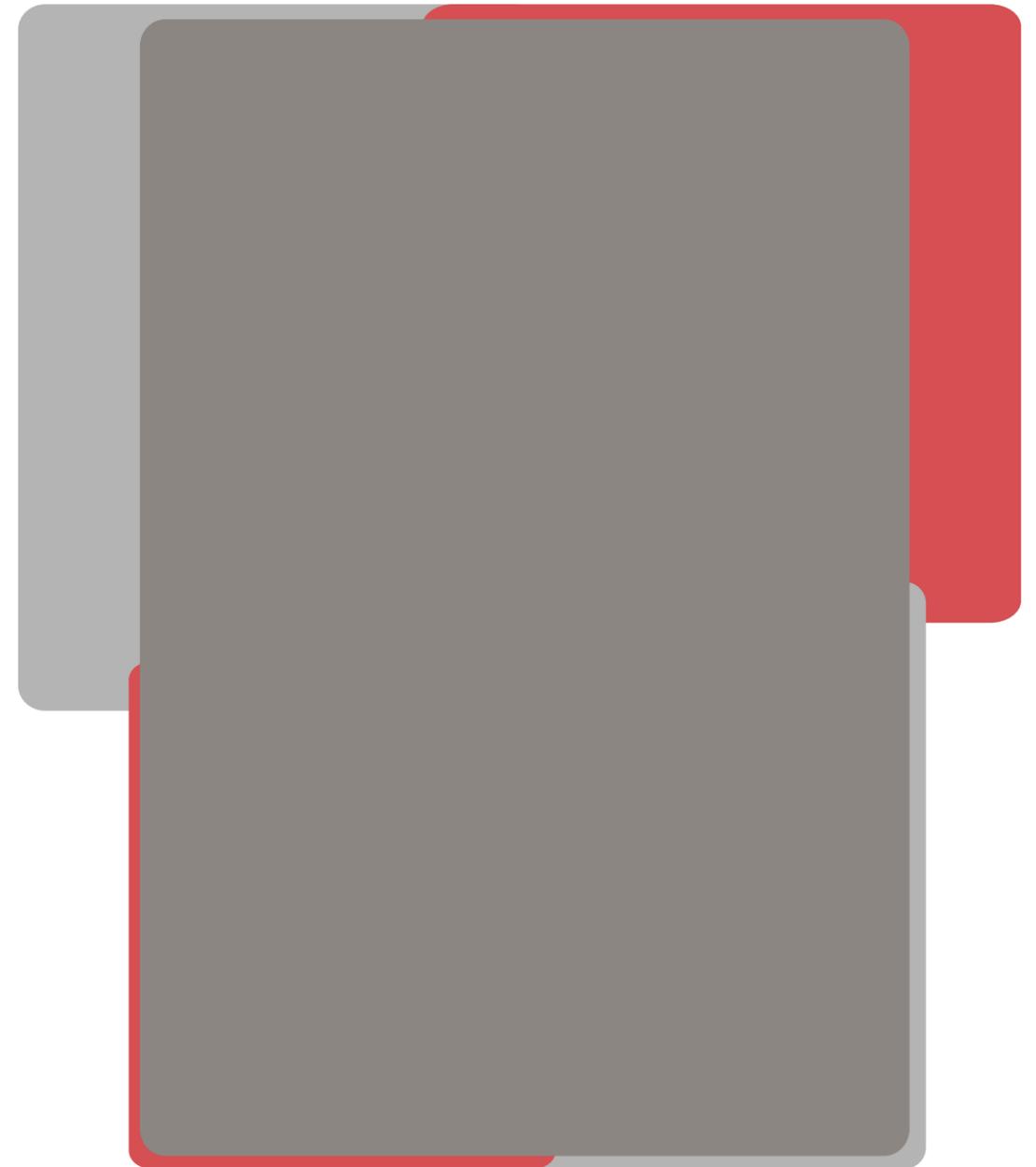




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# What is NHI?

The goal of the National Hispanic Institute is to develop young people into the valued thinkers and doers of an exciting, rapidly emerging Latino world. Every year, the National Hispanic Institute conducts a search in the United States and Latin America for the brightest and most talented students who are willing to answer the call to leadership in the global Latino community. What distinguishes the NHI experience is that it is a live learning lab for advanced social development focused on executive leadership. All leadership coaches in NHI programs are former program participants, including the adult directors whose role is to provide structure and guidance in the learning process. In the end, everyone has to run a mental marathon and is exhausted from the high volume of late-night discussions, readings, writings, and decision-making. We all realize that the NHI learning experience happens at multiple levels, from the students to the coaches, and from the program specialists to the adult directors.



## The Great Debate

High School Freshmen participate in a program known as the Great Debate. With two forms of this program, high school students either attend a Four-Day program or a Six-Day program.

If they have the opportunity to partake in the training camp (ten Sundays, four hours each) and participate, the student competes in the Four-Day program. The Six-Day was created for those who cannot fulfill the weekly practice requirements. All training for competition occurs at the program. Both are highly rigorous and aimed at teaching the participant proper communication and higher order thinking skills.

## LDZ

The Lorenzo De Zavala Youth Legislative Session is the widely known high school program that NHI offers. Students, either in their sophomore or junior year, are able to participate in a mock legislative program that is geared towards guiding the participants to learn to create individual ideas and navigate through systems to reach their individual goals while learning to build relationships and operate the protocols of formal decision-making.

Only 1000 openings are available and the pool to select from is 400 private and public high schools.

## CWS

The Collegiate World Series is designed as a learning experience in personal leadership that provides insight and guidance to NHI high school alumni who are transitioning to college as emerging high school seniors. Students sharpen learning, increase comprehension, and develop views that help them create balance between professional and community calling.

The CWS provides students with the fundamental means of making key distinctions in their life work, using imagination and inventiveness as tools to consider different pathways of achieving significance in the mission of changing lives.

## Program Sites

### Four-Day Debates

- Texas Great Debate – Austin College, Sherman, TX.
- Texas Ambassador Great Debate – U.T. Austin, Austin, TX.

### Six-Day Debates

- Midwest Great Debate – Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.
- Texas Star Great Debate - Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX.
- Northeast Great Debate – Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

### LDZ

- Colorado LDZ – Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- Las Americas LDZ – La Ciudad Del Saber, Panama City, Panama
- National LDZ – Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL.
- New York LDZ – University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.
- Texas LDZ – Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX.
- West Coast LDZ – University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

### CWS

- Texas CWS – Site TBA, TX.
- Northeast CWS – Wheelock College, Boston, MA.
- International CWS – Site TBA, FL.

### Celebración

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## Celebración

Celebración is NHI's annual showcase program that only invites student finalists of the regular summer programs. Costs to participate in this internationally attended event are valued at-cost and are solely intended to cover student housing, food, materials and socials in order to maximize affordability. Besides competitions within the grade levels, Celebración conducts a large college fair as well as personal interaction with well-known public figures, a high profile awards ceremony for top performers, and opportunities for students to significantly expand their networks.

Celebración also invites a large number of alumni, friends, supporters, and sponsors to attend and be recognized for their contributions in advancing the work of NHI.

## Requirements

- Have firm intentions to attend college.
- Be involved in school extracurricular activities.
- Participate in a competitive review process for admission.
- Fulfill particular academic standards.
- Have a strong conduct record.
- GD - GPA of 85/100 scale
- LDZ - GPA of 88/100 scale
- CWS - GPA of 88/100 scale