



# Hispanic Women's Network of Texas

Promotes the advancement of women in public, corporate, and civic life

## Fort Worth Chapter

### ***LATINAS IN PROGRESS® (LIP®) EDUCATION SERIES***

#### **Purpose:**

The Hispanic Women's Network of Texas (HWNT), Fort Worth Chapter has developed an education series designed to engage and encourage senior high school Latinas to further their education through mentorship and self-development.

#### **Description**

HWNT-Fort Worth's education series is named *Latinas in Progress® (LIP®)*. *LIP®* strives to familiarize senior high school Latinas, with college life and the tools to succeed in their personal and professional life. Our education series consists of five learning sessions, volunteer opportunities, and a Hermanitas® mentorship program. The sessions of the series are taught at local partner colleges and universities during one Saturday a month during the school year. *LIP* also exposes the participants to mentors/Madrinas®: Latina women who share their stories of overcoming adversity, achieving higher education, and professional success. The sessions provide enriching learning experiences and encouragement by providing access to opportunities, information, financial resource, and exposure to universities.

1. September 17, 2011 – College 101 Module: Full day of college preparation material  
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM - UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
2. October 15, 2011 – Writing Skills Module: Writing workshop focusing on admissions and scholarship essays 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
3. November 19, 2011 – Latinas in Power and Civism Module: Session focusing on Hispanic History & Culture and Latinas in Politics and Civism 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM -
4. December 17, 2011 – Madrina®/Hermanita® Social: Optional social, time and location to be determined
5. January 21, 2012 – The Assertive Latina Module: Session focusing on assertiveness training 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM – TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
6. February 18, 2012 – Life Skills Module: Half day session focusing on skills and tools for success in life and college 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
7. March – HWNT Scholarship Awards Banquet: date, time and location to be determined

#### **Benefits for Students to Be Part of LIP®:**

- Automatic enrollment into our Madrina® Mentorship program for personal and direct coaching, and guidance throughout the year.
- Information about scholarships and special programs from different entities, organizations, corporations, colleges, and universities.
- If the student attends ALL 5 sessions, and completes 12 hours of community service they will be eligible to apply for HWNT's scholarships/awards for college in 2012.
- Access to the best academic institutions in the area, with exclusive *LIP* only campus tours.
- Free membership to Sister Cities International Exchange Program.
- Invitation to many HWNT's events and community events including government, civic, and professional organizations in the area.
- Interaction with other young Latina leaders.

### **Requirements for Acceptance to the Program:**

High school student ladies of Hispanic/Latino decent entering their senior in Fall 2011 are encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in high schools, preferably in Tarrant County; however, students everywhere are eligible to participate, regardless of their place of residence. Interested students must submit an application and checklist for admission to the program by the announced deadline. Once accepted, students will receive an acceptance letter. Participation in **all five** sessions of the program is expected from each student. In addition to attending and participating in all five sessions, students are also required to comply with the other series requirements, such as volunteering, in order to be eligible to apply for HWNT-Fort Worth scholarships. See enclosed checklist for requirements.

### **Host Universities and Colleges:**

Universities and Colleges in Tarrant County are welcome to host the LIP Program. Host universities have the opportunity to interact with college candidates and allow them to see their facilities and learn about their programs. Host universities are encouraged to distribute information and promotional materials to participants. Usually host universities and colleges provide light meals and coffee breaks for the participants.

### **Mentorship:**

LIP participants have access to established professional women as mentors during the duration of the program. Mentorship relationships foster confidence, allow learning through role modeling, and offer valuable advice and support to participants. Mentors interact and communicate with mentees to ensure retention in our program and aid with college preparation.

### **Scholarships:**

Participants who attend ***all*** five sessions, complete 12 hours of community service (6 of those hours **MUST** be volunteered/completed with HWNT), and comply with the program's workload will be ***eligible*** to apply for HWNT-Fort Worth's scholarships at the end of the school year; participation in our program alone **does not** guarantee scholarship awards. Students must apply for scholarships and comply with the Scholarship Committee's requirements in order to ***compete*** for available scholarships. Throughout the year, students are also made aware of many scholarship opportunities from other organizations and corporations, and are encouraged to apply.

### **Fees and Costs:**

**LIP** is offered to young Latinas ***free of charge***. Sponsorship from host universities, HWNT-Fort Worth, and the community make our educational program free for participants. Students, however, must arrange their own transportation to sessions. Transportation, will, in some cases be provided by HWNT to sessions held at some universities. Breakfast and afternoon snacks will be provided at all sessions.

### **Program Information:**

For further information about HWNT **LIP** please visit the LIP website: <http://hwnt.org/fw-latinas-in-progress.html> or contact Anna M. Alvarado, Education Chair, at 817-377-8833, [fw-education@hwnt.org](mailto:fw-education@hwnt.org) or Anette Soto, Co-Education Chair at 817-205-1159, [fw-coeducation@hwnt.org](mailto:fw-coeducation@hwnt.org).