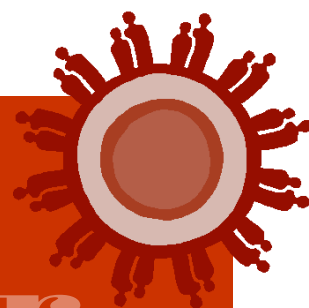


# Project MALES Newsletter



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**Project MALES** is an  
initiative of the  
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at UT-Austin.

## The 2013 UT Latino Male Symposium

On Friday, June 7, 2013, Project MALES will host the 2013 UT Latino Male Symposium in the Student Activity Center Ballroom. The Symposium serves as a platform to raise awareness of issues facing Latino male college students, and to promote the exchange of ideas and programs that could be implemented to serve this population. Over the past two years more than 500 professionals have joined us in advancing the conversation further on this important topic. This year, the symposium will extend the conversation by featuring a dynamic panel comprised of representatives from Latina serving organizations. Other topics include the new Texas Education Consortium for Male Student Success and a student led conversation about the Project MALES Student Mentoring Program.

Special guest speakers will include the Hon. Mary Gonzalez, Texas State Representative (District 75), and our keynote speaker Dr. Luis Ponjuan, who are sure to deliver dynamic and thought-provoking remarks. For more information, visit:

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/projectmales/2013-symposium/>.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Celebrating Our Project MALES Graduates

Project MALES Student Fellows & Mentors work with high school males in an effort to improve the educational attainment and college-going competencies of young men of color while also providing a safe space for these young students ask for guidance about their educational pathway. Our committed undergraduate mentors serve as role models for their mentees and share their unique educational experiences as a way to prepare them for college. The Fellows take on additional leadership and mentoring roles as leaders within the organization, and they are instrumental in the ongoing planning and implementation of our mentoring curriculum.

Project MALES has been fortunate to have such wonderfully talented and committed students. The success of our program is largely attributed to their dedication, involvement, and enthusiasm. We would like to celebrate their academic success by congratulating our 2012-2013 graduates. ¡Sí se pudo!

### Fall 2012 graduates:

Fellow Andreyz Alvarado.  
Mentors: A'dri Gonzales and Larry Perez.

### Spring 2013 graduates:

Fellow, Charles Sustaita,  
Mentors: Irene Acosta, Benito Faz-Banda, Jose Jaimes, Oscar Patino, and Pedro Suarez, Jr.



## Project MALES Welcomes Dr. Enrique Romo, New Director

Enrique Romo, Ph.D., has recently joined the team and is serving as Director of Project MALES and the Texas Education Consortium for Male Student Success. As Director, Dr. Romo will serve as the chief operations officer for all Project and Consortium activities and will be responsible for communications and engagement with key partners. Dr. Romo also serves as Deputy to the Vice President of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.



Dr. Romo's leadership will be essential to the success of Project MALES' new initiative, The Texas Education Consortium for Male Student Success. This new state-wide initiative will focus on improving Latino and African American male student success across the state of Texas. The Consortium seeks to align and coordinate existing programs and services that target underrepresented male students across the education continuum, and it further seeks to stimulate new male-focused initiatives within Texas colleges and universities. Dr. Romo received his master's degree in communications with an international communications emphasis from Texas State University in 2005. Additionally, Enrique holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Texas at El Paso and just completed his doctorate degree in higher education administration at the University of Texas at Austin.

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Romo to our team!



## Project MALES Continues to Shine

Project MALES continues to receive national recognition and support for successfully leveraging the conversation about the educational challenges facing Latino males. In the past three years, many significant milestones have been reached through the implementation of scholarly research and a specialized Latino male mentoring model. Project MALES has been featured locally in the Daily Texan, San Antonio Express-News, The Texas Higher Education Journal, NBC Dallas, and Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Nationally, Project MALES has been spotlighted in NBC Latino, Time Magazine, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Foreign Policy Magazine, and The Huffington Post. In the last year we have also secured multi-year grant funding from the Greater Texas Foundation, TG, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These partnerships have strengthened our ability to advance the conversation and break new ground with innovative programs, efforts that we hope will inspire new programming and interventions to address the challenges facing Latino males across the educational spectrum.

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## Special Thanks to Our 2013 UT Latino Male Symposium Sponsors!



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