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Governor Addresses Latino Students at Internship Graduation

Gov. Christie Whitman today delivered the keynote address at a graduation ceremony for Latino college students who completed an internship program that provides career experience in state government and the private sector.

Thirty one students graduated from the ten-week program, entitled Hispanic Interns in Community Service Program/Latino Fellowship Institute. In addition to offering college students the opportunity to experience career opportunities in state government and the private sector, the annual program includes a series of weekly discussions designed to help prepare, motivate and empower the students for professional positions in public service as well as in positions of leadership.

The program is sponsored by the Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, in cooperation with Rutgers University's Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership in Camden.

About 200 students have graduated from the Hispanic Interns in Community Service Program since it was created in 1988. The Latino Leaders Fellowship Institute component of the program was added in 1991.