

Hispanic/Latino Action Coalition

The Coalition involves stakeholders from multiple organizations that serve the Hispanic/Latino/Latinx community. Members cited the following as challenges, solutions, and suggestions:

- The biggest challenges noted were regarding financing education, RDS/out-of-state tuition, and cultural proficiency (offering a welcoming college environment).
- Current solutions raised up included partnerships with programs for first-generation students such as [Juntos](#) and [GEAR UP](#).
- Suggestions included...
 - Promoting Workforce Continuing Education/non-degree programs and their value more to this population.
 - Allowing high school graduate in-state tuition to community colleges.
 - Providing a year long program for presidents and other leaders at community colleges about the issues Hispanic/Latino students encounter at the colleges.
 - Dedicated staff at the System Office to address the needs of this growing population.
 - Recruiting more Hispanic/Latino professionals into community college leadership roles.
 - Involving parents more in the student recruitment process, recognizing the elevated role of family in Hispanic/Latino student decision making.

Planned Engagement

Further engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned, through targeted engagement and/or representation on the planning teams that will draft goals, objectives and strategies:

Community-based organizations

Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC)

Individual businesses

NC Association of County Commissioners

NC Chamber

NC Community College Faculty Association (NCCCFA)

NC Community College System Office (further engagement of leadership/staff)

NC Department of Commerce/NCWorks

NC Department of Public Instruction

UNC System Office