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Hot Takes: LatinX Student Issues

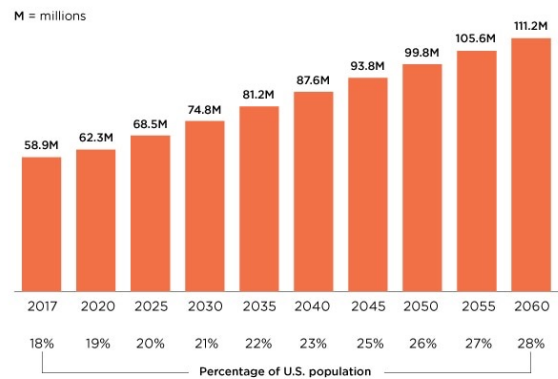
In collaboration with the Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) Department Racial Justice Advisory, we present Hot Takes: A crash-course style social justice presentation series. The most recent session on LatinX student issues was presented by Giovanni Negron-Garcia, graduate student, from the SAHE Department. This edition of Diverse Voices features information from the Hot Takes presentation and concludes with references and resources.

A Growing Population

- The LatinX/Hispanic population is comprised of individuals living in the United States who are from Spanish-speaking origin/background/descent
 - 20 Latin American nations, plus Spain
- LatinXs/Hispanics are the single largest minority group in the nation (approximately 18.5% of the U.S.) with exponential population projections (Chavez-Najera, 2021)
- The enrollment gap for LatinX students in higher education has decreased by about 5% in ten years (PNPI, 2021)

Hispanic Population to Reach 111 Million by 2060

Projected Hispanic Population 2020 to 2060



Student Issues

- Although LatinX/Hispanic student enrollment has increased, retention is low
 - LatinX/Hispanic students have the lowest levels of college completion compared to other ethnic groups (Hurtado et al., 2020)
- Many LatinX/Hispanic students struggle with family support and guidance due to being first generation, DACA recipients, language barriers, etc. (Monico & Duncan, 2020)
- Culturally, many LatinX/Hispanic students are reluctant to use resources available to them due to pride

Support LatinX and Hispanic students with:

- Awareness of and sensitivity to these barriers to increase persistence
- Culturally competent communication with respect to LatinX/Hispanic pride to encourage use of resources



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