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Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:48 AM
To: Figueroa, Maria
Subject: Welcome to the UA President's Hispanic Community Council

Dear Maria:

I am so pleased to share that you are now among our UA President's Hispanic Community Council colleagues! Thank you for devoting your time and energy to making a difference in the lives of UA students. The Council will begin meeting once again in early fall semester. You will receive a meeting schedule, an orientation packet, and other helpful information in August. The Council is currently chaired by Janis Gallego, attorney and UA alumnae. Janis can be reached at janisgallego@hotmail.com. You are of course more than welcome to contact me as well should you have any questions or thoughts prior to the Council's first meeting.

During one of the Council's early meetings you will be asked to share a bit about yourself and your work. In addition to amplifying the voices of our community and making sure they are heard at the highest levels of decision making, creating new university-community alliances, the also Council seeks to strengthen the community by facilitating partnership building among community leaders/organizations. Above all, the Council seeks to ensure 100% access, 100% success for 100% of all qualified students. Students are the core of much of the Council's work and I am sure your expertise will add much value to this central mission.

Thank you again for serving on the Council.

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>> Board Colleagues
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>> As you know the US has long been at the top among all nations
>> globally
> for college completion. Simultaneously, the US has dominated the
> world markets as the pre-eminent force for innovation. For the first
> time, the US has lost its top footing in both of these arenas. What
> will make or break the US's success getting back to the top spot? Graduating Latino/a students.
> We must do more of what works to accelerate the educational attainment
> of Latino/a students, particularly in science, technology,
> engineering, and math, to build a prosperous future for all Arizonans and all Americans.
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>> Resources
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>> 1. Arizona College Completion Rates for Latino/a Students and Necessary
> Steps to Accelerate Educational Attainment
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>> 2. Latino/a College Completion Nationally

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>> 3. Press Release from Excelencia in Education.
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