



Angelo Del Toro

PR/HYLI

PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

FACT SHEET

Overview:

- Late Assemblyman Angelo Del Toro, in collaboration with the NYS Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, created the Institute for high school students of Puerto Rican/Hispanic descent.
- The Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute is a collaboration with the NYS Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force in conjunction with the annual SOMOS conference, Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages, and the New York City Public Schools.
- The Angelo Del Toro takes place every year during the SOMOS conference in Albany.
- The program has been in existence for more than 30 years

Goals of the Institute – Students will:

- Gain an understanding of the NYS legislative process by participating in research and the development of legislative proposals
- Develop leadership skills
- Gain an understanding of responsible citizenship.
- Create opportunities for interaction with positive role models such as elected officials and other adult professionals
- Promote a dialogue between youth and community leaders concerning issues that affect Hispanic Youth and their communities

Phases of the Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute:

- **Phase 1:** Regional Delegations Study of Topics
- **Phase 2:** Participation in the Three-Day Institute
- **Phase 3:** Extension and Refinement of Leadership Skills
- **Phase 4:** Outstanding Student Delegate Trips

Since the Inception of the Institute:

- Approximately 7,000 students of Hispanic descent have participated in the Institute - additional students have participated in the local delegation trainings.
- In partnership with SOMOS, seniors entering colleges/universities have received over half a million dollars in scholarships.

Scholarships

- 1991-2012 SOMOS awarded 20 scholarships at \$500 per year, totaling \$210,000 over this time.
- 2013 SOMOS awarded 30 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 each, totaling \$20,000.
- 2014 SOMOS awarded 38 scholarships ranging from \$750 - \$1,500 each, totaling \$36,000.
- 2015 SOMOS awarded 37 scholarships ranging from \$640 - \$2,500 each, totaling \$37,960.
- 2016 SOMOS awarded 33 scholarships ranging from \$720 - \$3,000 each, totaling \$40,000.
- 2017 SOMOS awarded 31 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$3,000 each, totaling \$40,000.
- 2018 SOMOS awarded 39 scholarships ranging from \$550 - \$3,000 each, totaling \$43,000.
- 2019 SOMOS awarded 30 scholarships ranging from \$800 - \$3,000 each, totaling \$40,000.
- 2020 SOMOS awarded 37 scholarships ranging from \$770 - \$3,080 each, totaling \$50,000.
- 2021 SOMOS awarded 20 scholarships which were \$500 each, totaling \$10,000.
- 2022 SOMOS awarded 30 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,200 each, totaling \$50,000.
- 2023 SOMOS awarded 35 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,200 each, totaling \$50,000.

For additional information regarding the Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute, please contact Emily Gargiulo, PR/HYLI State Coordinator at (518) 479-6806 or emily.gargiulo@questar.org, or you may contact Dr. Gladys I. Cruz, District Superintendent, Questar III BOCES at gcruz@questar.org.