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## **The Top 20 STEM Colleges and Universities for Latino Students**

Los Angeles CA, October 20, 2016 – At this year's [Families in Schools](#) Alliance 2016 Parent Engagement Summit, The [Calculus Roundtable](#) today announced the Top STEM Colleges and Universities for Latino Students, featuring top-performing national and state level schools that cater to Latino Students. [The Top STEM Colleges and Universities for Latino Students rankings](#) evaluated data from more than 4000 colleges and universities to identify which schools are best at preparing Latinos students for college with academic rigor and a social support system that promotes the cultural heritage of Latino students.

Cal Poly (<http://calpoly.edu/>) took the top spot with over 100 STEM related degree programs and home to one the largest nationally recognized Latino Fraternity, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc. The school is also home to several Greek life activities including La Familia, a group for LGBTQ identifying Hispanic students.

6 out of the top 10 schools are in California with Florida International University of Miami (<http://www.fiu.edu/>) and the University of Houston in Texas (<http://www.uh.edu/>) the two non-California schools to break the top 5.

“With our major focus on students and communities of color, we began to see a need for a college pipeline that reflected the diversity of our students. “, said Jim Hollis, Executive Director of the Calculus Roundtable. “For our African American students, finding a network was easy. We tapped into the Historic Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with their long established math and science focus. But when we looked to partner with similar colleges that recruit and or cater to Latino students and their family’s specific needs, we found a list of schools hard to quantify. So, we set out to find colleges and universities with historic ties to the Latino community and had an existing focus on math and science.”

The Calculus Roundtable, a non-profit education organization, analyzed over 4,000 schools with graduation rates 15 percent higher, on average, than other colleges and universities to find the top 200 schools across the country, with the highest enrolled or percentage of enrolled Latino student body. From additional research of best practices and supports given to high schools, The Calculus Roundtable created a list of determining factors - such as active student life, price, scholarships and financial aid packages - that contribute to not just admission into college for Latino students but completion of a degree in the sciences. Of those schools selected, we ranked them all by the strength of their strong undergraduate and post graduate STEM-based degree programs, to create a final list of 20 schools.

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The Calculus Roundtable is an Oakland based, non-profit organization dedicated to opening opportunities in math and science for students: particularly for students of color

Top STEM Colleges and Universities for Latino Students rankings, is exclusively available from Calculus Roundtable and are available on our site [www.calcround.org](http://www.calcround.org)

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