



**GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

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AWARDED GOIZUETA FOUNDATION 'REACHES' GRANT**

**Funding Will Help Strengthen Academic Achievement of Hispanic/Latino Students**

**ATLANTA** -- The Goizueta Foundation has awarded the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education a grant of \$539,600 to launch an initiative, *Research, Engagement and Communities for Hispanic/Latino Educated Students (REACHES)*. The Partnership is dedicated to providing all students in Georgia with educations reflecting the highest standards of academic excellence that thoroughly and effectively prepares them for postsecondary study or careers.

This grant will enable the Partnership to advance its work by strengthening the pipeline and increasing academic achievement of Hispanic/Latino students in select school systems so that these students will complete high school and become college or career ready.

Dr. Stephen Dolinger, president of the Partnership, said this gift significantly allows the Partnership to advance its mission of informing and influencing Georgia leaders through research and non-partisan advocacy to impact education policies and practices for the improvement of student achievement.

He added, "This initiative will enable the organization to better serve the community and the state by focusing on the education needs of Hispanic/Latino students and identifying the existing resources so that they become skilled and competitive in a globalized workforce."

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Founded in 1992 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Economic Developers Association, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education consists of business, education, community and government leaders who share a vision of improved education. An independent organization, the Partnership is working to be Georgia's foremost change agent in education. The non-partisan, non-profit Georgia Partnership takes lead roles in efforts to impact education policies and practices for the improvement of student achievement. More information is available at [www.gpee.org](http://www.gpee.org).