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## **An Investment in California's Future Leaders**

*Chicano Latino Youth Leadership (CLYLP) Project Receives \$75K Comcast Foundation Grant*

*28<sup>th</sup> Annual CLYLP 'Capitol Day' with the more than 120 CLYLP California Summer Youth*

**SACRAMENTO, CA**—As efforts continue to protect education and youth development programs from severe state budget cuts, the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project continues to foster youth leadership skills as it celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> annual CLYLP 'Capitol Day'. The organization is able to fulfill its mission due to the commitment of its sponsors. Today at the Capitol Day press conference, Comcast Foundation announced a total investment of \$75,000 over three years to the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP) for the CLYLP Comcast Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program provides college-level alumni of CLYLP, a 4-week paid internship in a state legislative office combined with an intensive training and leadership program developed in partnership with the CSU, Sacramento Center for California Studies, the University of California-Sacramento Center, the University of Southern California, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, and the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities.

*"We are excited to partner with CLYLP to provide opportunities for these talented Latino students from across California,"* said Johnnie Giles, Vice President of Government Affairs, Comcast California. *"These students are our future leaders, and we hope the Fellowship and the Capitol Day experience will help to power their dreams for success."*

The CLYLP Summer Youth Capitol Day, also sponsored by Comcast, allowed high-school students to be 'Legislators for the Day' by learning about the legislative process and holding mock hearings on bills currently before the California Legislature. Towards the end of Capitol Day, the students were addressed by California Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez about the importance of civic participation.

*"Today's youth need to be engaged now, more than ever, with an eye towards the state's future,"* stated California State Assembly Speaker, John A. Pérez. *"Programs like the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project provide opportunities for California's future leaders to learn the importance of civic*

*and personal responsibility, and to ensure that they develop critical skills for giving back to their communities, to the state and to the nation."*

CLYLP today also celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> year of inspiring and creating Californian's future leaders—like Norma Dominguez now an executive with Citi to, Max Espinoza, Special Assistant to California State Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez.

*"An investment of this magnitude demonstrates Comcast commitment to our future—our youth, our education and our state,"* stated Norma Dominguez, President, CLYLP. *"During these economic times, it's imperative to continue investing in California's future—our youth."*

Today, the 2010 class of CLYLP Comcast Fellows shared their experience at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual CLYLP Capitol Day with the more than 120 CLYLP summer youth participants from across the State.

*"I am honored to have the opportunity to be a CLYLP Comcast Fellow because I have fostered and polished the leadership skills and knowledge necessary to undertake the main issues facing underserved and underrepresented communities in the state,"* stated CLYLP & Comcast Fellow Julie Morales.

#### **About Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP)**

The Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, Inc. (CLYLP) was founded in 1982 with the primary purpose of preparing students to participate in California's economic, social and political development. CLYLP is guided by the overall theme "California's Future Leaders," and its programs emphasize the importance of culture, community, college and careers. More than 3,400 students have gone through CLYLP programs and more than 90% of these have gone on to attend college. Many CLYLP alumni go on to become successful leaders in both the public and private sector. *Our mission is to enhance and build the leadership potential of California's Chicano/Latino youth to build communities and create a stronger more prosperous state and nation.* The CLYLP envisions a future in which California and all of its communities prosper as the result of a new generation of leadership.

#### **About Comcast Foundation**

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 to provide charitable support to qualified non-profit organizations. The Foundation primarily invests in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact on their communities. The Foundation's focus areas are volunteerism, literacy, and youth leadership development. Since its inception, the Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$64 million to organizations in the communities nationwide that Comcast serves. More information about the Foundation and its programs is available at [www.comcast.com/inthecommunity](http://www.comcast.com/inthecommunity).

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rlk1BQMoJkA>

**Website of Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project:** <http://www.clylp.org/>