

IU-EI Rumbo a la Universidad: Saber es Poder!

>> My name is Juan Carlos and I'm a dreamer.

I was brought to America at age 8 from México and I play the vital organ.

At church, they needed somebody to play and I said, I'll play.

I went the only organ teacher who taught and she said, no, I don't teach beginners.

I said, okay, I will teach myself.

I just read books and watch videos.

The same teacher who denied me 6 years before was the same teacher I study with now and I said, hey, do you remember me that one time and she's like, I'm sorry, I'm that kid and she was surprised.

Religion plays a big part of my life and the organ is that connection to my faith.

To me being an American means that you love the place where you are.

We've seen differences.

I don't think that unity comes from everybody being the same but respecting people's differences.

I think that's the real unity of America.

>> Goodnight, my name is Lilian Casillas and I'm the director of Latin culture center that's located in Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and on behalf of everybody that's planned the event and everybody that will speak to you in a moment, I would like to give a welcome to this program titled the Road to the University, to know is power.

As you can guess by the title, the objective for tonight is to compare information and respond to any questions that you have over the university process, and it's sponsored by Indiana University as part as Indiana Latino Expo.

The university has a lot of campuses in the state and you will see that from our panelists that represent our localities.

The most important thing that I would like to say is that we want that you participate in the conversation tonight.

Please, utilize the Q&A function if you have any questions or any comments.

Finally, I would like to present our moderator Dr. Carmen Hen Ochoa.

Dr. Hem Ochoa is in charge of the department of diversity, equality and inclusion in the faculty of arts and sciences of Indiana University in the campus of Bloomington.

With pleasure I present to you Dr. Carmen Hen Ochoa.

>> Well, before introducing our panelists I would also like to give you instructions because we know that being in this virtual world is very -- it's a new thing for all of us.

Like Lilian commented, there will be a moment where we would ask that you offer your opinions, perspectives and then during that moment, we would give you instruction so that you offer your perspectives and please raise your hand if you're interested in making a question during the question and answer session and someone on this side will turn on their video.

Like Lilian mentioned, we would ask that you use the function for questions and answers to ask any questions.

Of course, any question that you have, you can put it in -- at the bottom where you can see.

Well, right now I would like to introduce our panelists.

First, I would like to introduce Araceli Moreno that is visiting from the University of Indiana of South Bend.

Araceli, would you like to share a little more about your context?

>> Yes.

Good afternoon.

My name is Araceli Moreno and I work for IU South Bend.

I have been working for here 5 years and I was a student of IU South Bend 2 years ago, somewhere around there where I studied my master's and I returned to study after 20 years.

It was not easy, but I'm proud and can say that 12 years ago I received my Master's in social work and I have worked in various capacities like admissions and academic coach.

And then I would like to say that everyone is welcome to the University of South Bend.

>> Thank you very much, Araceli.

And now I would like to introduce Austin Castillo, he's a student in IUPI, Austin, would you like to say something about yourself?

>> Yes, of course, thank you very much.

My name is Austin Castillo and I'm here from Indianapolis.

[Inaudible]

My family came from México and I am trying to obtain my license and I'm the representative for -- representative of public relations of Latinos.

And I am in the road of pre-medicine to become a doctor.

>> Very well, thank you, Austin.

Our next student Evelyn Sánchez that visits us from here from the University of Indiana Bloomington.

Evelyn, would you like to say something?

>> Hello to everyone, my name is Evelyn Sánchez.

I'm in my third year in the university and I was born in Veracruz, México.

And I came to Indianapolis, Indiana and I'm studying in Bloomington Indiana and I'm one of the president of the Latin groups.

>> Thank you very much, Evelyn.

I would like to present Dr. Jorge Muñiz.

Doctor, would you like to share with us a word?

>> I'm glad to.

Thank you very much for your invitation.

It's a pleasure to be here today.

Well, I am educator from the University of Arts, USB.

I come from Spain originally.

I've been here 22 years in the states and my home is also in Spain.

I was first the first to go to the university and a pleasure to come to this country and discover all of the cultures that are here in the country and I'm proud to be a citizen of the United States and I'm glad to be here.

>> Thank you very much, let's start with some questions.

Well, I would prefer to start with the students because I imagine that there's many in this presentation that you are hearing.

I would like to start with the students like I said and pose the question, how did you choose a university?

Evelyn, how did you select the university, how did you decide to stay home or go out?

>> What was important is to know how much I had to pay.

There were many universities that said, yes, you can go to the schools but at the end of the day, I needed to know which one was more economically for my family and also I'm a student from DACA, it's very hard because in the state of Indiana they have a law that says that students that have DACA or without DACA need to pay as if they were going to school outside of Indiana.

That was very did I feel in the beginning choosing colleges but then I found IU Bloomington because one of my friends told me that I could apply here in Bloomington and with that application if they say yeah, they would give me state tuition.

That was the thing that really took me to IU Bloomington.

>> We know that there are very important considerations to make the decision, if we stay or we leave.

Austin, I would like to make the same question.

Share with us what was involved in your decision?

>> Well, in the process of choosing the university where I wanted to assist was -- it was pretty simple to tell you the truth.

I live here in Indianapolis.

I'm always -- I knew that I could assist this school.

IUPUI.

It's 10 minutes from home and my parents said that it doesn't matter where I am that they would always support me and with the decision to choose this school, I knew exactly that I could stay home still with the studies and everything without an issue and then, well, I like the environment of all of the organizations, extracurricular and then there was a lot of resources that are available for students and, well, I don't know, there was a click, there was a spark that I came to school.

>> Really good.

Thank you very much, Austin.

I will continue with the two students because I would like to hear more about them.

How was the transition from school, high school to the university and in what sense did you find different the experience, from high school to university?

Austin, would you like to answer first?

>> Yes, sure.

When I was -- how can I say it -- when I was -- when I had graduated high school, I was about to start the university, it was hard for me because when I was in high school, I always was an example, accelerated taking advanced courses from my peers.

I thought the university would be harder, on the contrary, it was very different in the point of the routine.

Instead of having classes every 40 minutes and then you have a class for one hour and then you rest, let's say. And then it wasn't very strict but at the same time, yeah, because we covered 3 chapters a week and one has to learn -- have a rhythm to study and how to maintain -- do not get frustrated or find a way not to stress out and still have good grades as you should.

>> Thank you, Austin.

Evelyn.

>> Here in IU Bloomington, thanks to the house there's one floor just for Latin students or those who are interested in learning more about the culture, so that was the first thing that I put onto live there.

Obviously I'm from Indianapolis so I am going to school now and at home.

I'm more comfortable there at Latin Form because I had friends on the first day and with me -- I'm an extrovert, I like to speak to a lot of people.

I made the connections with the university, students and speaking with them.

There's a program called Groups and those students, they are in Groups, they were explaining how IU was and how the classes were and that was a first step.

Like Austin said, routine, it's something very difficult, it's very different.

In my first week I had to find everything because I didn't know where everything was.

It was difficult at the beginning but with time, you will learn how to do everything and then you will help other students that are beginners.

It's difficult but you can do it.

>> Very well.

That's what I heard Evelyn and Austin say, you have to prepare but then you do not need to stress because there's resources in those that you can depend on.

Thank you very much for that.

Dr. Muñiz, I would like to ask you, you heard what Evelyn and Austin said, what are the differences between the perspectives of the trajectory of the university?

>> Yes, of course.

Well, I think that one of the questions, I think it's been commented that discipline that one has to have in the university.

It's very more constant and you do not have your parents that are observing you and helping you daily and looking at the exercises.

You need to create a personal discipline.

I see it in students and it's something that I try to help.

This year I'm not giving classes but when I give composition classes, I help with composition because we have to practice instruments.

And the other thing that I would mention is a good use of time.

Organize your time during the day.

Plan your studies, classes, but also relax.

You also need to have time to disconnect yourself.

It's very, very important because we would be stressed and during the third month things would get complicated.

If we give ourselves times that would make a huge difference.

One thing that I have noticed in students when they come is that there's more topics, much more ideas that one is exposed during the university than high school.

Especially like liberal arts like ours in IUSB.

Sometimes a lot of information and a lot of different things, sometimes they can be too much.

Have an open mind and even though we have an idea, for example, paint, sculptor, piano, I speak about arts because that's where I am at, have your open mind for other things and have conversations with others.

The university is a fundamental place for this amplifying of ideas.

Sometimes we think we are going in one path and sometimes the university takes you to another path that maybe is more interesting at the end.

Have the availability to adjust and flexibility to change things during the years it's very important.

It's something that I would recommend on expectations.

>> Thank you very much.

Araceli, I would like to speak to you a little bit about how was your experience in the university?

Can you explain your experience interesting during your stay at IU?

>> Yes.

Look, one of the very important things when one assists the university is the relations that one forms with other students and that's something very important because between them, they can help each other and sometimes that relationship can last a life.

Also you need to find someone who you feel comfortable with to form a relationship, professor, someone that works in the university because that person will help you and be as mentor and can help you with any questions that you have.

One thing that helped me is there's a lot of resources.

All of the universities offer -- there's different offices where one can go to receive help.

We have counselors, we have tutors that are free and we have different organizations and we have sports and then there's a variation of activities, offices that are there to help you and ask questions.

That's very important also.

Sometimes we do not ask questions because we think they will look bad, but, no, if one does not ask questions, you will not know the information.

If you do not like to ask questions in public, always go with the professor, individually or privately to ask those questions.

I learned a lot being here in IU South Bend and using those resources and that's what helped me obtain my degree.

>> Araceli, I appreciate what you have said over how many times we do not have the courage to ask the questions to learn.

I was a student, immigrant that came from México and I remember that, well, I didn't speak any English and I would get so nervous, I would not like to ask so many questions because I wouldn't want people to see me as an ignorant person.

The truth is that I feel sorry not asking so many questions.

Well, now I ask so many questions, I ask about everything.

We have to take a risk and we need to have the security that we are valuable and that we deserve all of the knowledge that the institution offers.

So I appreciate what you have reminded us.

It's very important to ask questions and not be scared or -- well, not feel bad about asking or feeling ignorant.

That's not true.

Evelyn, I would like to ask you another question.

Araceli commented over various resources and various activities, for example.

In your experience, how and where did you find finance help as a student, speak about that a little bit.

>> Thank you very much for the Home, culture center.

Here in Bloomington is the center for Latinos.

I found a lot of clubs and work and before COVID they had a large wall where there was opportunities of employment and if you wanted to volunteer in an organization.

There was a lot of opportunities or if someone had questions, there were people to answer questions.

Regarding scholarships, I sent emails to Lilian and Leticia.

I speak and asked about scholarships specifically for DACA because it's difficult to find scholarships that have DACA.

They helped me a lot with that.

I think they helped me more than the university because they understood my situation.

>> Thank you, Evelyn.

I would like to ask you the same.

>> In terms of scholarships, I have 21st Century Scholars that's a scholarship that helps students that are from low resources.

You can apply while the student is in high school.

Well, with 21st century, they are helping my 4 years in the university and thanks to them that I can continue my studies without debt or any problem of mine.

The resources that are offered IUPUI are many.

To study, if I have a problem with a task or some class, I can go to Belco Center where they offer tutoring and I can go to Deep, a program that is offered for students that are looking for some type of -- something different.

They are looking for diversity or something like that, more help with studies and all of that.

The extracurricular activities like LSA where I am, I learned about the organization during high school where we studied our university and find out what we like.

That's how the organization operates.

And then -- once you are in the university, once you are out, after finding I could learn many things.

I did resources in Spanish and I spoke with professors and they offered scholarships to study in Spain and to work as bilingual teacher in Madrid and I found scholarships to spend a summer in Honduras and Brazil with the dental school.

Some African countries as well offering and giving courses about -- like, sorry.

I lost my train of thought.

Vaccine, basic medicine and then one has to look for -- where you can.

You cannot leave one stone unturned.

>> Very well.

You two mentioned professors, people that sometimes are our family here at the university.

Evelyn, you mentioned Lilian and we already know.

Lilian has a long story in the university and all over.

But Dr. Muñiz, I would like to ask, what are other ways in which one student or students like Austin and Evelyn can find help but specifically from professors or a department or academic unit?

>> Yes, well, COVID this year has changed things.

We do not have the same interaction that we have always had.

I would like to reinforce what Austin and Evelyn mentioned before and Araceli mentioned as well about the importance of connecting with professors because it's their first -- first connection with the university and their classes.

Through the professors you can obtain more information and create a network and summer programs that are very important in disciplines but, yes, this year it's been more complicated but it's essential that even though you cannot see professors in person because we are doing classes online, that we have the trust to connect with them.

Let's not be scared to ask questions and get information.

The other important thing that I would like to mention is academic counselors.

This is a focus in my faculty.

I call them mentors.

They are counselors that are not mentors.

They are the person that can help you in your career.

In that sense, with them you can get more information of the department.

Those are the first people that I would get close to.

In classes where you have more importance due to your major and then the mentor.

Do not be scared to speak, please because you lose the opportunity.

When I came from Spain it was a culture shock.

I came to Pittsburgh for my master's, all of the students asked and I stayed back because I wasn't accustomed to that and I had to release my energy.

That's the way that I received opportunities.

Very well.

Also see us.

Dr. Muñiz and us, we are not scary, we are not dangerous or scary.

But, well, thank you.

Araceli, a question for you.

Speak to us about life after the university, for example, how did you prepare for it and what did you do after you left the university and how did the university supported you or support the units that are thinking about what is happening after the university, what would you offer them?

>> Yes, for many students we recommend -- well, all of the students.

Those who are going to graduate, we recommend that you go to the career services.

You can obtain a lot of information there on how to prepare for when you're looking for a job after you are finished.

If you want to work as a student, they can also help you even though they do not recommend you to work a lot as a student, but if you're close to graduation, the career office can help you how to do your curriculum, how to practice for interviews and then they have a long list of work that is available.

They form relationships with businesses and schools.

Everything that is available in the community, they form that relationship and they can help you to go to an interview and they can also refer you.

It's very important for those who are about to graduate.

>> Thank you, I am looking at the time here.

It's past 6:00 but, well, I would like to ask everyone the same question, our panelists.

It's general suggestions on how to better practices or advice on how to be successful, a perspective that comes your own experience so that our audience, people can think about and anticipate, but what advice or general suggestions?

Let's start with Austin.

>> For me I would say learn how to use your time in an adequate way.

Like Mr. Jorge mentioned, you need to organization and utilize your time in that way because for me, well, like I mentioned, high school was easy for me.

Well, it's always been easy and tranquility and I learned that that's not the way it is.

So I found myself always leaving homework at the last minute and I was stressed.

I forgot to turn this in, I have this report, et cetera.

During my second year, now I am in third year, I found my rhythm.

I found what works.

I am more comfortable and also more prepared, so I manage my time in an adequate way and more useful that helps me study and get good grades and I still have time for my friends and family and a way to relax from studying so much.

>> Austin, I would like to hire you so that you speak to my son that's 15 and that he has priorities all over the place.

He says priorities is not school but football.

[Laughter]

>> And phone.

So you have a lot of sense that it is did I feel to try to manage time and that's very important when one moves from high school to the university.

So you are hired so that you can teach us your tips.

Evelyn.

>> Like Austin said time, it's very important.

I always have a schedule in my room or phone or computer because I look at the time that I have to do something and when to do the other.

You also have to get out of your comfort zone.

If there's something that you are scared of, it's good to try something because you are in college to learn stuff and not just with your classes but also you as well.

I learned a lot about myself when I was here 3 years and you are also going to learn in your career and, yeah.

>> Good, thank you very much, Evelyn.

Araceli.

>> Carmen, look, something that I have noticed during this time that I've been working here is that being involved in activities inside of the university gives you a sense of belonging to the students.

That helps them and motivates them to continue and finish.

Being involved in what is happening in the university is very important.

The other thing that I have seen that helps students stay and have the motivation to continue their studies is working in the campus, work where they study because that helps not just financially but also to form relationships with other students, with people that work in the university faculty.

So working for the campus if you can will help you a lot to be successful.

And lastly, have mentor, we heard Evelyn mentioned that she had Lilian where she called, sent messages when she had doubts.

Here in IU South Bend we have Cynthia Murphy if any problem to Latin students, they call Cynthia Murphy because they are comfortable with this person that has been in the university for a long time and knows everything that has to do with the university.

So that would be my third recommendation.

>> Yes, yes.

Araceli, I would like to comment over what you have shared with us.

Finding our community in the campus is very important because leaving home, family, I Am from California.

I didn't go very far, 3 hours away.

I was very sad, I missed my family, Mexican food.

I died for my mother's food and to be with my family.

So I would be sad sometimes, so finding the community.

Here I am here in Bloomington, I've been here 2 years.

The first thing that I did and Lilian will say that it's true, I went to find my community, as an adult, older, whatever, I needed to find my community and that's how I met Lilian and

not just Lilian but I also found tamales and tacos that I really needed to feel very well in the campus.

Araceli, thank you very much for reminding us that finding the community is a very important component.

Dr. Muñiz, I give you the word and then we will open so that the rest in the audience can share any questions that they have.

>> Very well.

The things that were mentioned are excellent.

Find mentor, professor, a person that works in the university, find mentor also, a junior or senior student.

We can give you advice but it's very important because we have gone through it and they can help very well.

I will remind, ask, ask, we are all happy to help.

No one will say that you do not need help.

I write a lot of letters for students to help them with programs.

When you need something, speak with us.

I would like to comment something that's very important, very interesting.

Know the community, be involved in the community and serve the community and get involved in programs that help people that need help.

It can be to serve in a food pantry or just different projects in the university inside and out but serve your community but that would help you form part of the university project.

Lastly, I would like to comment enjoy your time in the university.

Have the opportunity to enjoy concerts, theater, all of the artistic opportunities and outside of arts, presentations, so that it can be a complete experience in your life not just academically.

>> Very well.

Thank you very much to all of our panelists that have shared a lot here with us.

The truth is that I would like to return to the university just for a little as a student.

The truth is that, maybe it was you, Dr. Muñiz that used the word that the university opens our horizons.

It expands our horizons with possibilities and that's something that's very special, the privilege to assist a university.

Right now -- thank you very much for your answers and I will pass to see the questions, to see if there's any questions.

I have one that says, hello, my November is Luz Magana and I'm the coordinator for Hispanic leadership institute.

I would like to become available to help Latin students to continue with their education.

And Luz gives us her e-mail.

Thank you very much.

I don't know -- let's see.

I don't know if we can put it on video so that she can speak with us directly.

I don't know if that's possible.

Matt, if you can hear me, is there think way that we can promote Luz Magana to video?

Well, while we wait, I don't know if there's any other question.

Yes.

Luz, I will share in a moment -- let's see.

I can share your e-mail.

She's asking me if -- I will put it in the chat for all of the panelists and this is -- one moment.

I will put all of the information.

Okay.

I hope that the audience received the message from Luz Magana.

One more question?

One more question from the audience that -- please forgive me.

I'm bad at instructions.

I'm here with various --

[Laughter]

>> I'm with various screens navigating to see where the questions are.

Equally, our panelists like Dr. Vallamonde, José De Jesus, and any panel that would like to contribute.

>> I would like to contribute.

Also Latin students need to take advantage of the opportunities that are in different universities and, well, for example, there's a lot of opportunities to do investigation work and the Federal Government has programs to financially help students that are minorities in different levels and also that when they go to the university, do not think that it's just a step.

There's more opportunities that follow after the university.

Bachelor's.

The majority of students do not think I will do a doctorate or master's, there's a lot of opportunities that can be found for students that can continue their career that they wish.

>> Really good.

Doctor, you did not share with us -- tell us about your background, tell us a little bit about your information.

>> Okay.

I'm from Ponce, Puerto Rico.

I came to Indiana almost 40-something years.

The only reason that I came to Indiana was to play basketball.

[Laughter]

>> I never thought that I would end up here in Indiana, but like a lot of the panelists said, opportunities, the doors opened and various opportunities, I did my bachelor's here and master's and then I did the doctorate in Bloomington and I stayed in Puerto Rico, I stayed in Indiana.

I got married.

I never thought in all my life that I would end up here in a school in the University of Indiana.

I never thought.

I thought getting my bachelor's and going back to Puerto Rico and staying in Puerto Rico.

I never thought that would happen.

That's opportunities and mentors during my career that have helped me with making decisions and part of my education.

>> Very well, thank you, doctor, one more thing -- I know Indiana, Bloomington is not Puerto Rico, but in the moment we have a lot of beautiful colors at the moment in the trees.

We need to be happy in both places, right?

[Laughter]

>> Thank you.

Here is a question from Said Moreno that asked, where can I find information over the tours to learn about the university, campuses and sports?

I will pass the question to the panelists or anybody that hasn't had the opportunity to speak to answer the question.

Where can we find information over tours to learn about the university?

Anybody wants to answer that?

>> Yes, I can.

Admission's office --

>> If you can introduce yourself.

>> Yes, of course.

Good afternoon, everyone, my name is José De Jesus, I'm in the role of assistant director in campus of Indianapolis, IUPUI.

Glad to be here.

About the question visiting the campus and learn about the campuses, admission's office can give tours and you can call.

They usually have a representative that can help with people that speak Spanish.

There's days specifically that focus on Latin students where they can give tours in Spanish.

I know that in Indiana there's two dates in the semester of August, December and in spring semester that's usually January to April.

Usually in each semester there's two dates where they focus on giving tours to families and students.

You can ask for information at the admission's office.

>> Very well.

Thank you very much José De Jesús.

Someone else about that question, please?

Yes, before.

>> Admissions is fantastic, the service that students provide but I also recommend that you contact faculty and the departments because very often we have our own tours as well that are very specific to the program in concrete.

We can show you in detail and in various cases also in Spanish.

Our faculty as well.

So contact if you wish about programs because maybe they can give you something more specific.

>> Very well, thank you.

Karen, I don't know if you're still here but you had your hand up.

>> I'm right here, thank you.

Good afternoon.

My name is Karen Hernández.

I'm counselor in John Adams high school in South Bend.

I would like to comment that one person -- people that you can start the process about going to college are your counselors in high school.

We are the first contact that we have -- that students have to inform about applications, scholarships.

The guidance office, I'm not sure what you can call it in your school, guidance office, we have dates to make visits to the colleges.

Right now we cannot do it in person but we can do it virtually and we have various contacts to different schools and different colleges.

So I would encourage you so that students have that communication with their counselors.

9, 10, 11 grades so that when you're in 12th grade, you already have that relationship and communication and how do you say it, have the path to apply to college more easily and better.

>> There's more questions but before taking them I would like to -- I see that Luz or Maria Magana is with us.

Would you like to speak?

>> Yes.

How is everyone?

>> Welcome.

>> Thank you for the opportunity.

First and foremost I would like to say that it's very interesting, what you're doing, adjusting to the new normal.

In Spanish, I love it.

When we speak in our tongue, I always raise my hand.

I work at USHLI.

We've been doing this for 38 years helping our Latin community and pushing them to be leaders and continue their education.

We have the largest conference that is done of Hispanic leaders in Chicago this year and we are promoting and giving away two scholarships, Rumba scholarship and Dr. Juan Andrade scholarship.

Dr. Juan Andrade is our founder.

We have those two scholarships of a thousand dollars.

It can be for students.

For Rumba are for seniors that are going out of high school and can apply till November 30th and the scholarship for Dr. Juan is for high school students and for students that are in the university.

They can also apply, okay.

So I will leave it there.

I will share information.

And we have many resources.

We can help them and give them information because a lot of times they call our offices, various organizations giving us information to help Latinos and like it was said in this conversation, students, reach out for help, raise your hand.

There's many organizations like us and like yours and others that our work is to provide tools so that you're successful.

One more thing that I would like to share because I think it's important.

I am also a DACA student.

I gave to the United States a few Years ago, very little.

I attended college and looked for mentors and I asked a lot, at the beginning it's scared. This is the country of opportunities and so I would like to share my information and I'm at your disposal.

>> Thank you very much, Luz.

The truth is that we are very grateful that you have shared that information with us and also for the cheering up.

>> Thank you.

My page I will share, the page of USHLI and there you will find the resources for students.

>> Thank you very much.

>> You're welcome.

>> Another question from Breonna Portalupe.

I would ask it in English.

The panelists can translate it.

This is very informative, first in my family to attend college and as we sit here listening, her Spanish is not fluent.

She would like to know if there are Latin groups that are also for the not so fluent.

[Laughter]

>> I can answer that.

Me too -- I'm not that fluent in Spanish.

If they are listening.

Here in Bloomington with the United club, when I first I thought that everyone would see me because I didn't know Spanish, but everyone knew more English than Spanish and we all learned Spanish together.

We went to events and professors spoke in Spanish and we are always looking like do you understand or if someone understands they explain what they are saying.

There's a lot of clubs that are Spanish and English and Spanglish.

I am learning more.

In high school I didn't know a lot of Spanish but I'm learning more.

Thanks to the university for the classes and also with my friends we are all learning.

>> Good, thanks, Evelyn.

Austin, something else to share or no?

>> Yes.

I don't know if you want me to do it in Spanish or English.

>> Well, let's do it in English if you do not mind because Evelyn answered it in Spanish.

>> Well, yes, of course.

No, you don't have to be a fluent Spanish speaker for the Latin organizations.

In fact, LSA or Latino student association at campus, we have many members that are non-Spanish speakers.

We have white members, we have black members, we have African-Americans, Asian members, I remember a few -- I mean, I wasn't here for it but I remember it being mentioned in the past that our vice president and our president for LSA were actually two girls from Africa.

I forget which country they were from in Africa.

But they were African girls.

Last -- my freshman year, we had an award ceremony about, you know, LSA members and one of the members who earned the most interactive member, so she -- the student, she went to all of the meetings, events and she was a white girl.

So I mean, you don't have to be Hispanic, you don't have to be Latino to join these nor do you have to speak fluent Spanish because of the diversity, most of the time we are not speaking Spanish when we are all around together because we want to include everyone.

Yes, there are moment where is we do speak Spanish, but I feel like it totally depends on the person and at the time.

>> Thank you, Austin.

I appreciate that.

Now the questions are coming in.

I am going to see -- first, it was one that I do not want to miss from Breonna Portalupe.

Who would we need to contact to help my senior get more information regarding accounting and business at IU or IUPUI?

Whom of the panelists can translate or answer it?

It's okay if you answer in English as well.

>> From what I know in Bloomington, IU Bloomington has the Kelly school of business and school of business has a lot of student organizations that are also Spanish-based.

So most likely if you do contact the school of business, that's the school of business and accounting, they will lead you to the student organizations or they'll lead you to a Spanish translator.

>> Great.

Okay.

Now Cynthia Murphy, please, would you like to answer a question from Breonna as well?

English is fine.

>> Hi, Breonna, I just wanted to assure you that as adviser for Latino IU South Bend, I didn't think I could join because I didn't speak Spanish.

You have the opportunity to connect to your cultural roots in academic setting and in formal settings with other students.

So absolutely, not required, but it is required to put yourself out there and -- and even if it's speaking Spanglish or talking in English or asking someone to teach you knew words in the club.

It's just all about interconnecting and sharing your pride in your culture and finding out a little bit more because we don't often have time in high school to do that deep dive that you get to do in classes at college.

So don't be afraid if you don't speak the language.

There's wonderful resources all across campus and people -- this is your opportunity to get to know people and to stretch yourself and meet new friends regardless of what language you all are speaking.

So I just wanted to share, we get the question all of the time at LSU, can I join, I don't speak Spanish, yes, you can, so good luck.

>> Yeah, thank you, Cynthia.

Like Latino, Hispanics, we will find a way.

Like I commented, I grew up speaking Spanish only at home and after I learned English, my mom would say, *parqueate el carro*, and I would say, no, it's *estacionate*.

[Laughter]

>> So correcting us or speaking in various languages, there's no problem.

Just being together and thank you Cynthia for the information.

There's another question that I would not like to miss and this is -- well, I don't know if she's with us still Luz Magana.

One question over what you offered, on the scholarships that Luz offered, do you require residency or DACA?

Matt, is there any way if Luz Magana, can you still promote her back to panelists and turn on her video for us so she can answer a question that was directed at her or to her.

>> Okay, can you hear me?

>> Yes.

>> No, the truth is that anyone DACA student, can be undocumented or resident, citizen, anybody can apply for both of the scholarships that we offer.

Do not be scared and apply.

>> Thank you, Luz.

>> You're welcome.

>> Okay.

Not sure if there's another question.

Someone else?

I do not see any new questions.

I don't know if I'm missing them.

>> Can I clarify something, Carmen?

According to what Austin said about 21st Century Scholars.

I would like to share with students and family parents, you can start filling out the application for that program when student is in seventh grade.

If I am not mistaken, I think they have until April of year 8 for the student to apply.

If somebody can fact-check me on that.

It's very important when you can apply, you can fill it out when students are in seventh grade.

Once they apply in seventh grade, if they do not qualify, they have the opportunity for eighth grade to reapply.

>> José, the application expires June 30th, grade 8.

They have until the end of school year.

>> Thank you, Karen.

>> It's very important if your children are in the program 21st century scholar.

If they have been approved, it's very important that they create their own account, scholar track in high school.

Every year in high school they need to do what the scholarship asks to do.

Maybe watch a video, how to go to college, apply for a university.

It's various things that you need to do.

Each year to continue being eligible to receive it after high school.

>> Thank you, Karen and José De Jesus.

There's another question from Ariana, for those who are older and would like to take an additional career, who do we need to contact?

One of our panelists has information about that?

>> They can visit the website at IU online and they have all of the programs and everything is online, Bachelor's, Master's and they have everything there.

And also -- each campus has online program specifically in different campuses.

>> Thank you, doctor.

Who else was going to answer?

>> I was going to say something.

When I was looking to continue my education after finishing my bachelor's, what I had to do is go to the department, to the office of the major of my career choice that I wanted to follow, I was looking for social work, so they recommended me specifically to go to that office so that they would give me the information on what I needed to do.

Usually when someone start Bachelor's, you start at Admissions and when you obtain that it's usually from the department.

You can start with any of the two and they will give you the answer.

>> Related to that question.

What are the different ways to apply for college?

What are the different ways that someone can apply to the university, college?

Who can do it?

>> Carmen, I can take that question.

And first in English.

The website has been typed into the chat so you can always apply online, but I know that there are some people who would like a more personal information, so if we get to the point where we can get back into the office, there might still be the opportunity to do a paper application.

So I wanted to let people know that.

But principally, we are applying everything online, on the Internet, but if you want more information, you want this personal touch, when we pass this virus, hope to God, we can speak to people and then have the opportunity to apply with applications on paper.

But we are in very difficult moments during this time and so the preference is to look online and fill out the application online.

>> Thank you, thank you, Cynthia.

They tell us, of course, that there's the common app for some of the colleges.

Well, in Spanish the common app, it's an application that is shared with different universities and colleges.

It's a central function, so I don't know if there's any other question.

>> I would like to -- Carmen, if you allow me, one more thing, a lot of people do not know that it's possible to have advanced college placement.

You can take one or two classes that count for your career and also complement, for example, your own interest, art classes, music, English, writing and they go toward career and maybe they can be taken before.

I wanted to mention that.

>> Very good.

Thank you, Dr. Muñiz.

That's very important.

Not a question, well, it's if someone has information over FAFSA, you can share with us.

Any information of FAFSA.

There's not one specific question.

>> One thing for FAFSA, if there are students that they have papers but their parents do not, that's okay, they can still fill out FAFSA.

There's a process on how to do it.

I really don't know because I didn't know but I know that if your parents are not from here, you can still apply.

>> So just a shoutout to -- to looking for a college Sunday, the event is virtual this year and it's coming up soon.

I'm thinking -- I don't know, Karen, if you know the answer.

I think it's the 25th.

Also, though, what's really great, if you can find your mentor or the individual at each college or universities that dedicated to working with Latino students?

I fill out FAFSAs with Latino students and parents in my office because it's complicated.

There's the virtual event that is part of college Sunday which happens in October and February of each year but then if you find a dedicated person on the campus, often the high schools as well have FAFSA nights.

So we are just kind of trying to navigate this new situation.

So I think if somebody could look for me, college Sunday is a virtual event this year.

I think it's on the 25th where parents and students can fill out the FAFSA form with the experts of the university virtually but also they need to ask and look for people in the universities that are contact directly with the Latin community for help.

In my office I'm helping parents and students in my office with masks on and social distancing filling out the FAFSA form.

I know that our community, it's very difficult to discuss financial points with anyone that's not family or not confidential.

Look for somebody in the university that can answer your questions and help you fill out these documents that are very important.

Like Evelyn says, the students that are citizens, even though their parents do not have a status, these people can still fill out the FAFSA form but there's a few things that need to happen to complete it correctly.

So it's better to get help from someone you trust or someone from the university that can help you do it correctly.

Okay.

>> Thank you, Cynthia.

To confirm, the date that Cynthia is referring to is the 25th of October.

Karen says, it is confirmed.

October 25th.

One more thing here.

Someone asks if they can access the recording of this Zoom meeting after the event.

Yes, well, I know it's being recorded.

Maybe I have to make the question.

Can members of the audience access?

Anybody knows if we are sharing the recording?

I don't know.

Maybe it's a question for -- someone can write it.

Joi is on.

Joi, can you hear me?

Will the recording be made available after to audience participants?

>> Yes.

It will be available online on the IU website, on IU page.

>> Can you communicate --

>> Yeah, we will share it in the chat.

>> Okay.

Thanks.

Yes, we will share the recording after the event.

We have another question here that says, how can we sign up for college Sunday that's happening October 25th, Cynthia, can you share how people can register to that event that you just commented on?

>> Give me just a minute and let me look that up and I will respond back, okay.

>> Very well in a moment we will answer.

Hello, I would like to know other scholarships that are not 21st century since I was unable to receive that scholarship because I recently moved to Indiana.

So one of the panelists can speak about any other scholarships that are available for students that are not from 21st Century Scholars?

>> I can answer that.

I don't know if you want me to do it in Spanish or English.

>> The question was in English, let's say it in English first and then Spanish.

>> Of course.

Another way to find scholarships besides 21st century, if you go to iu.edu, you can search by scholarships and you will find scholarships in database and based on your information and basically you'll go in there, figure out what school, what major, what are your -- stuff like that, depending on the scholarship you may have to do a questionnaire and essay.

I also recommend getting in contact with academic advisers of your department, of your career, talking to professors, seeing what scholarships your friends have because sometimes those you and your friends may have a common thing linking you guys with the same scholarship.

FAFSA scholarship is also a good resource.

I looked at a lot to.

Depending when to look around and who you get in contact with.

Now in Spanish.

The other scholarships apart from 21st century, there's various, you need to look for them, you need to ask and you can speak to a professor, something like that of a class and you can ask a student, ask what type of scholarship you have and if they could give you more information.

IU has a program 1iu.edu.

They have a platform that's called scholarships.

There's a search and in that platform you can put a career or interests to generate scholarships that can interest you.

Also you can look for other scholarships on fastwebsscholarships.com and you can also -- there's fairs during school, principal weeks, and there's tables of scholarships, international, national, state or for studying abroad that belongs to your career.

It's always good to ask where to search.

>> Thank you, Austin.

I think the question was from Kenny Carrillo that is present.

Everything is clear, Kenny?

If you want to comment something else over what Austin shared -- well, okay.

Kenny is here in the screen but I don't know if he can hear me.

Sorry, Evelyn, you were going to say something else?

>> I will explain in English and then Spanish.

Another great resource is community, there's some churches and high schools that also provide scholarships and if you do have DACA or undocumented, a lot of them don't ask for citizenship, they ask that you're a resident and prove that you've been living in Indiana for a while.

There's also a lot of cultural organizations.

I like to give a shout-out to la Plaza and Indiana Institute, those are here in Indianapolis.

They also have scholarships, so definitely look into your community.

That's differently how information able to get my financial assistance.

Now in Spanish.

Try to look for scholarships in your communities.

With my experience, that helped me because I said, I was not born here and a lot of times -- they didn't ask me if I was born here.

They just asked me about my grades and what I did during high school.

So the organizations that helped me before were Plaza and Indiana Latino Institute.

Those two organizations helped me finding scholarships in my community.

>> Perfect.

Thank you, Evelyn.

Yes, please.

>> I was going to comment on Evelyn.

I like the fact that you brought up the undocumented and everything.

On IPU campus we have an organization Dreamers alliance united as one and they are an organization that promote resources and safety and anything of that for undocumented and DACA students.

So big shout-out to them.

You can follow them on Instagram at dau.pui, look them up on Facebook.

So, yeah, they have a website where they have a whole bunch of scholarships, scholarship packet of 13 pages for documented and DACA students.

Now in Spanish.

There's an organization in IPU, it's an organization for undocumented students or are part of DACA and in that organization they offer resources from school, academic resources, attorneys and I don't know what else, et cetera, for undocumented community here in Indianapolis and that organization has a web page.

You can follow it them in Instagram and Facebook that have a packet of 13 pages, if I'm not mistaken, of all of the scholarships in Indiana that are for students that are undocumented or that have DACA.

>> Thank you, Austin.

Before finishing my part because I will leave it to Cynthia.

Cynthia spoke about college goal Sunday and -- the link is collegegoalsunday.org.

Perfect.

It's right there in the chat so that you can see if you're interested in that event that will take place -- will be October 25th.

There's the information.

The link is on the chat.

Okay.

So I think that -- well, now it's time for Cynthia to help us close the event.

I would like to give you a thanks and bye.

I would like to thank the members of the audience.

It's a pleasure speaking to you.

The truth is that I like being around Latinos.

I don't know if it was you, Araceli.

It was Luz Magana, any opportunity that I have speaking our language, that's very important, I'm very grateful to have this opportunity.

Before leaving, I would like to say thank you very much to Roberto Radivik you Joi, without them, I don't know what -- I don't know what to do, without all of the communication.

Roberto and Joi, thank you very much for information and I really appreciate it.

I will hand it over to Cynthia.

Cynthia.

>> Thank you, Carmen.

A great applause to Carmen for this job that's very stressful during COVID times.

Thank you to the panelists that took their time to share the information that's very important to the Hispanic community.

I know that -- I know that we are living in very difficult times so what I heard tonight from all of the panel of professionals and students is that 1 -- point number 1, do not be ashamed or scared to ask any questions about your future.

Find the people and call the admission's office and look at the Internet for any specific departments like music, if you have a talent, a gift, ask, ask, ask.

Do not be ashamed.

There in the universities they want to help you and the Hispanic community especially.

That's one point.

The second point is there's a lot of resources in the universities.

So when one is a student there, they find any resource that there is because they will help you reach your goal to become an alumni student or ex-alumni or graduate student from the university because it's very important for the future because we are in a time that we need people to help resolve the problems that we are confronting as a community.

So aside from that, to the audience, thank you for being with us even though we had technology issues, I think everything went super well for the first time.

If you have any questions or comments, let us know.

Aside from that, if there's nothing else, let's leave the PowerPoint for a few minutes so that you can see everything, all of the important sites on the Internet where you can find more information.

Goodnight.

Continue in good health, protect yourself, use your masks and maintain yourself secure during the pandemic.

Thank you for your participation and have a good night.