

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL VISITS PHILADELPHIA TO

MEET WITH YOUTH TO DISCUSS COLLEGE ACCESS AND COMPLETION

Alberto Retana, the U.S. Department of Education's director of community outreach, will travel to Philadelphia on Wednesday, Aug. 11, to meet with a diverse group of youth to discuss college access and completion. He will engage them in a discussion on how school, family and community can help them establish and promote a culture where college graduation is the norm rather than the exception. The discussion will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Philadelphia Student Union, 4205 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. The visit to Philadelphia is part of a National Youth Listening Tour that will engage students and use their feedback to inform federal policies on turnaround strategies for low-performing schools, enhance family engagement to support student achievement, improve graduation rates, and promote efforts to meet the President's national goal of once again leading the world in college completion by 2020.

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EVENT DATE: 4 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010 CONTACT: Press Office, (202) 401-1576 or press@ed.gov

WHO: Alberto Retana, director of community outreach, U.S. Department of Education

WHAT: Group discussion with Philadelphia youth on college access and completion

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