

*Carlos Rosario School and the
Bert Corona Leadership Institute
Join Hands In Preparing Future Citizens*

WASHINGTON, DC, May 9 — Adult Students from the Carlos Rosario Career and Public Charter School recently participated in the Experience in Democracy Leadership Program at the Bert Corona Leadership Institute. This special EIDL program was customized and designed to provide the adult students with civic leadership training. The program implemented the same traditional and core workshops and seminars that make the EIDL program a unique experience for youth and adults. Class 108 program elements consisted of:

Power Workshop

A seminar used to explore the meaning and theory of Power in the political arena, and its practical application in local communities.

Teambuilding Workshop

A workshop used to invoke teambuilding concepts and cooperation for diverse groups of individuals to begin working as a unit.

Labor Workshops

A workshop used to inform and educate about worker rights within any sector of the United States workforce.

Legislative process 101

A review of how a bill becomes a law.

Issues Agenda Building

A workshop incorporating relevant issues confronting the delegates community, which are built a common issues agenda and used to communicate these issues to their elected local and national officials.

DC Council Visit

A visit with City Councils Kevin Chavous and Jim Graham

Congressional Visits

Visits with Congressman Luis Guttierrez (IL-Dem.), Congresswoman Hilda Solis (CA-Dem.), Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton (DC-Dem.)

The program was conducted in six sessions within a two month time period. By the end of the program the students were able to understand the practical mechanics of public policy, and the combined roles of citizenship and government. Francisco Lopez, President and CEO of BCLI, commented, "The partnership between the Carlos Rosario school and BCLI has reinforced and



David Fernandez, Esq. Provided a seminar on the legislative process.

continued the traditions of both the institute and the school in providing the participating delegates the knowledge and the tools necessary to become more active citizens and consumers in their communities.

The Carlos Rosario School's mission is to provide education for the immigrant population in the United States. They work towards the preparation of these communities to become citizens and invested members of the American Society.

We thank the members of the Carlos Rosario Career Center and Public Charter School that helped make this possible, and we also thank the delegates of Class 108 for making this program a memorable one. Best wishes, and good luck in your

Congratulations Class 108: Carlos Rosario International School

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Issues Agenda: Carlos Rosario International School

Issues and concerns addressed by Class 108 to their congressional and local representatives:

Education and Training

Increase funding for adult education in the District of Columbia, specific funding needed in:

ESL Program
Vocational Training
Civic Responsibility
Financial Aid and Scholarships
Streamline international educational achievements evaluation process.

Employment

To better working conditions we propose increase funding for monitoring:

Health and safety standards in the workplace
Community and worker training

Immigration

We support:

Amnesty for all immigrants working and living in the United States
Voting rights for District of Columbia immigrant residents regardless of US Citizenship.

Health Care

Increase funding to low income families and immigrant for access to social and medical services. TANF-Reauthorization.

Housing

Increase finding to low income housing.
Stop gentrification.



Class 108 delegates work together to develop their issues agenda (above). Delegates from class 108 at the BCLI Campus (below).



Did you know?

The Experience in Democracy Leadership Program has graduated over 3000 participants. Since its inception the program has nearly doubled its yearly program participation every year. Our 2001-2002 program season graduated approximately 300 students, and introduced them to our growing alumni network. EIDLDP alumni are a growing source of support for BCLI. They continuously support BCLI by participating in other BCLI programs available for EIDLDP graduates (i.e., the Migrant Youth Internship Program and by making tax deductible contributions.



Class 108 delegates enjoying a family style dinner.