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## Indiana Latino Institute Education Program Receives \$100k Grant from Lumina Foundation

Indianapolis, IN - The Indiana Latino Institute (ILI) will receive a \$100,000 grant from Lumina Foundation to support ILI's Education Program. ILI's Education Program has four components: College Access, College Success, Workforce Development and encourage systematic change. Programming works to bridge the gap between high school and higher education as well as connect higher education to the workforce, all while providing support services to participants throughout the entire process.

"The Indiana Latino Institute is thankful to have support from Lumina Foundation. Having their support means that we are able to increase the number of Latino students served in Indiana by providing more extensive programming, including more internships," said Mario Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Indianapolis International Airport Authority and ILI Board Chair.

"Lumina is proud to support the Indiana Latino Institute's efforts to elevate Latino talent, increase retention and graduation rates, and diversify the workforce across Indiana," said Tim Robinson, Lumina's AVP of Operations and Grants Administration.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with Lumina Foundation and for this recent grant award. Our strategies to increase access to college and the workforce for Latino students in Indiana have been proven successful, and we believe that this award will help strengthen our programs even more. The Lumina Foundation's support will help us to increase our reach and the scope of our Education programming," said Marlene Dotson, President/CEO of the Indiana Latino Institute.

The Indiana Latino Institute, a 501(c)3 non-profit statewide organization committed to serving Latino communities in Indiana. Its mission is to improve health and advance education for the Indiana Latino community through advocacy, research and culturally responsive programs.