

# Who We Are:

This program is designed with two principals in mind: Firstly, socio-economic factors do not need to determine a child's scholastic success. And secondly, healthy relationships are a meaningful way to guide adolescents towards their goals. It is the intention of this program that Waterbury youth foster the skills necessary to promote professional, academic and personal growth.

Through the four pillars of Leadership, Athletics, Community (outreach) and Education, high school students will be better prepared for the challenges that await them upon graduation.

The L.A.C.E. Youth Mentoring Program is a program funded by the Hispanic Coalition.



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## **L.A.C.E.** **Youth Leadership** **Program**



*Giving parents a helping hand!*



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

~Nelson Mandela

### Offered Activities & Workshops

L.A.C.E. students will have the opportunity to partake in all of the following events:

- Tutoring & Mentoring
- Academic Case Management\*\*
- College Admissions Consultation
- Financial Aid & Scholarship Consultation
- Developmental Workshops\*\*
- College Visits
- Field Trips

\*\*Some services are open to the general public. Call for further detail.

We also offer class presentations to all Waterbury Public Schools

**EL CENTRO CULTURAL**



**Serving as Waterbury's first-ever Latino cultural center, El Centro Cultural will be home to the Hispanic Coalition's L.A.C.E. Youth Leadership Program and a variety of new services including:**

- Public Cultural Exhibitions
- Film Discussions
- Salsa Dance Instruction
- Art Lessons
- LGBT Teen Social Events

**And more!**

## Leadership. Athletics. Community. Education.

### Leadership & Community

Students will be encouraged to participate in a variety of community outreach projects and/or (for those students of age) to seek employment that affords them professional experience specific to their career aspirations. Through volunteerism and labor, students will learn the value of altruism, self-motivation, supporting their own community, accountability, fiscal management, networking and the building of new friendships.

### Athletic

Students will have access to the basketball court and other athletic activities in addition to workshops on dietary choices to promote healthy growth.

### Education

Tutors are responsible for helping the student(s) better understand school material they most struggle with. There is no limit to how many tutors one student can have. This is to insure that the students' academic needs are being met by qualified tutors in specific subject matters. Frequency and duration of tutoring sessions will depend on academic need.

**Upon graduation, your child will be eligible for a \$1,000 Scholarship!**

Completed Student Applications can be mailed to El Centro's address on the back of this pamphlet.

### Your Child

Do you believe your child has the potential to be and do better. but for some reason—or many—cannot reach that potential? ***If this is your child, we want to help!***

- Currently between the grades of 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- currently hold a C- or below in two or more classes
- high truancy rate and displays negative behavior

### Mentor Relationship

Each student will be paired with one mentor who are responsible for establishing a mutual and beneficial rapport with a student, guiding them to achieve a sense of responsibility, self-esteem and motivation.



Mentors target specific professional development aspects including mapping out a realistic academic plan for the students. This will include: post-secondary education options, financial aid information, career goals etc. Overall, however, mentors will have a wide range of topics they can cover with their student according to the interests of the adolescent. For questions on how to apply please call the number on this pamphlet.

### Pay it Forward

Ultimately, this program's greatest gift to the community rests in its pay-it-forward message. Upon graduation, L.A.C.E. asks for those students to rejoin the program as returning tutors or mentors, helping another generation of at-risk students push through the barriers.