

SOCIEDAD

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DEVELOPING LATINO LEADERS



2015-2016 IMPACT REPORT

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BY THE NUMBERS

1,202

YOUTH

excelled in intensive Pathways to Success programs

406

FAMILIES

graduated from Padres Comprometidos (Committed Parents)



4,446

COMMUNITY MEMBERS



worked with Sociedad Latina to take action on pressing issues



84%

OF ALUMNI

are succeeding in full-time employment or postsecondary education



25,800

HOURS

of youth-led community projects in arts, youth organizing and health



90%

OF YOUTH

built leadership skills



97%

OF YOUTH

graduated from middle school or high school





Ricardo

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

“Leadership is giving a voice to your community and getting out there to make a positive change”

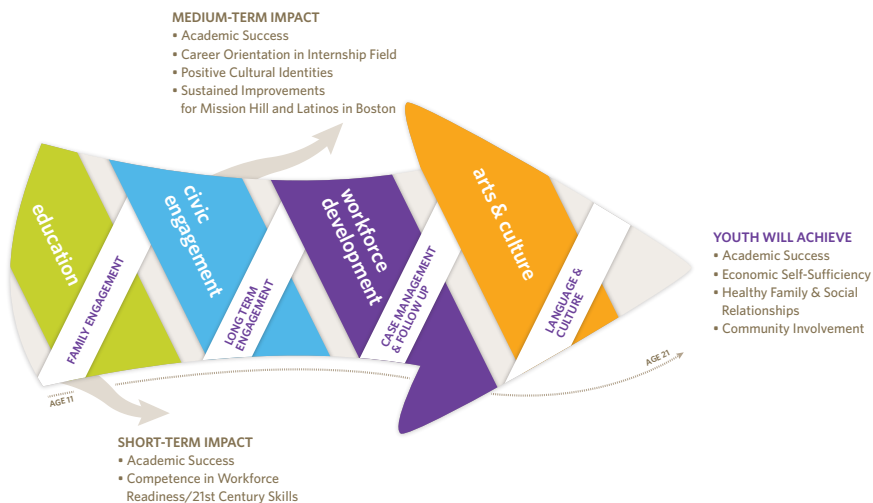
In 2006, fourteen year-old Ricardo got his first job—as a Youth Community Organizer at Sociedad Latina. For the next two years, he grabbed a clipboard and knocked on doors across Boston to organize for healthier and stronger communities. Today in his role at U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren’s office, he still uses that experience: “Organizing showed me the potential for policy change to impact people’s lives for the better.”

Ricardo also credits Sociedad Latina with getting him to “think about college at a young age and understand the importance of building a resume.” His early planning paid off. Ricardo is a graduate of Boston College and has been involved in several political campaigns in recent years. He says it’s critical for Latino youth to become leaders “so we can speak with a unified voice and advocate for our community’s best interests. As leaders, we have a seat at the table.”

MISSION To create the next generation of Latino leaders who are confident, competent, self-sustaining and proud of their cultural heritage

MODEL

Founded in 1968, Sociedad Latina promotes Latino leadership and creates a Boston community that fosters youth success through our holistic “Pathways to Success” model. We connect young people ages 11-21 and their families to ten years of intensive, free programming that uses culturally and linguistically responsive and sustaining practices. Our approach works in partnership with families and cross-sector supporters to capitalize on youth’s strengths and assets, such as strong community ties, bilingualism and high aspirations.



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