

DISTRICT 211 STUDENTS JOIN AREA SCHOOLS FOR UPCOMING LATINO SUMMIT

District 211 is participating in the 2012 Latino Summit along with several area schools. There, students will have the opportunity to hear from Latino professionals, explore college opportunities, and listen to a notable keynote speaker.

The 11th annual summit will be held at William Rainey Harper College on Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., and there will more than 400 Latino freshmen and sophomores attending from area Districts 211, 214, 220, 207, and 225. Presentations will be held in both English and Spanish.

The keynote speaker is Enrique Rodriguez, a news anchor, reporter, producer, sports anchor, and forum moderator at Univision Network. Rodriguez will speak to students not only about his time with professional reporting in a Latino organization, but also of his dedication to community events and news. He holds two Emmy awards, and will demonstrate to students how he overcame obstacles to get where he is today.

Many other Latino professionals will speak to students throughout the day, and share their experiences within different job markets and navigating the professional world. These inspirational stories, in addition to college representatives speaking with students, will help kick start freshmen and sophomores to think about their futures. The summit will help them develop leadership skills, network, and meet peers from other schools with similar aspirations.

Each year, the Latino Summit is a self-supported event, and funds must be found to finance the event and scholarships for deserving seniors. For more information on the event or to inquire about a financial contribution, please contact Claudia Rueda-Alvarez via email at Cruedaalvarez@maine207.org.