Our Impact

When Adelante began, we served just 25 students with a Mentoring & Enrichment programs two Saturdays each month. Since then, we have honed our programs and services to best guide our students toward success, developing a nationally recognized model that has proven effective in bolstering our students’ chances at achievement. To date we have served over 650 “at-risk” Latinx students and their families across all our programs, and have graduated 44 students from our long-term, holistic Mentoring & Enrichment program. 98% of our graduates have gone to college directly after graduating from high school.

Sources from the Pew Hispanic Center to the US Census point to Latinos as both the largest and fastest growing minority in the country with demographics (median age 25) which will drive our labor force in coming decades. Latino students are also the fastest growing demographic group within the Jefferson County Public School district. Louisville’s future depends upon an educated, integrated, and financially strong workforce among all its constituents.

The Latino student population in Jefferson County has more than doubled over the last decade. Unfortunately, a deep achievement gap between Latino students and other demographic groups has also persisted during that time.
Statistics

- In the past decade, the Latino student population at JCPS has increased from 4,188 to 10,550 students.
- 11% (10,550 of 96,026) of students were Hispanic in 2017-18 (JCPS Data Book)
  - 12% (5,328) of elementary school students are Hispanic (JCPS Data Book)
  - 10% (2,072) of middle school students are Hispanic (JCPS Data Book)
  - 9% (2,484) of high school students are Hispanic (JCPS Data Book)
- Hispanic students had the lowest high school graduation rate in 2017: 75.8%
- Hispanic students have the lowest “to-college” rate of any demographic group, with just 35% of Latino youth heading to college after high school
- Hispanic students have the second lowest rate of college and career preparedness. 48.5% compared to 71.2% of white students
- Hispanic students have the second lowest ACT composite scores at 17.7, compared to the 19.1 all students average, and 20.8 for the district’s white students (55k)

These students and families need services and support that will help them close that achievement gap and will empower them to lead successful and fulfilling lives. Adelante is the program at the forefront of Latino education in Louisville, with a proven history of assisting Latino student in closing the achievement gap.

In order to continue fulfilling our mission to empower Louisville’s Latino youth, Adelante must expand our operations to serve a greater number of students and families each year. Our goal is to expand capacity of our Mentoring & Enrichment program by establishing satellite program sites around the city, located in or near the neighborhoods where Latinx students and families live. By the fall of 2023, Adelante will serve 165 students in three M&E sites every week (from 74 students currently served in M&E program).
Statistics

- Adelante student population has grown from 25 students (served twice per month) to 135 students (served every week). We have a list of 67 new students wishing to join Fall, 2019!
- 100% of Adelante's Mentoring & Enrichment Achievers graduate high school on time.
- 97% (33/34) of Adelante's M&E Achievers have gone to college directly after high school.
- 94% (31/33) who have gone to college have graduated on-time or are on track to do so.
- Adelante students' average school attendance rate is 96.2%.
- Adelante's average student GPA for our M&E program is 3.3.

2015-16
All student average GPA: 3.04
All student average attendance: 95.2%
Graduating class size: 7
Graduating GPA: 3.63

2016-17
All student average GPA: 3.19
All student average attendance: 95.9%
Graduating class size: 1
Graduating GPA: 3.3

2017-18
All student average GPA: 3.14
All student average attendance: 96.1%
Graduating class size: 11
Graduating GPA: 3.34
Graduating cohort total scholarships and aid: $1,486,292

In 2016, Adelante began our College/University Ally partnerships. These partnerships allow Adelante to continue supporting our Achievers after they have finished high school and graduated out of our programs. Each College or University Ally reserves a major, four-year-renewable scholarship for a graduating Achiever every year, and agrees to provide an on-campus community of support to ensure our students’ success. Today, our Ally institutions include Hanover College, Centre College, Transylvania University, Eastern Kentucky University, and the University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering. Over the past four years, 10 Achievers have been awarded a total of $1,975,308 in scholarships and aid from our College & University Allies.