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**THE NATIONAL HISPANA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES 2013  
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FELLOWS**

Washington, D.C. -- The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) announces its 2013 Executive Leadership Program (ELP) fellows. Following a competitive nationwide search, 22 Latinas have been selected to participate in this program.

“Every year, I am more amazed by the cohort of remarkable Latinas I see go through our programs, and this year is no different. Our women come from diverse backgrounds, with a genuine desire to contribute to their communities and professional settings. We extend a warm welcome, and look forward challenging them, in addition to experiencing firsthand how they get ready to take the world on by storm and inspired to go to the next level,” said Marieli Colon-Padilla, Board Chair.

Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the Executive Leadership Program is held in conjunction with Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Center for Creative Leadership. The Executive Leadership Program spans 11 months and includes three components: training, mentorship and leadership projects. The 2013 program begins in December 2012 and ends in October 2013. Fellows commit to mentoring at least two other young women and are required to complete their individual leadership project that is designed to significantly impact the community.

This year’s fellows come from all around the country and from varying professions. Participants are selected based on their community service record, their personal and professional accomplishments, and dedication to being leaders in their community. For more information about this program and for a complete list of the 2013 Executive Leadership fellows visit: [www.nhli.org](http://www.nhli.org).

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The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) is a national leadership development organization focused on Latina leaders. Founded in 1987, NHLI has trained and empowered more than 10,000 Latina leaders from the public and private sectors who have been appointed to leadership positions in government, corporate America, nonprofits, foundations and entrepreneurs. NHLI's mission is to develop Hispanas as ethical leaders through training, professional development, relationship building, and community activism. For more information, visit [www.nhli.org](http://www.nhli.org).