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Six Port Chester High School Students Attend Albany Conference



In Albany, pictured left to right: Joseph Cuadros, Valeria Escudero, Lisseth Cabrera, Mr. Mario Coronado (in the middle), Angelica Morales, Marcela Nunez Figueroa, and Beatriz Rivera.

Lisseth Cabrera, Joseph Cuadros, Valeria Escudero, Angelica Morales, Marcela Nunez Fibueroa, and Beatriz Rivera, all outstanding Port Chester High School students, were selected to represent Port Chester at the 27th annual Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PR/HYLI). The conference was held in Albany, NY, from Saturday, March 25 through Monday, March 27.

“Our students had an amazing experience, and told me that this weekend will influence them for the rest of their lives,” said PCHS School Counselor, Mario Coronado. Mr. Coronado accompanied the students to the PR/HYLI weekend event.

Approximately 200 students from eight statewide delegations attended the Institute. Student delegates took part in activities that included team-building exercises to foster inter-regional relationships, a mock Assembly session conducted in the New York State Assembly chamber, a student recognition event, and career development workshops.

The weekend had a big impact on the PCHS delegates:

“PR/HYLI was one of the most interesting experiences I ever had. It made me more confident and more conscious about the issues that our community is facing. Attending PR/HYLI helped me cultivate new perspectives,” said Angelica Morales, who is an 11th grader at the school.

“During this weekend I learned ways to be a leader in my community, as well as in my high school,” said PCHS senior, Lisseth Cabrera. “During the mock Assembly, I thought what it would be like if I could be a legislator, and also how hard they work for us. In addition, the weekend helped me understand how young people can make a big difference through speaking up so that our state government hears us.”

PCHS junior Marcela Nunez Figueroa felt that this experience went beyond her expectations. “By the end of the program, I felt that I had grown up as a person. This program not only taught me the power that we have as Latinos to fight for our rights, but also to value the work and effort of others, from the people who work in the state government to the hotel workers who gave us breakfast. We all did a great job to make this weekend unforgettable and from my point of view, we succeeded,” she added.