



Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

The White House Selects the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia AmeriCorps Classroom Instructor Xavier A. Munoz as a 2014 Cesar E. Chavez “Champion of Change”

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On Monday, March 31, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) AmeriCorps Classroom Instructor, Xavier Munoz, will be honored by the White House as one of the 2014 Cesar E. Chavez’ “Champions of Change.”

The event honors the work of 10 community members who are making a difference in advancing and improving the lives of their community members, including Latinos.

A White House press release states, “These recognitions are part of the Administration’s effort to celebrate Chavez’ extraordinary commitment to a lifetime of service. At a screening of the new feature film Cesar Chavez, President Obama reflected on Chavez’ legacy stating, “One of the great lessons of Cesar’s life (is) that you don’t give up the fight. No matter how long it takes, no matter how long the odds, you keep going, fueled by a simple creed – si se puede.” As part of the Administration-wide effort to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day, President Obama signed a presidential proclamation calling on all Americans to recognize the birth of one of America’s greatest champions of social justice by engaging in service.”



Xavier A. Munoz, LCNV AmeriCorps Classroom Instructor, is a 2014 White House Cesar E. Chavez’ “Champion of Change.”

As an AmeriCorps member with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, **Xavier A. Munoz** has been teaching English to adult immigrants and refugees in family literacy and beginning-level ESOL classes since September 2012. In addition to teaching full-time, he leads a staff task force to compile and design an online collection of instructional resources suitable for use with learners with low levels of English language proficiency. Raised in Tampa, Florida, and the younger son of two naturalized immigrants, he has a BA in Human Biology from Stanford University and plans to pursue an MA in TESOL in the near future. He started in adult education as a volunteer literacy tutor with I CAN Community Education Coalition in Tampa and came to Northern Virginia to foster that budding interest. He credits the adults in his classes and his experience serving with AmeriCorps for giving direction to his future and takes to heart the mission of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia to empower adults through English language instruction to “participate more fully and confidently in their communities”. Although advancing from point A to point B comes from the students themselves, being a part of their journey convinces him of a teacher’s potential to be a catalyst for change.

The event will be moderated by Lisa Garcia Quiroz, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Vice President of Corporate Responsibility at Time Warner Inc., and Marco Davis, Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The event is closed to press but will be live streamed on the White House website. To watch this event live, visit www.whitehouse.gov/live at 10:00 AM ET on March 31st. To learn more about the White House Champions of Change program and nominate a Champion, visit www.whitehouse.gov/champions.

The mission of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities.

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