



Hispanics In Energy



The Future of Energy is Green... and Hispanic!

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The Covid-19 crisis brought uncertainty into the future of workplaces and educational systems. Yet, the trend toward a carbon neutral business plan from major tech, clothing, and even conventional energy companies is no surprise. It should also be of no surprise that Hispanics will continue to dominate U.S. growth in our k-12 and post-secondary educational systems... but will they be prepared for the future energy careers of tomorrow?

Hispanics In Energy (HIE) convened the inaugural Hispanic American Energy STEM Institute (HAESI) meeting in November of 2019 and engaged a panel at the 2020 Policy Summit in Washington D.C. with representatives from various trade organizations, educational equity non-profits, and government entities. These groups discussed best practices around preparing and engaging the expanding Hispanic population to meet the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) energy workforce needs of the future.

One common theme was a lack of funding and collective support throughout the k-12 to career pathway. The HAESI will target students and parents early on to educate them about the growth potential within the STEM energy fields and the increasing amount of HSIs available for an inclusive university experience. Through post-secondary educational partnerships the Institute aims to provide necessary guidance toward STEM energy career paths with the help of trade groups and internal industry champions to widen pathways and open doors. HAESI will collaborate with stakeholders to ensure workforce development and career replacements models maintain and deliver the current needs to these jobs.

Hispanics In Energy is currently looking for stakeholders from all energy resource and educational groups to allocate their time and attention toward ensuring the Hispanic community is prepared and represented for the energy careers of tomorrow.

Join the Hispanic American STEM Institute in building an inclusive and innovative STEM energy workforce while creating healthier and more productive communities by contacting staff@hispanicsinenergy.com.