Established in 2010, the NALCAB Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellowship was created to address the growing leadership gap in non-profit community economic development organizations serving low- and moderate-income Latino communities. The program was developed to ensure that next generation Latino leaders build the practical, personal and professional skills needed to fill the increasing leadership gap in the community economic development field.

NALCAB is the only national organization that has developed culturally-relevant curricula and training methods specifically aimed at building the capacity of Latino-serving community development and asset building practitioners. The curriculum is specifically designed to help practitioners become more effective leaders through leadership development, technical training and the facilitation of peer networks.

NALCAB represents and serves a geographically diverse network of more than 120 non-profit organizations that are economic engines in our nation’s Latino communities. NALCAB builds the organizational capacity of non-profit organizations that build assets and financial capability in low- and moderate-income communities. NALCAB's training and leadership development activities are a critical component of this effort.

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In addition to joining a diverse national network of Latino leaders, NALCAB Pete Garcia Fellowship graduates have meaningfully contributed to their organizations and their fields, including 10 alumni taking on Executive Director positions in community economic development organizations. A significant number of additional alumni have taken on other executive leadership positions, including C Suite positions and Directors. In addition, approximately eight alumni have pursued graduate and law school degrees.

The Fellowship has been a significant entry point for NALCAB to strengthen and build deeper relationships with Fellows’ respective organizations, and has led to better assessment of community asset needs, development of customized and relevant technical assistance resources, and enhancements in service delivery that can build wealth and catalyze asset growth among constituent families.

Thousands of individuals from the Latino community have been significantly impacted by the community development leadership projects developed by the fellows over the past eight years. Projects have helped Latinos build their small businesses, purchase their first homes, build credit and savings and pursue better-paying jobs. Past projects have included the following asset building programs: lending circles, CDFI certification, business incubators, commercial kitchens and mercados, creation of affordable housing, development of Spanish language curriculum and policy and advocacy campaigns on student debt and predatory lending.

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