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NALCAB Announces Inaugural Class of National Latino Executive Leadership Program in Community Development Field
Year-long Fellowship will Focus on Culturally Relevant Understanding of Systemic Racism, Economic Inclusion and Leadership Strategies

(SAN ANTONIO, TX) - The National Association for Community Asset Builders ([NALCAB](#)) is pleased to announce the very first class of its new Latino Executive Advancement & Development (LEAD) Fellowship, a leadership development program exclusively for Latino CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors at economic asset-building nonprofits that primarily serve Latino communities across the US. This year, 9 professionals were selected for this prestigious, executive level program presented in partnership with the [Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at The George Washington University \(GW\)](#).

NALCAB's LEAD Fellowship is much more than understanding the fundamentals of leadership. The emphasis on community development through a Latino-focused lens allows participants the opportunity to expand their viewpoints and encourages collaboration to tackle multi-layered problems related to racial and economic equity, advancement and activism. LEAD Fellows will learn best practices for combating systemic racism and leadership principles that have deep connections to the work they do.

The thirteen-month fellowship includes curriculum focused on effective communication, cultural intelligence, organizational culture, critical thinking, and leadership theory. More information about the program can be viewed [HERE](#).

About [NALCAB](#)

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of 200 member organizations that are anchor institutions in geographically and ethnically diverse Latino communities in 46 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico. NALCAB supports its member institutions through funding, training, research and advocacy, enabling them to invest in their communities by building affordable housing, ensuring equitable neighborhood development, supporting small business growth, and providing financial counseling on issues including credit building and homeownership. As a grantmaker and US Treasury certified CDFI lender with offices in San Antonio and Washington DC, the NALCAB Network serves hundreds of thousands of low- and moderate-income people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity in the communities we serve.

About [Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at The George Washington University \(GW\)](#)

The Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute draws on the intellectual strength of The George Washington University and the resources of the nation's capital to serve as a nexus for Latino-centered scholarship, leadership, and community engagement. The Cisneros Institute's data-driven research and analysis facilitate creative approaches to the most pressing contemporary issues for Latinos. Moreover, the Cisneros Institute's culturally competent approach to leadership development equips Latinos at all life stages with the tools to engage, lead, and make a difference in their communities.

2023 NALCAB LEAD Fellows			
First Name	Last Name	Organization	Location
Carlos	Aleman	Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama	Birmingham, AL
Onelia	Macchia Anzola	Growing Together-Avanzando Juntos	Tulsa, OK
Kersy	Azocar	Greenline Access Capital	Philadelphia, PA
Patricia	Carrillo	Agricultural and Land Based Training Association (ALBA)	Salinas, CA
Elizabeth	Gutierrez	Enterprising Latinas Inc.	Tampa Bay, FL
Emi	Reyes	Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC-DC)	Washington, DC
Maria	D. Rodriguez	Vizons Economic Development Center	Yakima, WA
Rafael	Roger	Business Initiative Corporation of New York (BICNY)	Bronx, NY
Magdalena	Verdugo	YWCA Southern Arizona	Tucson, AZ