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Elmhurst Hosts Conference to Help Young Latinas

Hundreds of Latina middle school students from DuPage County, Ill., met at Elmhurst College earlier this month to take part in “Dare to Dream: Get Educated!” – a conference designed to inspire young Latinas to stay in school and realize their potential.

The conference addressed issues that particularly affect Latinas: high absentee rates in middle school, high dropout rates in high school, and low college enrollment. Mothers and mentors were welcome to attend separate sessions (offered in Spanish) on the personal, professional and financial value of education in general and higher education in particular.

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