

# Inspirar el Futuro

*(Inspire the Future)*

## The Campaign to Exponentially Increase Latino Graduation Rates

**SUMMARY:** As one of New Jersey’s largest Hispanic serving institutions, Union County College has over 4,000 students of Latin heritage. Dedicated to providing everyone the opportunity to better their lives through education, Union County College has made **graduation our number one priority**. Over the past four years graduation rates have more than tripled. However, the increase among our Latino students has not kept pace with the general populations. We have made supporting these students an institutional priority.

Year	White Males	White Females	Hispanic Males	Hispanic Females
Class of 2012	12.4%	15.7%	7.1%	7.4%
Class of 2013	9.1%	12.6%	6.8%	4.9%
Class of 2014	21.2%	19.3%	7.9%	6.3%
Class of 2015	27.6%	29.6%	15.8%	15%

**THE PLAN:** To develop a new Foundation fund that will have a direct and immediate impact on student success. The fund will be used to provide scholarship support to Hispanic students who are on track to graduate with a minimum GPA of 2.0. This fund will be managed by the Foundation office with advisement from faculty, staff and key volunteers.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:** To see a dramatic increase in overall graduation rates among our Hispanic full-time first-time students for the 2017 - 18 academic year.

For more information on how you can support the *Inspirar el Futuro Campaign*, please contact Doug Rouse at 908.709.7113 or email at [douglas.rouse@ucc.edu](mailto:douglas.rouse@ucc.edu).

*“Hopefully, one day I will be able to help others achieve their goals just like you are helping me now.”*

Sebastian Castro, Union County College Scholarship Recipient

