



University of Notre Dame
**Latino Studies
Scholars Program**

“Through the Latino Studies Scholars Program, Notre Dame is demonstrating its commitment to develop the next generation of leaders who are dedicated to expanding the common good. One cannot be such a leader in any sector without a deep understanding of Latino communities, the largest ethnoracial group in the country and in the Catholic Church.”

—Luis Ricardo Fraga

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ABOUT

Notre Dame's Latino Studies Scholars Program is designed to attract and shape students working to support and empower Latino communities. The merit-based scholarship program, with its accompanying curriculum, prepares students to be transformative leaders in the Catholic Church and society.

PURPOSE

The Institute for Latino Studies created the program as part of its mission to advance understanding of the fastest-growing and youngest population in the United States and the Catholic Church. The program provides support to the next generation of leaders as a fundamental part of their undergraduate studies, to ensure they reach their full potential.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor discusses her career with NBC News correspondent Anne Thompson, as part of the Transformative Latino Leadership Lecture Series in collaboration with the Office of the President and the ND Law School.

PROGRAM

- Students are awarded merit-based scholarships of \$25,000 per year (\$100,000 over four years), in addition to any need-based aid received.
- Scholars also receive up to \$5,000 per summer for three summers to enhance their education through internships, conferences, and study abroad programs.
- Participants can explore a distinctive curriculum and diverse research opportunities in Latino Studies to complement their course of study.
- Scholars have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with transformative leaders in education, business, faith, the arts, and other fields.

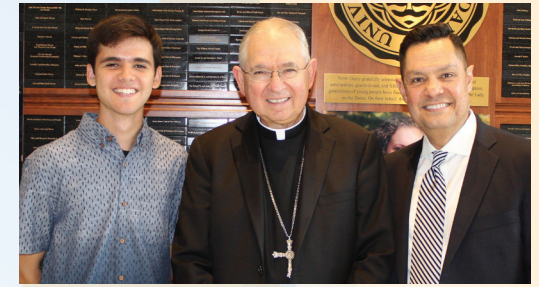


Juan Felipe Herrera, Poet Laureate of the United States, gives a reading at Notre Dame.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates are identified through the University's restrictive early action and regular admissions process, and finalists are invited for an interview in the spring.
- Both students of Latino and non-Latino origin are eligible, and once selected, scholars may enroll in any college or major at Notre Dame.
- The most significant qualification will be a student's demonstrated interest in and commitment to the future of Latino communities in the United States.

SCHOLARS



The Transformative Latino Leadership Lecture Series provides an opportunity for scholars to engage with noted figures such as The Most Reverend José E. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, pictured here with Aaron Benavides and ILS Director Luis R. Fraga.

“This scholarship marks the beginning of a new chapter in my family, in which education is no longer a luxury.”

—Jisel Gomez, *biological sciences, preprofessional studies*



“With all this preparation, I will hopefully achieve my long-term goal of converting the Latino community's deficit-based mindset to an asset-based mindset and continue being a force for good in this world.”

—Stacy Manrique, *computer science*



“There's a Mexican proverb that beautifully states the essence of this scholarship — ‘They tried to bury us. They did not know we were seeds.’ The resiliency of Latino communities is what most amazes me.”

—Kelly Liang, *political science*



“This scholarship paves the way for me to further my knowledge and understanding of the rich and vibrant Latino culture and community.”

—Aaron Benavides, *political science*

