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The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) is leading the way to federal designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). As our Hispanic/Latinx student population continues to grow rapidly, ODI will help support all campus partners in fostering an inclusive HSI campus culture.

The HSI Task Force is working to identify opportunities that can help enhance the experience of students, faculty and staff.

HSI consultations are available to all academic colleges and student support departments to assist with planning and implementation of Hispanic serving initiatives.

ODI also provides cultural education through its Latino Americans documentary series and Hispanic Heritage Month programs.

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Among her experiences, Deborah has worked in federal government as a policy analyst at the Congressional Research Service addressing legislative issues in higher education and at the U.S. Department of Education informing program and budget efforts in the Office of Post-secondary Education. She also served as the Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans working with federal agencies and communities across the nation to improve awareness and education opportunities for Latinos. Among Deborah’s community work, she has provided program design and implementation for the ASPIRA Association and translated data for community engagement as the Vice President for Research and Data at the Los Angeles Alliance for Student Achievement.

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