



# **Graduation Ceremony**



July 30, 2016 University Center at De Sales University Center Valley, PA 18034

#### Message from the Chair of the Fé Foundation



To our graduates: On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to congratulate the graduates of the FE class of 2016. Your commitment and hard work has made our program successful. It is wonderful to see students from many different high schools across the Lehigh Valley work together, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun exploring your careers. You have shown that you dare to be different than your peers by investing

nearly half of your summer vacation to a unique experience and prestigious program. We have faith (Fé) that you will become the future leaders in our community and in your fields of study. Please remember you have an opportunity to do great things, not only in your career, but also in your community.

To our supporters: Working together, we have made a difference in lives of these future leaders. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank our supporters for all that you do because without you we would not have this program to inspire our future leaders. It is because of your support that our students can experience this once in a lifetime opportunity at no cost to them. Today you see first-hand what the Fé Foundation is all about. You can see the new friendships forged and you can hear the students talk about how this program has impacted them. Their initial week stay at DeSales University not only taught them new entrepreneurial skills, but also gave them a taste of college life. Their next four weeks let them explore their career interests through internships with local businesses. This two-part program revealed to them that a college education and a career with a local business is an attainable goal. Our goal is to promote an entrepreneurial spirit within the youth of the Lehigh Valley to transform our communities by bringing together students, university faculties, and local businesses.

<u>Please continue to help the FE Program</u> by donating, advocating, and volunteering. You can visit our website at: <a href="www.fe-foundation.org">www.fe-foundation.org</a>

Sincerely, Fidel Gonzalez, Chair

#### FE GRADUATION CEREMONY

University Center at De Sales University Saturday July 30, 2016 Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 AM PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Alvaro A. Diaz,
President of the Fé Foundation of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the
Lehigh Valley

Benediction: Father Alexander Pocetto, OSFS, PhD Senior Vice President (Ret.), De Sales University

Pledge of Allegiance: Billy Cedillo
Third Grader, Lincoln Elementary School, Bethlehem, PA

Introduction of the Fé Foundation Trustees, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board Members and Special Guests.

**Acknowlegement of Sponsors of the FE Program** 

**Acknowledgement of Internship Companies and Organizations** 

Comments by Tony Iannelli, President & CEO, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce

Comments by Victoria Rodrigues, FE Program Graduate Class of 2012 Senior at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

**Student Presentations of Business Projects:** 

Presentation- "Remembrance- A Face Recognition App"
Students: Samuel Gonzalez (Leader), Oscar Jimenez, Josephine La Torres,
Liz Perez, Kayla Rodriguez and Gabriela Velazquez

Presentation- "Fe-ithful Company"
Students: Aline Rodriguez (Leader), Georgia Gonzalez, Nicole Guillen,
James Haag, Fernando Ramirez and Cindy Velasquez

Comments by 2016 FE Class Speaker Mya Nales

Presentation of Certificates and Awards by Fidel Gonzalez, Consuelo Amigo and Maria McElliott

Closing Remarks by Mr. Fidel Gonzalez, Chair of the Fé Foundation of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley

### 2016 FE Students



Arianna Aquino Wilson Area High School Nihal Berkane Wilson Area High School Jezcalei Calizo Dieruff High School Yohaneska Cruz Dieruff High School Georgia Gonzalez Wilson Area High School Samuel Gonzalez Lehigh Valley Academy Nicole Guillen R. Clemente Charter School Natalia Guzman Liberty High School James Haag **Emmaus High School** Jimenez Wilson Area High School Oscar Josephine La Torres Allen High School Brendon Martinez Northampton High School Kimberly Morillo Lehigh Valley Academy Mya Nales Lincoln Leadership Academy

Lehigh Valley Academy

Ashley

Ortega

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Liz Perez Dieruff High School

**Keiry Pichardo** Allen High School

Linette Quezada R. Clemente Charter School

Fernando Ramirez Liberty High School

Wildris Ramirez Lincoln Leadership Academy

Sierra Ressler Whitehall High School

Naomi Rivera Dieruff High School

**Daniel Rodrigues** Whitehall High School

Marina Rodrigues Whitehall High School

Aline Rodriguez Lehigh Valley Academy

Kayla Rodriguez Allentown Central Catholic

Victoria Salazar Lehigh Valley Academy

**Quira** Santos Liberty High School

Cindy Velasquez Dieruff High School

Gabriela Velazquez Liberty High School

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