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College of Education Professor, Diane Rodriguez, at East Carolina University invited to the White House

Diane Rodriguez, professor in the Curriculum and Instruction Department in the College of Education, was invited to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. She participated in the National Education Summit and Call to Action Oct. 18-19 in Washington, D.C.

The summit was organized by Juan Sepulveda, the director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. White House personnel, directors of federal departments and other participants discussed education policy, civic rights and education equity, financial aid and other education issues.

On Oct. 19, President Barack Obama signed the executive order, “White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.” The initiative seeks to expand educational opportunities, reduce the dropout rate, improve education outcomes, and deliver a complete and competitive education for all Latinos.

One of the key components of this initiative is to prepare Latino students “for college, a career, and productive and satisfying lives.” More than 11 million Latino students are in U.S. public elementary and secondary schools, constituting more than 22 percent of all pre-K-12 public school students.

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