RETENTION OF CHICANOS IN COLLEGE

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Stats about the Chicano Culture

- As of 2002 they are 57 million Chicanos in the United States (Zarate, 2008)
- 11.4 million are attending post High School education (Trade School, College, Training Programs) (Zarate, 2008)
- Biggest minority group in the United States making up 18 percent of total United States Population
Family Views

- Men are suppose to work at a young age
- Women are suppose to stay home and learn to cook and clean
- Children should help in any way they can
Boys Vs Girls

- Women make up 60 percent of Chicano Graduates (Fry, 2008)
- Men on average drop out twice as fast as Women in the first year of College (Fry, 2008)
- Statistics showed in 2003 an average 46 percent of Latinas graduated with a bachelor’s degree
College Acceptance Rates

• Latinos have the highest attendance rate from people age 18-24 in two year college (Fry, 2002)

• 44 percent of Latinos attend a 2 year college between ages of 19 and 24 (Zarate, 2008)
Paying for College

• Since 1995 the amount of Financial aid given to Latino students has not changed averaging about 6,250 dollars.

• Data shows that 49 percent of the Chicano Financial aid applicants were first generation students and more than half of them had to work part time to pay for their education (Zarate, 2008)

• Richard Fry was able to determine that Chicanos who go to college have a 75 percent chance of working during their school education.
• Only 12.7 percent of all Latino adults have a Bachelor degree compared to 30 percent of Whites (Zarate, 2008)

• In total only about 10 percent on Chicano Americans in 2003 graduated from a four-year university (Oseguera, 2009)
Reason For Leaving School

- Many Chicano students have to work and lose motivation
- Lack of support system
- Cannot afford to keep in College
- Take the Quarter off to earn more money for school
- Support their families.
Improve Chicano Graduation Rates

• Change views of Chicano Culture
• Encourage classes in High School about paying for College
• New loan programs for first generation students
• Programs to build a support system for Chicanos
Who benefits from this study

• University- to try to increase number of graduates
• Financial aid- to help fix problems in their systems
• Government officials- to change social issues
• The Chicano people to help fix the cultural issues being faced
Benefit to Society

• A better work force in the Country
• Improved social view of the culture
• Motivates the newer generation and different ethnic groups beside Chicanos.

