



Jóvenes en Acción

Jóvenes en Acción/Youth in Action is a new program for Mexican youth that began in 2010. An initiative of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, Jóvenes en Acción has been conducted and funded as a joint program of the U.S. Department of State, the Mexican Secretariat of Public Education (SEP), and the Mexican private sector. The program gives selected young leaders from public high schools across Mexico the opportunity to study and develop leadership skills during summer programs in the United States with follow up seminars in Mexico. The initial program sent 50 students to Berkeley, California and Washington, D.C. from July 18 to August 21, 2010.

The first year of Jóvenes en Acción was an overwhelming success in exposing Mexican youth to the United States, in developing leadership skills for the future, engaging Mexican youth with their communities, and in building partnerships between governments and the private sector. Students returned to Mexico full of enthusiasm and equipped with the tools to begin to become positive forces for social change and promoters of youth-centered civic engagement. Jóvenes en Acción represents a new model for exchange and leadership programming due to its bi-national, public-private partnership structure and its concentration on specific outcomes tied to key priority themes in the U.S-Mexico relationship.

All 2010 program members participated in a five month community project and program review in Mexico City January 20-21, 2011. Jóvenes en Acción 2010 was formed by three to four member student teams from Tijuana, Baja California; Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua;

México, D.F; San Andrés, Estado de México; Guanajuato, Guanajuato; Guadalajara, Jalisco; San José de Gracia, Michoacán; Cuautla, Morelos; Monterrey, Nuevo León; Tlaxiáctac de Cabrera, Oaxaca; San Luís Río Colorado, Sonora; Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas, and Mérida, Yucatán.



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