

U-ACCESS Students Excel Through Urban Higher Education
2nd Annual Conference, May 22, 2015
*Emerging Practices and Approaches Supporting
Homeless Post-secondary Students*



Keynote Speaker
Mateo Raul Magdaleno

Mateo Raul Magdaleno is an author and Chief Education Officer for the IDQ Group Inc., providing innovative education strategies to corporations, non-profit, government agencies, universities and school districts who are committed to reducing the dropout rate and increasing college enrollment among underserved students. Magdaleno is also the Founder and Chairman of The Magdaleno Leadership Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to building high school student servant leaders. Most recently, Magdaleno was appointed by the U.S. Senate Majority Leader and confirmed by Congress, serving a four-year term on the U.S. Congressional Award National Board of Directors, who present Congress's highest award for youth. He also serves on the Texas Advisory Council for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and national spokesman for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.

In addition, to managing his own business and philanthropic work, Magdaleno serves as the caregiver of his elderly mother, Maria and in the process of adopting his older sister, Sylvia Magdaleno, who is gifted with Down syndrome.

Furthermore, Magdaleno is currently working with Reconciliation Outreach on creating a safe house for homeless college students, to be completed by Spring 2015.

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Luncheon Key Presenter:
Joshua Williams

Joshua Williams is a graduate of the Great Bethune-Cookman University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. As an undergraduate of BCU, he was elected Mr. BCU, and was the first student to create a scholarship entitled Keeper of Light” (aiming to support those in need).

He has been featured in several different articles national wide and after graduation. He worked for the Florida department of juvenile justice while giving speeches for a variety Civil Organizations such as: The National Urban League, United Negro College Fund, Delta Sigma Theta and even traveling to California to speak to over 2000 students. He is also a recent Congressional Intern for the House of Representatives and as of now a graduate student at Alabama A&M University studying Psychology and hoping to change lives.

His career goals are to return to Washington, D.C. and become an advocate for youth on homelessness and education within the urban communities.