

# MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## YEAR 7: 2016-2017





**Azalea Acuna**

**La Casa Norte**

La Casa Norte's mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness. La Casa Norte provides access to stable housing and deliver comprehensive

services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.



**Bessie Alcantara**

**BBF Family Services**

The mission of BBF Family Services is to enrich and improve the quality of life for North Lawndale youth and their families by providing safe, stable, and nurturing experiences that

enhance social, emotional, academic, and career development.



**Erika Allen**

**Growing Power, Inc.**

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they

live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities. Growing Power implements this mission by providing hands-on training, on-the-ground demonstration, outreach, and technical assistance through the development of Community Food Systems that help people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner.



**Oswaldo Alvarez**

**Chicago Cook Workforce**

Partnership

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership is the largest nonprofit-managed Local Workforce Investment Area in the nation. Its three

primary goals are to reduce costs, improve services, and engage the business community. By working together, without regard to geographic boundaries, both Cook County and the City of Chicago broaden the reach of workforce services for employers and job seekers alike.



**Carrie Brown**

**Family Focus**

The mission of Family Focus is to promote the well-being of children from birth by supporting and strengthening families in and with their communities.

Family Focus helps parents gain confidence and competence as the primary caregivers and educators of their children and provides parents and their children with critical resources and learning opportunities to encourage healthy development in their communities.



**Asiaha Butler**

**R.A.G.E.**

**Resident Association of Greater Englewood**

The mission of the Resident Association of Greater Englewood is to mobilize people and resources to force a change in the

community by breaking down barriers in communication and promoting positivity through solution-based approaches.



**Ebony Campbell**

**Chicago Housing Authority**

CHA is the third largest housing authority in the nation and provides assisted housing for more than 76,000 households. CHA operates senior housing, scattered site housing, city/

state housing located throughout the city, and housing choice vouchers.



**Aasia Castañeda**

**The Field Museum**

The Field Museum was founded in 1893 and is one of the world's great natural history museums--with a world-renowned scientific staff and collections of more than 20 million specimens

and cultural objects. The Field Museum's mission is to fuel a journey of discovery across time to enable solutions for a brighter future rich in nature and culture.



**Henry Cervantes**  
**Our Lady of Tepeyac**  
**Elementary School**

Our Lady of Tepeyac is a Big Shoulders Fund and Archdiocesan Model Elementary School located in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood and serving

students grades pre-K through eighth.



**Adriana Díaz**  
**City Bureau**

City Bureau recruits and provides competitive stipends to journalists at all skill levels to mentor one another in a collaborative learning process, with community input every step

of the way. City Bureau investigates issues with wide-ranging impact on people living in the South and West Sides of Chicago: including education, housing, environmentalism, economic and urban development, criminal justice and politics.



**Bryan Johnson**  
**Metropolitan Family Services**

Metropolitan Family Services empowers families to learn, to earn, to heal, and to thrive. Part mentor, part motivator, part advocate: since 1857 Metropolitan Family Services has been the engine of change that empowers

Chicago-area families to reach their greatest potential and positively impact their communities.



**Keith Lewis**  
**United Way Metropolitan**  
**Chicago**

United Way is engaged in nearly 1,800 communities across more than 40 countries and territories worldwide. United Way is focused on creating community-based

and community-led solutions that strengthen the cornerstones for a good quality of life: education, financial stability, and health.



**Alfredo Nambo**  
**Instituto Health Sciences**  
**Career Academy**

Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy is a charter high school serving 600 youth, grades 9 to 12 from Chicago communities, and paving the way for the next

generation of doctors, nurses, informatics professionals, and bio-technicians.



**Abel Ochoa**  
**University of Chicago**  
**Collegiate Scholars**  
**Program**

The University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program is a three-year program that aims to prepare talented Chicago Public Schools

students in grades 10-12 for admission and success at the nation's top colleges and universities.



**Arthur Richardson**  
**Chicago Park District**

The mission of the Chicago Park District is to: 1. Enhance the quality of life in Chicago by becoming the leading provider of recreation and leisure opportunities; Provide safe, inviting and beautifully

maintained parks and facilities; and 3. Create a customer-focused and responsive park system that prioritizes the needs of children and families.



**Angelica Rivera**  
**Proyecto Pa'Lante at**  
**Northeastern Illinois**  
**University**

Northeastern Illinois University's Proyecto Pa'Lante is an academic support services program that has historically served

Latino students who demonstrate academic potential, but do not meet the general University admissions requirements. Proyecto Pa'Lante is also a University admitting body, responsible for recruiting and admitting students.



**Kimeco Roberson**

**Chicago Public Schools**

The mission of Chicago Public Schools is to provide a high-quality public education for every child in every neighborhood that prepares them for success in college, career, and community.



**Maritza Rocha**

**Mujeres Latinas en Acción**

Mujeres Latinas en Acción (Mujeres), a bilingual/bicultural agency, empowers Latinas by providing services which reflect their values and culture, and being an advocate on the issues that

make a difference in their lives.



**Analía Rodríguez**

**Latino Union of Chicago**

Latino Union collaborates with low-income immigrant and U.S.-born workers to develop the tools necessary to collectively improve social and economic conditions.



**Luis Roman**

**Association of Latino/as Motivating Action (ALMA)**

The mission of ALMA is to fight for the rights of the Latino Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community by

advocating for fairness and equality, and affirming Latino LGBTQ culture.



**Anton Seals Jr.**

**DePaul University**

As a university, DePaul pursues the preservation, enrichment, and transmission of knowledge and culture across a broad scope of academic disciplines. It treasures its deep roots in the

wisdom nourished in Catholic universities from medieval times. The principal distinguishing marks of the university are its Catholic, Vincentian, and urban character.



**Craig Stevenson**

**Open Architecture Chicago / High Jump**

Open Architecture Chicago is a collaborative group of volunteer design professionals and students dedicated to the pursuit of advocacy and social change

through the built environment in and beyond Chicago. High Jump is a two-year, tuition-free academic enrichment program for seventh and eighth graders across Chicago. High Jump's mission is to equalize access to education for middle school students who have exhibited academic ambition and potential and who are of limited economic means.



**Carman Weathington**

**Chicago Commons**

Chicago Commons is a neighborhood-focused nonprofit dedicated to improving the well-being of thousands of children, adults, seniors, and families. Chicago Commons' mission is to

partner with individuals, families, and communities to overcome poverty, discrimination, and isolation.