What is HoPe?

HoPe is a 501c3 nonprofit organization providing extracurricular programming for Hispanic high school students in Georgia. We provide students with intensive leadership development training, personalized graduation coaches, & service learning opportunities in their communities. We believe every student is one caring individual away from being a success story.

Our Vision

HoPe’s vision is to see the Hispanic community achieve a higher standard of living.

Our Mission

The mission of HoPe is to increase the graduation rate among Hispanic high school students through leadership, education, and community service.

“Think about the impact you made in your community, specifically, the Hispanic community. Maybe time was cut short but you made every single second count because, you weren’t only a student, you were a Legacy Leader.”

-Elisa Lara
2020 HoPe Class Speaker
Legacy Leader ‘20
Lakeside HS President

• 21 School Districts
• 62 Chapters
• 244 Legacy Leaders
• 3,300+ Members
Our diverse team of Legacy Leaders lead monthly meetings in their chapters, develop service projects for their community, and create resources for their members. Their experiences and backgrounds strengthen the organization and provide perspective, guidance, and support to our over 3,300 members.

Who is considered a Legacy Leader?

Legacy Leaders are the 244 HoPe officers that run the 62 HoPe leadership chapters across Georgia. In order to apply to be Legacy Leaders, students must have a GPA of above 3.0, be in good standing with their school, and undergo a rigorous application process.

Once selected, all Legacy Leaders must attend a three-day training event known as the HoPe Youth Leadership Summit (HYLS). Here, students learn the skills they will need to successfully lead enriching monthly meetings, successful fundraisers, effective promotional events, and meaningful community service projects.

This report focuses only on 2019-2020 senior Legacy Leaders and their achievements.
Alumni Spotlight: “Kike” Hernandez

Gerardo “Kike” Hernandez graduated from Meadowcreek High School and has served as the chapter’s Vice President of Communications this past year.

Kike has faced numerous obstacles and challenges in his journey as a DACA Recipient. All of the heartbreaks and letdowns in his life brought him down but he reminded himself of his worth and never allowed himself to stay down.

“NEVER be ashamed to speak your mind. You are incredible and have a purpose. Remember that your voice always matters to the world” — Kike, 2019

He will continue working with HoPe in college as a Communications Intern in the Leadership Chapters Department.

Class of 2020 Achievements

GPA
- 91.33% above a 3.0
- 36% above a 3.75
- 17.33% 4.0 or above
- 3.61 average GPA

Graduation Rate
- 100%
- Top 10% of Class 20
- Top 5% of Class 10

AP/IB/Dual Enrollment Classes
- 96% took at least 1
- 54% took more than 5
- 20% took more than 10
Alumni Spotlight:
Denise Gonzalez

Denise Gonzalez is a proud graduate of Flowery Branch High School and served as the President of her chapter. She has carved out an inspiring legacy for many to follow.

Despite facing tough moments in her life where she has felt like she can’t do it, Denise remembers the words her mother told her: nothing is impossible. She has reflected on this and embodies this as an example for future generations to remember they are not alone and that they are capable of doing anything.

“I will succeed and help others”. — Denise, 2019

She will continue working with HoPe as both a Programming Intern and Leadership Chapters Department Intern.

Class of 2020 Scholarships

- The DREAM.US Opportunity Scholarship (8)
- Posse Foundation Scholarship (2)
- Goizueta Foundation Scholarship at GSU (4)
- Golden Door Scholars Program (2)
- QuestBridge National Scholars Program (1)
- The Gates Scholarship (1)
- HOPE Scholarship (87)
- Zell Miller Scholarship (20)

And more...

Achieve Atlanta, PTSA Scholarship, UNG Army Grant, JWU Hope Scholarship, Presidential Academic Scholarship, Reach Scholarship, Agape Scholarship, and 11 others

Their scholarships total:
$6,253,932 over the next 4 years
$1,563,483 for the upcoming school year
$41,692.88 per student over 4 years
After our Legacy Leaders graduate, they join our HoPe Alumni Association where they can network, volunteer, and attend alumni events.

Many also choose to continue volunteering as directors, coordinators, district supervisors and graduation coaches for the organization.

Their dedication throughout high school and their continuous post-graduation involvement is what makes them not just HoPe officers but legacy leaders in their schools and their communities.

Where are they now?

After graduating from their high schools and from the HoPe Leadership Chapter program, our 2020 graduates will be attending thirty-five colleges across the country and around the world.

- Six of our Legacy Leaders are taking a gap year and/or working.
- One of our Legacy Leaders will be joining the United States Army.
Where our students are at

- Georgia State University (34)
- Kennesaw State University (18)
- The University of Georgia (16)
- Georgia Gwinnett College (13)
- The University of North Georgia (8)
- Oglethorpe University (6)
- Emory University (4)
- The Georgia Institute of Technology (3)

And more...

- Delaware State University
- Brandeis University
- Johnson and Wales University
- New York University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Louisiana State University
- Johnson and Wales University
  
  ... and 20 other institutions