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LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION A FINALIST IN NATIONAL CONTEST NLAC photograph a finalist in National Council of La Raza Affiliate Photo Contest

LINCOLN – A photograph submitted by the Nebraska Latino American Commission (NLAC) in Lincoln has been selected as one of 11 finalists in the 2015 Affiliate Photo Contest presented by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR).

NCLR is the largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States with a network of nearly 300 affiliated organizations, of which NLAC is an affiliate. The Annual Affiliate Photo Contest provides NCLR with an opportunity to showcase the efforts and impact the affiliates bring to the community.

“I think this is an appropriate choice by NCLR,” said NLAC Executive Director Dr. Arturo Spindola. “This photo shows that Nebraska embraces these children and what they can bring to the state.”

NLAC has been serving as a link between the Nebraska State Government and the Latino community while empowering Latino families through education, social, political and economic opportunities since 1971 in Lincoln.

The photograph shows a group of 12 students who are recipients of the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) program and community leaders posing with Senators Jeremy Nordquist and Danielle Conrad after a DACA roundtable discussion. The individuals within the group traveled from Columbus, Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha to speak with their senators about the opportunities DACA has created for them and the barriers that remain. The roundtable was organized by the Heartland Workers Center of Omaha, NLAC and Senator Nordquist’s office.

This is the third year that a photo submitted by NLAC has been chosen as a finalist for the photo contest. In 2013 a photo of Emily Hernandez, a junior attending Lincoln East High School, proudly singing the national anthem at the 2013 Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration



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held at the Capitol Building, won the grand prize and was used nationally to represent the Latino population.

“This being our third year in the contest shows the unmistakable talent of our Public Information Officer to capture the human story rather than the political one,” said Dr. Spindola.

As a finalist, NLAC will compete for a Southwest Airline ticket voucher and a Samsung Chromebook.

The winner will be selected by popular vote on the NCLR website. The public can vote every day until March 16, 2015. The winning image will be used in NCLR promotional materials and their website. To vote, please visit: http://www.nclr.org/index.php/nclr_affiliates/program-entry/affiliate_photo_contest/

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