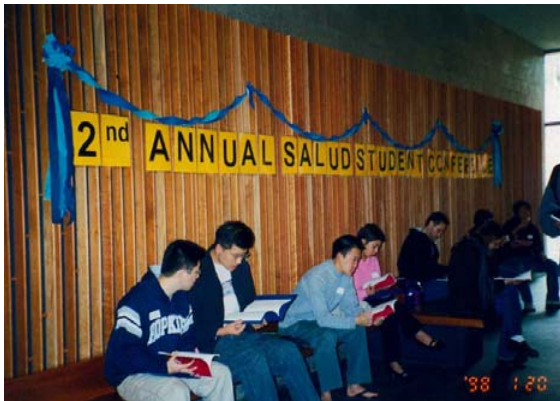


Conference Beginnings

Programa Salud has been committed to action from the start.

The major goals of the student leadership conferences were to increase awareness about the issues in health care facing Hispanic/Latino patients as well as to provide valuable resources for students of other universities to start their own health initiatives.

With those goals in mind, **Programa Salud** held its first annual conference in the spring of 2002 entitled "Student Leadership in Cultural Competence." Since then, **Programa Salud** has continued to heighten awareness and reach out to the student and Baltimore communities through annual conferences and major projects.



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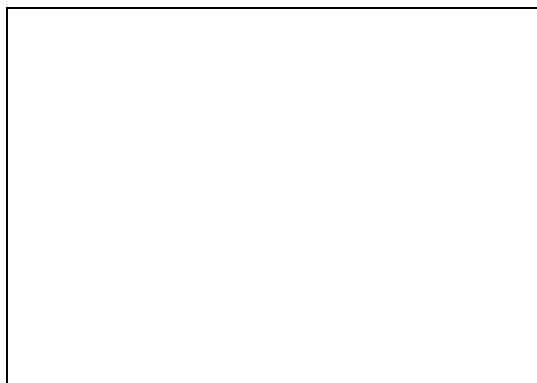
Student Leadership in Cultural Competence

The first conference focused on the importance of practicing cultural competency in delivering quality health care to Hispanic/Latino patients.

SPEAKERS:

~**Angelo Solera**, who has served as a mentor for Programa Salud since its inception in Spring of 2001, spoke on the idea of "incorporating the language, cultural values and health beliefs of Latinos" into the health care system.

~**Miryam Granthon** works for the Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Agency at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC. Ms. Granthon gave an in-depth look at the cultural and linguistic barriers, as well as ways to raise awareness about these issues.



Alleviating Disparities in Minority Health Care Through Outreach

The second conference provided a background of the disparities found in the quality and access of health care for minority patients. Medical students from The Johns Hopkins Medical School and University of Maryland Medical School led workshops that emphasized the importance of student outreach programs in alleviating these disparities.

SPEAKERS:

~**Thomas LaVeist**, director of the new Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, presented the disparities in health care services and outcomes between different racial groups and between Hispanic subpopulations.

~**Evelyn Rosario**, coordinator of the Hispanic Apostolate, spoke about the benefit of her group's services. The other programs she spoke about included: English as a Second Language, Medical Services, Informational and Educational Programs, Immigration Legal Services, Employment Services and General Referrals.

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Working Within the System: Health Politics in Maryland and Beyond

This year's conference will explore the impact federal and state health policies have in the deliverance of health care to Hispanic/Latino and other underserved populations.

SPEAKERS:

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~Associate Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine~

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