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The Achievement Gap – A Panel Discussion

Background

Attainment rates have historically differed among demographic groups. Since a college degree or credential not only increases a person's income but also reduces the likelihood that they will become unemployed, attainment rate disparities inevitably result in economic disparities among these groups. Closing the achievement gap will ultimately help increase the standard of living for disadvantaged populations. It will also help to achieve the big goal; as minorities make up an increasingly larger percentage of the population, closing the achievement gap will pay larger and larger dividends toward the big goal. This panel discussion will feature Dr. Elizabeth Gutierrez of Lumina Foundation, Dr. Michael Lomax of UNCF, and Mr. Frank Alvarez, recently retired from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.