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ELAC Student Javier Lopez-Quintana to Intern with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (40th District) for Hilda Solis Internship Program

MONTEREY PARK – East Los Angeles College has proudly announced its decision to send Javier Lopez-Quintana to Washington D.C. for the Hilda Solis Internship Program this summer. This internship has awarded five students the opportunity to work in the nation’s capital directly with members of the House of Representatives. “Students will be housed at the George Washington University dormitories, and room and board, round-trip airfare to Washington D.C., and a stipend will be provided by our foundation,” stated Paul De La Cerda, Dean and ELAC Foundation Executive Director.

Javier is currently a Political Science and Journalism major at East Los Angeles College and a devoted community advocate. Javier’s interest in community strengthening has led him to become involved in the ELAC Without Borders Committee to create a Dream Resource Center which provides students with the tools they need in order to pursue higher education. “During the Hilda Solis Internship program I hope to gain the political and leadership skills necessary to further my work advocating for underrepresented communities,” said Lopez-Quintana.

Javier will be working with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, who represents California’s 40th Congressional District. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is a proponent of comprehensive immigration reform that provides humane treatment to undocumented immigrants while also maintaining a secure border, and her efforts led her to co-author the DREAM Act, which would give undocumented students a path to citizenship. She has worked tirelessly to create jobs, improve health services, and create stronger, better educational opportunities for her constituents. She also ranks as one of the House’s foremost supporters of a strong homeland security system, labor unions, veterans, and the rights of women and children.

“It’s so important that we help teach our youth about the valuable role that government plays in their daily lives, and that’s why I’m honored to host a member of the Hilda Solis Internship Program in my office this summer,” stated Congresswoman Roybal-Allard. “I hope that getting a chance to see Congress up close will encourage these interns to remain engaged in civic life throughout their adulthood.”

The Hilda Solis Internship Program is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in government service and gives them a rare look inside the workings of our legislative, political, and administrative systems. “ELAC is committed to providing outside of the classroom experiences for its students and is proud to give this opportunity to such remarkable students,” says Marvin Martinez, President of East Los Angeles College.

Upon Javier’s completion of the Hilda Solis Internship Program, he will transfer to UC Berkeley where he will complete his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

East Los Angeles College empowers students to achieve their educational goals, to expand their individual potential, and to successfully pursue their aspirations for a better future for themselves, their community and the world.
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