



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Houston Hispanic Forum's 31st Annual Career and Education Day.

In Texas, and across this great nation, we place immense value in our youth. We protect them, guide them and are always working toward a better tomorrow to secure our young peoples' bright and precious futures. It is not only out of love that we do this, but because the children we nurture right now will become the leaders of our state and nation in the future.

An integral part of securing this future is ensuring that every young person has access to a rigorous and well-rounded education. For more and more Texans, higher education will become vital to securing gainful employment in this increasingly complex and technologically driven world.

Thankfully, events like this are here to help students plan for life after high school graduation. You are helping to ensure young Texans have all the information and skills necessary to make wise choices. I applaud the Houston Hispanic Forum and everyone who helped make this day possible.

To the students attending, I encourage you to continue planning for your futures as you learn and grow. Do not forget the invaluable guidance that is available to you from your parents and teachers. Most importantly, always remember the boundless potential each one of you possesses and that gives you the ability to build lives out of your dreams and positively impact the world.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in sending best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor