

13TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Si Se Puede Educar:

Embracing our Heritage and Investing in Our Future



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MOE VELA, ATTORNEY + ENTREPRENEUR + CONSULTANT

Moe Vela's diverse career and experience uniquely positions him at the epicenter of where law, politics, business and finance intersect. Mr. Vela is the President and CEO of Moe Vela, LLC, a global business development consulting firm with clients in the U.S. and Latin America.

In addition to running his firm, Mr. Vela is a partner at the law firm of Scarinci Hollenbeck. He previously served in a similar capacity at the international law firm, Holland & Knight. Mr. Vela's areas of experience include business development, public policy, government relations and Latino advocacy and outreach. He is also an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law.

Mr. Vela is also a longtime Washington insider. Before joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Vela served in President Obama's administration as the Director of Administration in the Office of Vice President Joe Biden. The stint was the second White House appointment for Mr. Vela, who served as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Advisor on Public Affairs for Vice President Al Gore. Mr. Vela holds the distinction of being the first and only Hispanic American to serve twice in a senior executive role in the White House.

A proud Texan, Mr. Vela comes from a family devoted to public service, with his father and uncle both serving as judges. His cousin, Filemon Vela, is currently a U.S. Congressman representing Texas' 34th congressional district.

Mr. Vela's entrepreneurial tenacity and organizational prowess have been well-established throughout his career. He was the founder and first chairman of the Alabama Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He also led the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals as Executive Director, overseeing the 12,000-member organization including its 35 affiliate chapters. He has been featured in several national publications and has been named one of the "Top 100 Hispanics in America" by "Hispanic Business" magazine and was twice named as one of the "101 Most Influential Latinos" by "Latino Leaders" magazine.

- ⤴ Hear inspirational speakers
- ⤴ Attend beneficial workshops
- ⤴ Learn how to prep and pay for college, including alternative scholarships
- ⤴ Discover many different career options
- ⤴ Meet and network with many Latino/a businesses and professionals
- ⤴ Meet with current college students

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