



2020 against ALL odds!

EDU-FUTURO'S 22ND ANNIVERSARY
VIRTUAL GALA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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EVENT SCHEDULE

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Silent Auction

6:45 to 8:00 PM

- Remarks by Edu-Futuro Board Chair **Samantha O'Leary** and Executive Director **Jorge E. Figueredo**
- Remarks by Senators **Mark Warner** and **Tim Kaine**
 - Student and Parent Testimonials
 - Award Ceremony honoring
Corporate Partner of the Year - OCC,
Community Partner of the Year - VA Tech,
and the **Special Recognition Award to**
Fairfax County Supervisor Dalia Palchik
- Presentation of Dr. Marjorie L. Myers Scholarship to two outstanding first-generation students

The theme of our event is - **Against All Odds!** - because despite the COVID-19 crisis that has affected all of our lives, this year the students and parents served by Edu-Futuro displayed great strength and resilience in the face of extraordinary public health and economic challenges. We especially recognize the hard work and academic success of the students in our signature project, the Emerging Leaders Program. Each year, nearly 600 high school youth enroll in ELP, which matches participants with a mentor, and helps students prepare for a college education.



Host & Artist

Andrea Sarralde Shelton is the Founding Partner of ideAL2 Media, 3 times Emmy® Award Winning and nominated journalist.

Andrea is a veteran communications professional with more than 18 years of experience working both as producer and host of a variety of TV and radio shows in the metropolitan area. Since 2019, she has been the bilingual content producer for Montgomery Community Media where she created the “Hola Montgomery” Spanish platform. For 10 years, she worked as news anchor and TV news producer for Telemundo Washington and has specialized in the Communications Consulting field since 2013. Her work experience includes developing content, storytelling and videos for Montgomery County Council, and the U.S. Agency for Global Media.

Since 2006, Sarralde has hosted and produces “Línea Directa”, Edu-Futuro's Community Affairs TV show that educates the Latino community about political, economic, educational, immigration, and health issues. “Línea Directa” proudly received an Emmy Award nomination for Community Service.

Special thanks to **Jonathan Acosta**, Venezuelan singer-songwriter and musician who graduated from the Vicente Emilio Sojo Conservatory in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and trained as a Violinist in the National Symphony Orchestra System for 12 years. He has created spaces for culture in places like the Kennedy Center and the United States Congress among other renowned theaters. The OAS recently nominated him to become a Goodwill Ambassador for Culture and the Arts.



Senator Mark Warner was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2008 and reelected to a third term in November 2020.

Senator Warner serves on the Senate Finance, Banking, Budget, and Rules Committees as well as the Select Committee on Intelligence, where he is the Vice Chairman. During his time in the Senate, Senator Warner has established himself as a bipartisan leader who has worked with Republicans and Democrats alike to cut red tape, increase government performance and accountability, and promote private sector innovation and job creation. Senator Warner has been recognized as a national leader in fighting for our military men and women and veterans, and in working to find bipartisan, balanced solutions to address our country's debt and deficit.

From 2002 to 2006, he served as Governor of Virginia. When he left office in 2006, Virginia was ranked as the best state for business, the best managed state, and the best state in which to receive a public education.

The first in his family to graduate from college, Senator Warner spent 20 years as a successful technology and business leader in Virginia before entering public office. An early investor in the cellular telephone business, he co-founded the company that became Nextel and invested in hundreds of start-up technology companies that created tens of thousands of jobs.



Senator Tim Kaine

was elected to the Senate in 2012 and serves on the Armed Services; Budget; Foreign Relations; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committees.

Senator Kaine has made boosting job opportunities for everyone a top priority. As co-chair of the bipartisan Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, he focuses on expanding access to job-training programs to ensure that students of all ages are prepared with the skills they need for the jobs of the modern economy. He has also led successful efforts in the Senate to reduce unemployment for military families and veterans.

As a Senator from one of the states most closely connected to the military and the father of a Marine, he works to ensure that the military has the resources it needs to keep the country safe and that servicemembers and veterans receive the benefits and care they have earned. He has also been the leading voice against Presidents starting wars without a vote by Congress.

Senator Kaine grew up working in his father's ironworking shop in Kansas City. His parents taught him the value of hard work and showed him how small businesses and technical skills strengthen this country every day. After graduating from the University of Missouri, he started his public service career by running a technical school founded by Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. He was first elected to office in 1994, serving as a city councilmember and then Mayor of Richmond. He became Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006.



We celebrate our Corporate Partner of the Year:



For the support offered by
Options Clearing Corporation, OCC,
for the Emerging Leaders Program, which trains immigrant
youth to become the next generation of leaders
in our communities, fostering their powerful potential.





We celebrate our
Community Partner
of the Year:



The expansion of our Emerging Leaders Program for youth to the city of Roanoke this coming year was made possible thanks to our partnership with Virginia Tech, the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center, and the Roanoke City Public Schools. We are extremely grateful to Virginia Tech.



We celebrate the 2020
Special Recognition Award
to Fairfax County Supervisor
Dalia Palchik



Supervisor Dalia Palchik's priority is keeping the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and serving communities that are disproportionately affected by the virus, both economically and physically.



Parents' Testimonials



Orlin Martinez

Received support from Edu-Futuro's COVID-19 Assistance Fund to keep their wife and 3 children under a secure roof called "Home"

Gladys Del Cid

Listen to the impactful testimony of how the COVID-19 pandemic disruption changed her life, and how she's recovering



Students' Testimonials



Giovanni Fuentes

First Generation Student, attending William & Mary with a 4 year full scholarship

Natalie Arandia

Started at ELP I when she was a High School Student and now serves with us as an AmeriCorps Member



Gillian Villarroel

First Generation Student, attending her first year at Elliot School (GWU), Member of the Dean's Council of Multicultural Recruitment

Alejandro Erazo

ELP Student and winner of 2020 Dr. Marjorie Myers Scholarship



Gerson Osorio

Edu-Futuro's Alumnus and current Mentoring Tutor

Tania Guzman

Robotics Club, ELP I and ELP II Alumna since she was a Middle School student, and now winner of 2020 Dr. Marjorie Myers Scholarship



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- Experience a private 100-acre peninsula on Antigua southeastern coast where clear turquoise waters surround your own private oasis



- A spectacular quarter-mile white sand beach, three freshwater swimming pools, colorful accommodations nestled amidst lush tropical gardens, four dining options, tennis courts, spa, fitness center, and more



- Located adjacent to Devil's Bridge National Park, this intimate villa resort provides a truly indulgent and customized holiday for discerning travelers



- Choose your pick from zip-lining through the rainforest, honeybees tour, river rafting, coffee plantation tour, bird watching, hiking in the Lost Waterfalls, Panoramic rainforest tour, walk along hanging bridges, or Spa treatments

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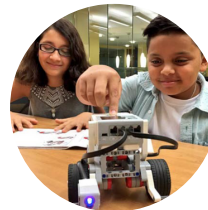
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- Get the full URBANO 116 experience and enjoy a staff focused on fresh ingredients, excellent hospitality, and delicious tex-mex inspired food
- Dive into one of the most memorable experiences by letting yourself and a guest defy gravity with indoor skydiving in Virginia Beach!
- The Bluemont Experience package includes a season pass to Great Country Farms and tasting experiences at Bluemont Vineyard and Dirt Farm Brewery
- Lunch or Dinner for up to two people with Dr. Becerra, President of Marymount University, at Washington Golf and Club House when it is safe to congregate again



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- An award recognizing students of the Emerging Leaders Program's speech & essay writing competitions
- Registration fees for middle school students in our annual regional Robotics LEGO League competition
- Stipend for a low-income high school student to hold an internship before beginning his or her college studies
- Sponsor 25 youth to participate in one semester of the Emerging Leaders Program, which includes college field trips, college prep workshops, community service activities, career and college panel discussions, a graduation ceremony, a computer lab and meals for workshops, plus 10 refurbished laptops for high-achieving high school seniors





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