

Student Leadership Institute 2025

We're excited to announce that this year's 17th Annual Student Leadership Institute (SLI 2025) will take place during the 2025 La Cosecha Conference on **Wednesday, November 12, at the Albuquerque Convention Center**.

SLI brings together linguistically and culturally diverse students from across New Mexico to explore identity, leadership, and the power of embracing their backgrounds through an asset-based lens.

This year's theme

Rooted in Unity: Celebrating Culture, Empowering Voice, and Carving Our Future

Mission

The mission of the La Cosecha Student Leadership Institute is to support linguistically and culturally diverse youth as they:

- Embrace language, culture, and history as sources of power and responsibility
- Embrace their power and responsibility as an invitation to lead
- Embrace leadership as a call to build partnerships and advocate for the well-being of our diverse communities

Description

SLI 2025 will begin with students working together to reflect on their shared purpose and the commitments they're making for the day.

Students will then participate in a single breakout session — some led by youth themselves — focused on leadership, advocacy, cultural pride, and ways to create positive change in their communities.

Throughout the day, students will also take part in Tertulias — informal roundtable conversations where adult leaders share their language and cultural journeys, and how those experiences have shaped their lives and careers

SLI is an investment in our collective future — a space for students to build community, recognize their strengths, and walk away inspired, connected, and





empowered to lead.

Join us for an experience where we embrace language, culture, and history as a source of power and responsibility.

Invited Participants:

8th - 12th grade students (must be accompanied by a sponsor).