



NYS Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force Somos el Futuro

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The 28th Annual New York State Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force's "Somos el Futuro," Spring Conference and Career Exposition was held March 20th to 22nd at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

This event brings together approximately 8,000 New Yorkers who represent a cross section of the State's Hispanic Community. Workshops, seminars, and policy institutes were held and serve as a stage to discuss mutual issues and acknowledge the significant contributions of Hispanics living in this great State

[Somos el Futuro, Inc.](#) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization committed to addressing the needs of the Hispanic population of New York State. Conferences are held twice yearly, serve as a platform for legislators, scholars, business and labor leaders to address various concerns pertinent to this community. Thought-provoking workshops on key issues, such as business development, health, and education, recruit support on new and existing legislation aimed to address the needs of the Hispanic population of New York.

Additionally, Somos el Futuro, Inc. uses the funds collected through these conferences to empower youths with scholarships that encourage furthering their education; college internships to promote retention; and apprenticeships to introduce newly graduated adults into the public, nonprofit, labor, and private sectors. The organization aims to create opportunities for Hispanic youth that will facilitate their professional development, growth, and future success.

DOCCS personnel tended to a booth at the Spring Conference which contained information about employment opportunities with the Department.



From l. to r.: Parole Officer Penalver, Investigator Cole, Investigator Estela, Correction Officer Costa-Vera, Parole Officer Romero, & Director Ferguson of Diversity Management.