



# IDAHO COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

## 2026 IDAHO YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

### Press Release

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Idaho Youth Leadership Summit Brings Hundreds of Students to Chinden Campus  
Boise, Idaho — January 14–15, 2026 — Hundreds of high school students from across the Treasure Valley will attend the Idaho Youth Leadership Summit (IYLS) at Boise’s Chinden Campus. This year, the summit will host up to 300 students per day, providing students with hands-on learning, academic, and career exploration opportunities.

The IYLS is hosted by the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs in collaboration with Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and Wells Fargo. The two-day summit includes leadership workshops, college and career exploration sessions, and opportunities to meet professionals from the state of Idaho government and various prominent industries. Students will also learn about scholarships, advanced academic programs, and pathways to pursue higher education and professional careers.

“When Idaho students have access to information and opportunities, our Idaho neighborhoods and communities benefit.” said Annette Valenzuela Tipton, Executive Director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs. “We are grateful to INL and Wells Fargo for supporting this event and helping students explore career options and educational pathways across the state.”

#### Event Details:

- Dates:** January 14–15, 2026
- Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Location:** Chinden Campus  
11351 W. Chinden Blvd  
Boise, ID 83714
- Attendance:** Up to 300 students per day

The IYLS provides students with insight into career pathways in STEM, healthcare, finance, business, law enforcement, and public service, while offering practical guidance on college readiness and professional development. Since its launch in 2006, the summit has reached more than 10,000 students statewide.

**Media Opportunities:** Media are invited to cover the event and capture students participating in interactive workshops and career exploration sessions. Interviews with students, mentors, and sponsors can be arranged on-site. About the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs is a non-partisan state agency that serves as a bridge between Idaho’s Hispanic community and state government. We represent our shared values and set priorities that foster positive relations, effective partnerships, and strategic initiatives to connect our community.

For More Information visit: [www.icha.idaho.gov](http://www.icha.idaho.gov) or call (208) 334-3776.

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