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Tysons Corner, VA. - (NOVAHCC Newsroom) Alberto Marino, Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Chair Committee will lead a pilot workshop in Spanish on Friday December 8th, 2017 on how to validate college degrees from Latin American colleges and universities to increase the chances of transitioning successfully into job opportunities in the region.

The goal of Marino is to deliver a workshop with information so that professionals arriving from Latin America with a college diploma can have accurate information so this way, people can overcome some fears and insecurities when migrating to the U.S. with a professional degree, not knowing how to join the American workforce arena using similar experience and job functions executed in their home country.

Marino explained that for any immigrant having the means to earn wages is a top priority, because it is the fastest way to reinsert into the American society. For this reason, Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Ana G. Méndez University System have put together this workshop in Spanish with the focus of providing attendees with updated information on how to validate their foreign degrees.

During the workshop the participants will be provided not only with resources and tools on how to validate their professional degrees, but information on where to seek additional education resources, how to go about official translations, the validation process, both for college diplomas and vocational certifications, resumes, and the use of technology and social media to enhance professional development.

“The wage gap between a person that validates their degree in comparison to one that doesn’t can be of nearly 80 percent according to statistics,” said Mariño who is also the Vice-Chair of the Alexandria / Arlington County Workforce Council.

While commenting on the growing immigration to the U.S of people with college degrees and Post-graduate studies, Marino explained on the several college degrees which are in high demand for the NOVA region, but due to the lack of information, many newcomers can spend an average of 10 years without validating their degrees.

Although Marino recognizes that there are some degrees and professions that are easier to validate than others, there are always alternatives which allow professionals to quickly join the labor force, where there is a great demand for those top ranking professions taught in Latin American colleges.

“This is great opportunity for the Spanish speaking population, to learn from reliable sources and network of experts on the subject matter about the degree validation process, employment opportunities for different types of professionals, and other opportunities to study in their native language...This is why this workshop is a “**Basic Guide to Success**”

The workshop will be held on December 8th from 8:30 am to 12 noon in Spanish, at the Arlington Economic Development Offices located at 1100 North Glebe Road, 15th Floor, Suite 1500, CACI Building, Arlington, Virginia

Cost: \$25 including taxes.

* registration for this workshop is required and can be access it directly via Eventbrite at <https://guiabasicaparaalexito.eventbrite.com>

About Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - NOVAHCC foster opportunities for business and career growth. Our mission is to enhance the economic growth of our region through three core principles: "Connect, Learn and Grow" our main activities focus on delivering bottom line results through procurement B2B/B2G matchmakings, networking events, assisting Veteran's with career/businesses opportunities, and connecting people to jobs in the region.