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### ¡Bienvenidos, amigos!

Today marks a momentous occasion as we gather to celebrate the 20th anniversary of GALEO—an anniversary that stands as a testament to growth, resilience, and the profound impact of the Latino community right here in the heart of Georgia.

Two decades ago, in a humble gathering a little different than this one, a group of three individuals shared a vision—a vision for a more inclusive, action-driven, responsive Georgia. GALEO was born that day in Athens. Our founding members, board members, volunteers, and I didn't give up, and here we are 20 years later.

For several years, our staff consisted of only one, occasionally two, people. Our foundation was laid upon the dedication of volunteers, interns, and part-time staff who provided their support when GALEO was most in need.

Twenty years later, we bear witness to a remarkable transformation. What began as a call to action became a nationally recognized Georgia Latino organization, a hub of empowerment that has contributed tremendously to the growth of our community and the enrichment of our beloved state.

Consider the strides we have taken. The Latino electorate, once comprised of a mere 10,000 registered voters, is now a staggering 400,000 strong. Our field team has already surpassed its voter registration goals for 2023. Our collective efforts have not only expanded civic engagement but have also propelled us to consistently outperform national Latino voter participation rates. The GALEO Institute for Leadership, our program for aspiring leaders, has graduated 870 alumni. In two months, we will graduate another 30 talented individuals committed to becoming strong leaders for our community.

Also, in November, we will release the results of our Puente para la Gente Survey initiative. For the past few months, our team, canvassers, and partners have been on the ground speaking with our community and encouraging them to take the survey. Tomorrow is the last day to complete the survey. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice heard and to help us build a 2024 Latino agenda.

Let us not merely revel in our achievements but also use this occasion as a call to the future. Let it serve as a reminder that our journey is far from over—that the growth we have witnessed is but a prelude to our future potential. Our duty to our community and the state of Georgia is ongoing.

To everyone who has contributed to this remarkable journey, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our success. Thank you for celebrating with us at our gala, and here's to the next 20 years of growth, progress, and the unyielding power-building of our community.

Happy 20th Anniversary, GALEO!

Jerry Gonzalez





# CALLO TINLLO INTACT

2003

### **GALEO IS BORN**

1/1/2003: Latino Electorate in GA 10,000 GALEO Founded est. 11/1/2003



### IN THE FIGHT

LeadershipPlenty Training Program w/ KSU
Stopped HB-256: Ban to prevent undocumented immigrants from accessing public services
Stopped HB244: Restricting Voter Access
Repealing last of Jim Crow laws in GA



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### **OUR PEOPLE'S POWER**

GALEO Leadership Council (GLC) launches
GA Latino electorate reaches 150,000
GALEO published "Georgia's Latino Electorate in 2008" report



2011

### GA Latino Electorate reaches 240,000

GIL program graduates surpasses 400 Registered over 150 new voters

Jerry invited to White House for holiday reception



# 2004

### HIT GROUND RUNNING

1st Power Breakfast
First VR Training
Grassroots Leadership Training w/ KSU
6 Latino Elected Officials in GA
GLCDF Established (c3)



# 900

### **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

GALEO Institute for Leadership (GIL) in partnership with UGA is born



### TURN OF THE DECADE

GA Latino population reaches 825,000

The ¡Órale 10! initiative began

GALEO organized travel to the March on DC for immigration reform GALEO led Georgia Latino Complete Count Commitee





### **GLC Lobby Day at the Capitol**

GALEO participated in National Immigration Forum's Southeast Summit

In attendance at White House briefing about DACA program



10th annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon

GALEO announces plan to bring forth lawsuit against City of Gainesville (against at-large voting)

Over 1,500 calls to voters for immigration reform

GALEO raised concerns about at-large voting in the City of Gainesville and possible violations with the Voting Rights Act.

Latino electorate in GA over 220,000 GIL graduates surpassed 500



**TEENAGE YEARS** 

First annual Latino Leaders Summit



**EXPANDING** 

**GALEO Impact Fund is established** 

GALEO held its first Leadership Series at Columbus State University

12th annual Cesar Chavez Day

16th annual Power Breakfast

14th annual Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon

WHERE WE ARE NOW

GALEO releases fourth Georgia Latino Voter Report GIL program graduates surpasses 700



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Registered over 7,000 voters at naturalization ceremonies

# of voters registered at Naturalization Ceremonies nears 17,000



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**MAKING THE DIFFERENCE** 

Georgia is the focus of national attention in the 2020 elections, which resulted in historic election results.

GA Latino electorate reaches 385,185



The New york Times



WHERE WE'RE GOING

All time high of 18 full-time staff members

Puente Para la Gente launch

GALEO celebrates its 20th year anniversary with a GALA

Started Vamos Pa Fuera Program





Jones Day proudly supports GALEO's mission to increase civic engagement and develop leaders in the Latino/Hispanic community across Georgia. We applaud its vision to strive for a better Georgia where the Latino community is engaged civically, and its contributions and concerns are recognized.

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ABLE Kids has clinics across Georgia and the Carolinas and provides ABA therapy to children with autism ages 2 to 6 years old. Pineapple Ink Tavern serves up Cuban cuisine on Broad Street in Downtown Augusta.

January 1st of 2022 we officially transitioned into a family office specializing in the healthcare industry. In addition to our healthcare investments, we also maintain a large real estate portfolio in the Southeast US. With our headquarters in Downtown Augusta, we love being involved in community initiatives within the CSRA. The Vinea Foundation, our philanthropic arm, gives back \$250,000 annually to the community through local non-profits.

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Lalo Alcaraz Prints Items #173, 174, 175



Big Green Egg Item #192

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Cesar Chavez Essay Contest winner, Jordan Schwartz, reading her winning essay at the Georgia Capitol, 2009.



150,000 plus people rally at the National Mall. Washington, D.C., 2010.



Working to pass the DREAM Act , 2017



GALEO staff and board with keynote speaker, Lydia Camarillo, at the 9th Annual Power Breakfast, 2012.



GALEO Board: Mimi Woodson, Luis Aguilar, Sam Zamarripa, David Rodriguez, Tony Del Campo, Dax Lopez, Pedro Marin, Jason Anavitarte, Jerry Gonzalez, 2008.



Jerry Gonzalez gives commencement speech at Winter 2016 GSU's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies graduation



U.S. Rep. John Lewis and Jerry Gonzalez, 2012.



Chris Perlera, with the Georgia secretary of state's office, speaking with GSU Goizueta scholars who are a part of the GSU GIL Cohort, 2012.







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#lamGALEO Latino college students from Savannah visited GALEO



Norma Nunez Cortez, Shirley Anne Smith, Ciara Puetra, and State Rep. Pedro Marin at 2015 ProGeorgia Candidate Training Session



Candidate forum in Gainesville addressing Latino and African American issues, 2015.



### Greetings from District 2 in DeKalb County!

We are grateful for the dedication and contributions of GALEO to Latino communities and leaders in DeKalb County. GALEO is doing vital work in advocacy, networking, and leadership and skill development, engaging the community and increasing civic action and participation. I am delighted to support these efforts with resources from District 2. If I can be of service to you and your community in any way, please reach out to schedule a visit.

Saludos desde el Distrito 2 en el Condado de DeKalb! Estamos agradecidos por la dedicación y las contribuciones de GALEO a las comunidades y líderes latinos en el Condado de DeKalb. GALEO está realizando un trabajo vital de abogacia, en creacion de red de contactos, y desarrollo de liderazgo, involucrando a la comunidad y aumentando participación y acción cívica. Estoy encantado de apoyar estos esfuerzos con recursos del Distrito 2. Si puedo estar al servicio de usted y de su comunidad de alguna manera, por favor comuníquese para programar una visita.

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears District 2, DeKalb County

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GALEO supporting TSPLOST initiating for transportation, 2012.



Train the Trainer for GIL in Athens, 2015.



Registering New Americans at their naturalization ceremony, 2014.



Jerry Gonzalez & U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), 2012.



GIL Class of 2018 Graduation



GIL GSU Goizueta Scholars with Chairman of the Atlanta Public Schools Jason Esteves (Currently State Senator and board member), 2014



Jerry Gonzalez, Charles Kuck, U.S. Rep. Tom Price, (R-GA), and former Uvalda mayor Paul Bridges, lobbying Congress for bipartisan immigration reform, 2012.



Voting rights advocates before a naturalization ceremony, 2015.



Jerry Gonzalez making the rounds on local media to speak against anti-immigrant GA legislative initiatives such as H.B. 87, 2011.





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Started off as Leadership Planting

Started off chapters in different counties consecutive Saturday's for a month in order to graduate. (Dekalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Hall, Savannah (Spanish)

Commencement of the GALEO Institute for Leadership Program (GIL).

Only 2 people lead it. Both of which are staff members.

Very limited resources available

GALEO Leadership Council (GLC) was created as a method for GIL Alumni to continue the mission of GALEO beyond their graduation

GLC's first major project was a Lobby Day at the GA Capital for support of Immigration Reform and against anti-immigrant initiatives



First fully virtual GIL cohort launches because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commencement of the GIL alumni newsletter



Return of in-person events (GIL, series, summit).

**GLC** reestablishes

Largest Georgia State University cohort graduates with 42 students.

Expansion of leadership team — FIRST Program Coordinator

for Leadership Development

GIL has its own space because we have a new larger office to accommodate our sessions.













Committees started after the GIL cohort graduated - Voter Registration, Advocacy, and citizenship drive. Helped during Citizenship Day along with the LAA and their lawyers, to assist people to prepare their documentation for citizenship.



44 graduates

State Representative Pedro Marin spoke at the ceremony





32 graduates

Judge Dax Lopez, State Court Judge in Dekalb County spoke at the ceremony. His speech focused on encouraging eligible Latinx voters to register for the 2012 elections

when naysayers question what is possible."

"If you set your minds to something and you work hard, there is nothing you will not be able to accomplish," said Judge Dax Lopez. He challenged the graduates to ask 'why not?'



First ever GIL alumni mixer

Expansion of leadership team — **SECOND** Program Coordinator for Leadership Development



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Starting work on the 2020 Census, 2018.



GLC meeting at the Latin American Association, 2015.



GALEO Staff and Cesar Chavez Essay Contest winners with former state Sen. Steve Henson, former Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan and state Sen. Elena Parent, 2019.



GOTV canvassing in Gainesville, GA, 2019.



GALEO and Latino Community Fund of Georgia (LCF) partnering for Latinos for Democracy, 2019.



GALEO staff and interns, 2018.



U.S Census Bureau hosts Latinos in the region to prepare for the 2020 Census collaborations, 2019.



GALEO at a festival registering people to vote, 2019.



Election night results with Telemundo, 2020.



GALEO partners with the Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) at Georgia Gwinnett College, 2020.



Panel discussion to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month today with our friends at Georgia Power, AMIGOS affinity group, 2016.



GALEO 2017-2018 Board



Rockwood Leadership Institute: National Leading from the Inside Out Yearlong Fellowship 2017-2018 Cohort



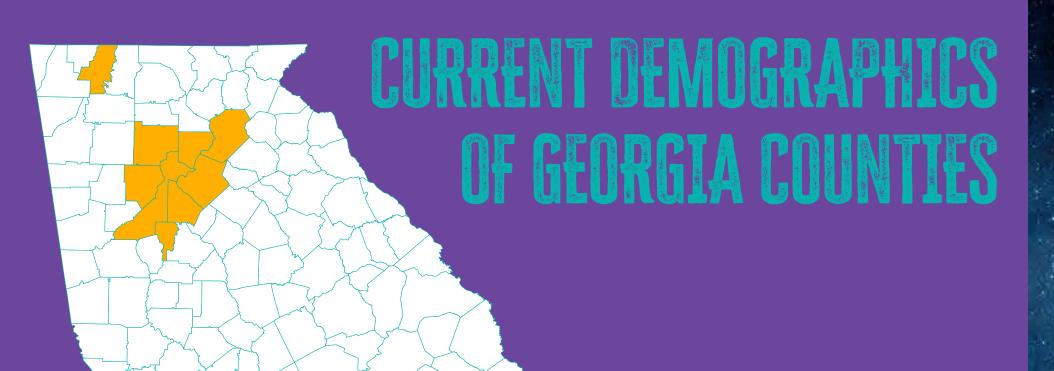
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GALEO Staff attend a Hawks game for Hispanic Heritage night, 2018.



Leadership Series with our partners at the Metro Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2017.

GALEO Staff sporting Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta swag for elections, 2018.



Data obtained from the GALEO Latino Vote Report and the 2020 US Census



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Registered Latino Voters: 71,542 Latino Votes Cast: 40,148

**Latino Voter Turnout: 56.12%** 



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Registered Latino Voters: 40,903

**Latino Votes Cast: 23,919** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 58.48%** 



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Registered Latino Voters: 33,610 Latino Votes Cast: 19,279

**Latino Voter Turnout: 57.36%** 



## DEKALB

Registered Latino Voters: 22,106

Latino Votes Cast: 12,694

**Latino Voter Turnout: 57.42%** 

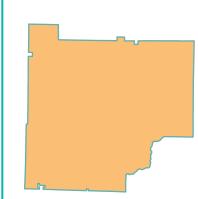


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Registered Latino Voters: 18,046

**Latino Votes Cast: 8,291** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 45.94%** 

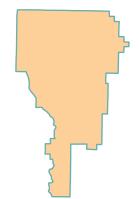


## CHEROKEE

**Registered Latino Voters: 11,900** 

**Latino Votes Cast: 7,318** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 61.50%** 



## CLAYTON

Registered Latino Voters: 11,498

Latino Votes Cast: 5,053

**Latino Voter Turnout: 43.95%** 



## WHIFED

**Registered Latino Voters: 11,049** 

**Latino Votes Cast: 5,506** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 49.83%** 



## FORSYTH

**Registered Latino Voters: 9,835** 

**Latino Votes Cast: 6,412** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 65.20%** 



## CHATHAM

**Registered Latino Voters: 9,484** 

**Latino Votes Cast: 4,189** 

**Latino Voter Turnout: 44.17%** 

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## Georgia Power is proud to celebrate

20 years of GALEO's empowerment and leadership in Georgia's Latino community, and we look forward to decades of growth to come with the GALEO Familia.

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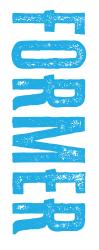
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