Educational Leadership and Research Methodology’s assistant professor Cristobal Salinas was invited as a featured speaker to the Third Annual Texas Male Student Leadership Summit, hosted at The University of Texas at Austin. The Summit was an invite only event for institutional members of the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color. The Summit brought together emerging male student leaders from across the state of Texas as well as professionals who are dedicated to their academic success. This year’s Summit was organized around three key themes: Leadership Development, Career Readiness, and Brotherhood.

The annual summit is organised by Project MALES (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success) which is a multi-faceted research and mentoring initiative based within the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE) at the University of Texas at Austin. Ultimately, Project MALES is focused on the goal of enhancing Latino male student success at all levels of the educational spectrum.

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