

**Manny Abarca IV is on a mission to get re-elected to KCPS School Board. Abarca said, "It is an honor to be working with my colleagues, but it's also an honor to be part of a solution for the students of the KCPS."**

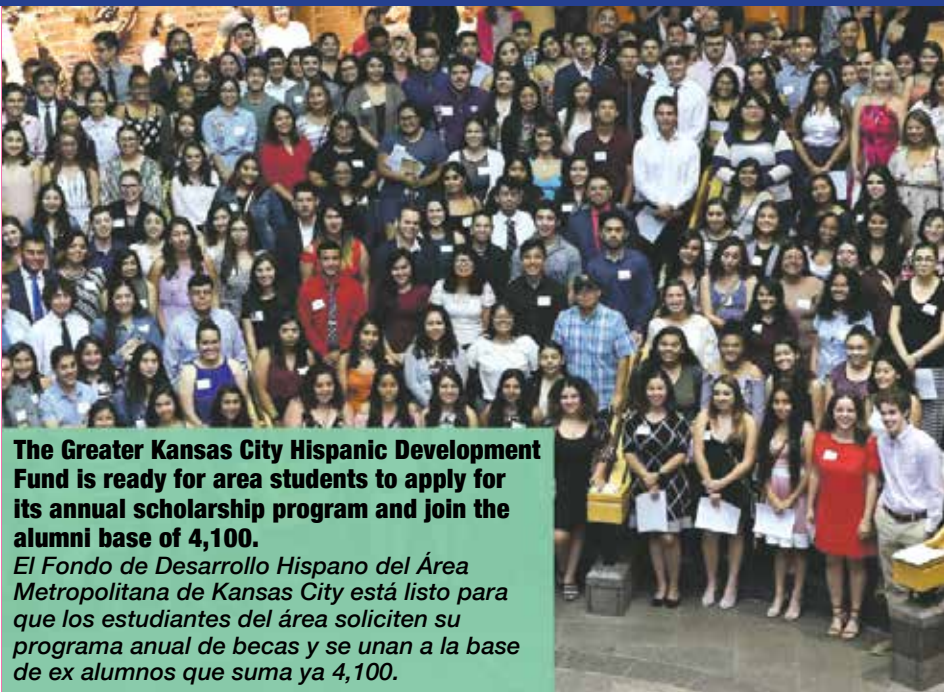
*Manny Abarca IV tiene la misión de ser reelegido para la Junta Escolar de KCPS. Abarca dijo: "Es un honor trabajar con mis colegas, pero también es un honor ser parte de una solución para los estudiantes de KCPS".*

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## Area college scholarship available to Hispanic students

## Beca universitaria del área disponible para estudiantes hispanos



**The Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund is ready for area students to apply for its annual scholarship program and join the alumni base of 4,100.**

*El Fondo de Desarrollo Hispano del Área Metropolitana de Kansas City está listo para que los estudiantes del área soliciten su programa anual de becas y se unan a la base de ex alumnos que suma ya 4,100.*

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TRADUCE GEMMA TORNERO

Area students are not only wrapping up their final years in high school in the coming months, they are also on a hunt for scholarship dollars locally and nationally.

For over 36 years the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF) has focused on a critical need that emanated directly from the community; developing a scholarship program to empower

Los estudiantes del área no solo están terminando sus últimos años en la escuela preparatoria en los próximos meses, sino que también están buscando dinero en becas a nivel local y nacional.

Durante más de 36 años, el Fondo de Desarrollo Hispano del Área Metropolitana de Kansas City (HDF, por sus siglas en inglés) se ha centrado en una necesidad crítica que

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## Local residents share differing opinions on who began attacks at U.S. Capitol



**Most of Americans have seen the images of the protesters at our nation's capital. There could be more to come before our next president is sworn into office.**

*La mayoría de los estadounidenses han visto las imágenes de los manifestantes en la capital de nuestra nación. Podría haber más por venir antes de que nuestro próximo presidente asuma el cargo.*

BY JOE ARCE AND COREY CRABLE

Last Wednesday's deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol that left five dead, threatened the lives and safety of American lawmakers and sparked investigation of the very law enforcement officials tasked with protecting them has brought one key question to the minds of those who watched the chaos unfold – Who is responsible for this?

At least two Kansas City residents place the blame at the feet of different individuals and groups.

One man, who only wanted to be identified by the name 'Juan,' says he voted for Trump in last year's presidential election and that he believes those present at the rally preceding the storming of the Capitol were there to address accusations of voting irregularities in November (as of this writing, no evidence has been brought forward to corroborate that claim).

"I was excited about the rally, like millions of his followers were. ... I've been listening to conservative and liberal media, and I noticed that a lot of mainstream media wasn't covering stuff, and I wanted to

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## KC Scholars makes dream of college attainable

## KC Scholars hace que el sueño de la universidad sea alcanzable



TRADUCE GEMMA TORNERO

Con un nuevo año, se vislumbran nuevas oportunidades en el horizonte para un grupo de estudiantes adultos, gracias a una beca anual de KC Scholars en Kansas City.

Las becas para estudiantes adultos de la organización, otorgadas a decenas de docenas de adultos trabajadores cada año, están diseñadas para financiar su matrícula universitaria y otorgarles la oportunidad, no solo de obtener un título de cuatro años, sino también de ampliar sus conocimientos y habilidades para el lugar de trabajo. Hasta el momento, se han anunciado 78 beneficiarios de becas, según un comunicado de prensa de KC Scholars. La organización planea otorgar becas a más de 100 solicitantes adicionales para mayo de este año.

Además de pagar la matrícula, KC Scholars brinda asistencia para la planificación universitaria, apoyo persistente y asesoramiento universitario para aquellos estudiantes adultos con mayor necesidad. Según KC Scholars, la edad promedio de la beca para estudiantes adultos es de 34,5 años, el 80 % son mujeres, el 74 % es la primera persona de su familia en obtener un título postsecundario y el 77 % son personas de color.

**Rebeca Garcia's tears of joy have been replaced by excitement and a newfound resolve to go back to school for her teaching degree. Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez, "I always knew I would go back to school, but it would involve taking loans or asking my family to see if they could help me with tuition," Gonzalez says.**

*Las lágrimas de alegría de Rebeca García han sido reemplazadas por entusiasmo y una nueva determinación de volver a la escuela para obtener su título de maestra. Miguel Ángel Salinas González, "Siempre supe que volvería a la escuela, pero implicaría pedir préstamos o pedirle a mi familia que me ayudara con la matrícula", dice González.*

BY JOE ARCE AND COREY CRABLE

With a new year comes new opportunities on the horizon for one group of adult learners, thanks to an annual scholarship from KC Scholars in Kansas City.

The organization's Adult Learner scholarships, awarded to tens of dozens of hard-working adults every year, are designed to fund their

college tuition and grant them the chance to not only earn a four-year degree, but by extension broaden their knowledge and skill set for the workplace. So far, 78 scholarship recipients have been announced, according to a press release from KC Scholars. The organization plans to award scholarships to more than 100 additional applicants by May of this year.

In addition to paying for tuition, KC Scholars provides college planning assistance,

persistence support, and college advisement for those adult learners with the greatest need. According to KC Scholars, the average age of the Adult Learner scholarship is 34.5, 80 percent are female, 74 percent are the first person in their family to earn a postsecondary degree, and 77 percent are individuals of color.

One of this year's recipients is Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez, 24, of Raytown. Gonzalez says he learned that he received part of the Adult

Learner scholarship funds via e-mail just before Christmas.

"I was pleasantly surprised when I got the e-mail saying I had won that scholarship," he says. "It means a lot, especially in regards to being able to continue my education. I don't have to be a burden to my parents or take on any loans or debt. ... It would have been difficult (to attend college), definitely financially."

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