



Opportunity Through Education

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The Wyoming Latina Youth Conference Committee is working for the educational success of our Latina students - and they are committed to the enrichment and empowerment of our young Wyoming Latina women through mentors, education, awareness and promoting 'The Power of Choice' is making a positive impact in our communities.

This year, in partnership with the University of Wyoming and Laramie County Community College, they are presenting the 2021 Wyoming Latina Youth Conference. This statewide conference is a two-day event that is open to Latina females in grades 5-12 and will begin on Friday, October 8. The event will include workshops and culminate with a banquet at the University of Wyoming Conference Center on Saturday, October 9. The conference theme is "Fostering Wyoming Future Generations: Entrepreneurship, STEM, and Wellness."

The keynote speaker will be Lupita Colmenero, Vice President and COO of LatinaStyle, Inc., a successful and influential businesswoman. Ms. Colmenero is the founder of Parents Set Ahead, a nonprofit that works in partnership with school districts, corporations and community organizations to offer a school-based parent educational curriculum program that concentrates in four areas: family communication, financial literacy, health and wellness, and education and technology (STEM) for parents. Since its inception, the organization has served more than 60,000 families.

Because I feel this is a noteworthy undertaking, I ask that you share these two websites, [wyominglatinayouthconference.com](http://wyominglatinayouthconference.com) and [uwyo.edu/wlyc](http://uwyo.edu/wlyc) with anyone working with students that might be interested.

Sincerely,

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