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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER NAMED IN TOP 25 MEDICAL SCHOOLS ENROLLING HISPANICS

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education listed Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine as one of the "Top 25 Medical Schools Enrolling Hispanics." TTUHSC's School of Medicine is ranked twelfth in the nation.

According to Hispanic Outlook, the top medical schools for Hispanics can be found in 12 states. Texas leads with seven schools, California follows with four and New York has three.

Steven Berk, M.D., dean of the TTUHSC School of Medicine, said with Hispanic patients being the largest minority group in the United States representing thirteen percent of the total population, the significant healthy care disparities in the Hispanic community must be addressed.

"Hispanic patients have had important obstacles to obtaining the best possible healthcare including language, cultural beliefs and lack of health insurance. Having a sufficient number of Hispanic physicians will help resolve many of these problems. Our School of Medicine is proud that it has become a national leader in enrolling outstanding Hispanic physicians," Berk said.

Germán R. Núñez G., Ph.D., vice president and director for the Center for International and Multicultural Affairs, also noted that the numbers at 23 of the schools listed had a range of 7 percent to 18 percent.

"In terms of representation, our School of Medicine listed an 11 percent enrollment of Hispanics. This is a significant ranking that places TTUHSC in the top-ten of these schools and it demonstrates that our institution is committed to recruit future Hispanic doctors," Núñez said.

The figures quoted in Hispanic Outlook originate from the National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) which uses the traditional survey figures in order to establish the number of Hispanics enrolling or completing studies at surveyed schools.