Brief History
1974 - 2004

The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education or TACHE, as it is known, was founded in 1974 by a group of faculty and administrators who shared a common concern about the gross under-representation of Hispanics in Texas colleges and universities. A conference was held in Austin to discuss this critical issue. TACHE is a tangible result of that conference. Two of the principals involved with the founding of TACHE included Leonard Valverde who was a professor at The University of Texas at Austin, and the late Raul Murgia who was a professor at San Antonio College. TACHE was chartered as a non-profit educational support organization under the laws of the State of Texas in 1975. TACHE was granted exempt status under the provision of the Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501 (c) (3) in 1982. As such, donations and contributions to TACHE are tax deductible.

The organization has grown from a membership of fewer than fifty in 1974 to a vibrant and forceful organization that includes close to 600 members today. Over the years the association has advocated strongly and effectively for programs and legislation that seeks to increase the representation of Hispanic students, faculty, and administrators in Texas colleges and universities.

Last year, the 28th Annual Conference in Austin, “Achieving Our Policy Agenda Through Collective Action,” addressed policy issues. The conference also explored educational policy at the state and national levels and its implications to our educational pipeline.

This year, the 29th Annual Conference in Corpus Christi, “Bridging the Gaps: Opportunities for Tejanos,” explores how stakeholders at all levels of the educational enterprise can participate in meaningful activities that create opportunities. The conference will examine ways in which legislators, administrators, faculty, and students can “bridge the gaps” in their respective areas while simultaneously creating these opportunities — educational, professional, and cultural — for all Tejanos.