



2023 Recruiting Hispanics to Achieve - RHiTA

The RHiTA Program at **Walters State Community College** was honored as a national finalist for the Bellwether College Consortium in 2023. RHiTA offers services focused on Hispanics and immigrants, summarized below.

Ample resources, many made in collaboration with regional and state groups, can be found on the RHiTA website. Please share these!

RHiTA has active school and community connections in Hamblen, Sevier, and Greene Counties and would like to improve those as well as expand to other counties. Please reach out if we can partner or provide resources!

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RHiTA Website

College Recruiting

Bilingual documents to guide Spanish-speaking families through the college-going process.

Considerations for Undocumented Students while in High School and After High School – a bilingual document informing this group of students of their options.

Single or multiple visits about college-going. These can be at Walters State, at local schools or in the community. They often include Hispanic students sharing about their experiences.

Una Noche Bilingüe – A bilingual night for students and their families to visit Walters State.

RHiTA-sponsored Efforts and Events

A list of community English classes across East Tennessee is available on our website.

Faculty and staff development activities about serving immigrant families have been organized for college employees, K-12 personnel, and conferences.

In partnership with Kel-El, STEM engagement activities can be provided for elementary school-aged students.

Hispanic heritage is shared and celebrated on campus.

An extra layer of communication and support is given to all Hispanic and immigrant students.

Leadership Team

High-performing Walters State students are invited to apply to the RHiTA Leadership Team. Our Leadership Team students are offered faculty mentoring, enrichment activities, and leadership development. They have priority for trips, like our Nashville visit to the Legislature.

Opportunities for students like internships, job shadowing, observing meetings of boards or civic organizations, and touring business are pursued. We invite new connections!

