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**Senator Luna Scholars to Host Upward Bound Students at the Capitol**

The 2007 Class of the Senator Gregory Luna Scholars program, comprised of sixteen of Texas' future political leaders, will host the Luna Scholars Leadership Institute Saturday (March 24). The conference is aimed at assisting high school Upward Bound students successfully navigate the college admissions process.

The conference will not only discuss admissions, financial aid and volunteerism, but also Capitol internships and the legislative process. Upward Bound programs are federally-funded and hosted by universities across the nation. What's more, Upward Bound assists high school students, many of whom will be first-generation college students, with college matriculation. The conference will welcome Upward Bound students from Southwestern University and Texas State University.

"The Luna Scholars not only wish to expose the students to the Capitol, but also wish to allay concerns surrounding the college admissions process by using their experience and success to demonstrate that higher education is, in fact, attainable, regardless of background," said Sarah Saenz, Program Director of the Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows Program.

When: Saturday, March 24, 2007 (Luncheon from 11:30-12:30 with keynote speakers)

Where: Legislative Conference Center (E2.002)

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