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### **New Report Shows the Vast Economic Contributions of Immigrants to Long Island: \$10.6 Billion**

**WHAT:** The Hagedorn Foundation commissioned a new study by The Center for Social Innovation at Adelphi University, which documents the extraordinary recent changes in Long Island's immigrant population as a major source of growth. This new report, "Strengthening Long Island: The Economic Contributions of Immigrants to Nassau and Suffolk Counties," is authored by Adelphi University Professor Mariano Torras and is a follow up to his original report "The Economic Impact of the Hispanic Population on Long Island, New York." The new study reveals the robust economic and demographic impact Long Island immigrants have on production, employment, new business creation, and government revenues, and strongly suggests that immigrant contributions to Long Island's economy are likely to continue well into the future.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 20, 2008

A telephone press conference will be held at 12:00 PM EDT. The press conference can be accessed by calling (866) 657-5823. Participant passcode is 9226276.

The report will be posted online Thursday, October 16 at 10:00 AM EDT on <http://events.adelphi.edu/news/strengtheninglongisland/>, Password Torras2008.

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**WHO:** Long Island Wins and The Center for Social Innovation at Adelphi University will present: **Mariano Torras, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Economics at Adelphi University and Fellow at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame, **Luis Valenzuela, Ph.D., LMSW**, Executive Director, Long Island Immigrant Alliance, and **Maryann Slutsky**, Campaign Director, Long Island Wins.



## LONG ISLAND WINS

**Long Island Wins:** Long Island Wins ([www.longislandwins.com](http://www.longislandwins.com)) is a public information campaign driven by the belief that immigration creates incredible opportunities for economic, cultural, and social growth. As immigrants to this country renew the American dream, they improve the quality of life for all of us. In order to foster positive attitudes toward immigrants, we carry out education and outreach to highlight the contributions of immigrants, enhance the public perception of immigrants, and build support for public and private immigration initiatives that benefit all residents of Long Island.

**About Adelphi University:** Adelphi University, chartered in 1896, was the first institution of higher education for the liberal arts and sciences on Long Island. Through its schools and programs—The College of Arts and Sciences, the Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies, the Honors College, the Ruth S. Ammon School of Education, University College, and the Schools of Business, Nursing, and Social Work—the co-educational university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as professional and educational programs for adults. Adelphi University currently enrolls nearly 8,200 students from 41 states and 63 foreign countries. With its main campus in Garden City and centers in Manhattan, Hauppauge, and Poughkeepsie, the University maintains a commitment to liberal studies in tandem with rigorous professional preparation and active citizenship.

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