

Dear friends,

The past few days have been stressful as we await the full election results and anticipate continued legal battles over the election. At the same time we can also identify reasons to celebrate, including the news that the 2020 election saw a record high turnout for Latino voters, up 300% from the 2016 election. With your support and engagement, Canal Alliance is proud to be part of a movement that is not only empowering Latino voters but also inspiring them to make their voices heard by showing up to the polls and engaging in the election process.

As we continue to await election results, we know that regardless of the outcome, there is much work ahead of us. Our partners at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center have compiled a report that details the most egregious policies that have been implemented in the last four years attacking immigrants and asylum seekers. This report seeks to help people really grasp the enormity of the destruction to our immigration system. We also hope it can help focus our collective efforts and energy as we look to the future and consider the changes that need to be made to ensure that immigrants are treated with dignity, respect, justice and fairness.

[Click here to see the full report:](#)

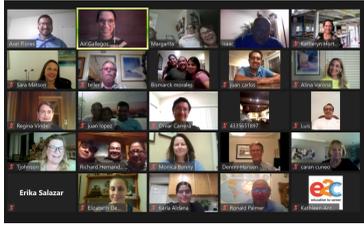
All of us on staff are encouraging one another to take care of ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our community during this challenging time. We hope that you will do the same.

We thank you for showing up with love, not fear; with hope, not despair. We need your optimism and active engagement now, more than ever.

In Solidarity,

Omar Carrera  
Chief Executive Officer

## Congratulations to our most recent Workforce Program graduates

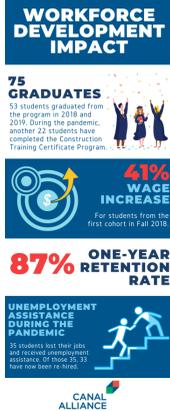


Together with our partners at College of Marin and Marin Builders Association, Canal Alliance was pleased to celebrate the graduation of 13 students from our 12-week construction certificate training course on October 15th. These students participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> cohort of our Workforce Development Program, and represent the second cohort to graduate during shelter in place. Although the celebration was virtual, we look forward to seeing our graduates' very real success!



These photos of students in the 5<sup>th</sup> cohort of our Workforce Development Program working and learning in the field were shared by Marin Builders Association at our virtual graduation ceremony.

## Our Workforce Development Program is making an impact



## Gelvin Hernandez and Carlos Carrillo Workforce Development Program graduates



When Gelvin learned about the Workforce Development program, he connected with Regina Vindel, Workforce Development Career Navigator. Regina helped him enroll in our Construction Certification course.

[Read Gelvin's story.](#)



Carlos Carrillo came to the United States from Guatemala at the age of 16, and has lived in Marin for six years. With a wife and a one-month-old son, his biggest priority is taking care of his family.

[Read more about his experience in the Workforce Development program.](#)

## Staff spotlight: Regina Vindel, Career Navigator



Read about our Workforce Development Program Career Navigator, Regina Vindel, and her experience supporting clients during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. [Read the full story here](#)

## Support us ahead of Giving Tuesday



Giving Tuesday, which falls this year on December 1st, provides an opportunity for people around the world to stand together in unity—to use their individual power of generosity to make a positive impact.

You can be part of this global effort by supporting Canal Alliance's Giving Tuesday Campaign and making a difference right here in your community.

Give to support Latino immigrants and their families. Never has this been more necessary than right now, during the coronavirus pandemic. Giving Tuesday is not just about making a donation. It is about making a tangible difference.

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## Thank you to our amazing volunteers



We are so grateful for our many volunteers, who came out on the four days of in-person voting to help educate Canal residents about the importance of this election, regardless of whether or not they were voting. When we make our democracy accessible and inclusive, Marin becomes a place where everyone can live, work, and succeed.

## Dominican University service-learning students give back to the Canal community



Image via Dominican University

Fourteen students from Dominican University of California were sworn in as Civic Action Fellows during a virtual Civic Action Fellowship Ceremony. [Read the full story here](#)

## More ways to keep in touch

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