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USC Project Helps Local High School Students Learn About Their Family Histories

WHAT: The USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging at the USC School of Social Work is hosting a special evening of student-produced movies about family histories.

The event represents the culmination of the Intergenerational Interview Project, a class assignment conceived by the USC School of Social Work's Hortensia Amaro, USC associate provost of community research initiatives, for high school students of the Community Health Advocates School (CHAS) at the Augustus Hawkins Schools for Community Action campus in South Los Angeles. CHAS' mission is to nurture, empower and inspire future social workers and community health advocates of South Los Angeles, as well as to groom the next generation of transformative leaders locally and globally.

With the help of the USC Roybal Institute, students interviewed family members from multiple generations using iPod Touches to create audio-visual threads that helped them to understand how their families and communities have changed over time. The event will showcase nine of the best videos created by students.

WHO: Many of the 60-70 students who participated in the project will attend the event. Representatives from CHAS who are scheduled to attend include: Principal Claudia Rojas and Teachers Vanya Hollis (instructor for intergenerational curriculum/social work concentration), Patricia Hanson, Erica Ramirez and Maria Gaspar.

Hortensia Amaro, Dean's Professor of Social Work and Preventive Medicine at the USC School of Social Work USC and USC associate provost of community research initiatives, will speak at the event. William Vega, USC provost professor and executive director of the USC Roybal Institute, who contributed to the project, will also be in attendance.

WHEN: Friday, March 28, 2014
6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Davidson Conference Center
USC/University Park Campus

ABOUT: The mission of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging is to advance research whose goal is to enhance optimal aging for persons in minority and low-income communities. One of the ways it fulfills its mission is by fostering and strengthening university and community partnerships with institutions and organizations throughout Southern California that are dedicated to helping to serve older adults and their families.