

## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

IVY R. TAYLOR
MAYOR

## WELCOME

As the Mayor of the City of San Antonio and on behalf of our citizens, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the Annual 2015 Collaborative Educational Programs for Americas Conference. We are honored to host a diverse field of community leaders and professionals who embrace an innovative vision for change.

As a participant in this collaborative forum, you will explore solutions to prepare our future leaders to meet the dynamic challenges of tomorrow. Together you will build a foundation that will provide others the opportunity to succeed. Now more than ever, it is imperative to encourage mentorship. We must inspire our youth to embrace risk, engage in collaboration, and think creatively. I am confident that our efforts will inspire a new generation of leaders that will create a better tomorrow.

Now the nation's 7<sup>th</sup> largest city, San Antonio is proud to be a mixture of diverse cultures, history, events, cuisine and southern hospitality. While you are here to connect with colleagues, please take time to enjoy our unique treasures including the Alamo and River Walk. The recently expanded River Walk -- the heart and soul of our city -- is just steps away. This gently winding oasis of cypress-lined paths, arched stone bridges and lush landscapes will connect you to the wonderful restaurants, local hot spots and historic sites such as South Town and The Pearl.

It is our hope that your visit encourages you to return often. Best wishes for a successful and memorable conference.

Sincerely,

Ivy R. Taylor Mayor