

Congratulations to MSOE's outstanding students



Stefanie Gonzalez

Aquill Milwaukee magazine recognized biomedical engineering sophomore Stefanie Gonzalez as an **outstanding student** and **up-and-coming leader** in the Hispanic community.

Architectural engineering and construction management students named **Design-Build National Champions** by the Associated General Contractors.

MSOE's **Engineers Without Borders (EWB-USA)** student chapter named a Premier Chapter.

Mechanical engineering senior Daniel Goray participated in SAE International's **Leadership Development Program**.

The Electrical Engineering International Exchange Program received the **Innovative Program Award** from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association.



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The program highlighted the fact that Wisconsin now boasts nearly 275,000 Hispanics. And it chose Ralph Ramirez to tell the story of what that might entail for the country.

"I grew up here," Ramirez told the reporter as footage of him overseeing his courtroom flashed on the screen. "I'm a part of this community and always have been, and will continue to be a part of it."

When asked about his children and their future as Hispanics, Ramirez answered: "I see the opportunities that I had, and I see the opportunities that they have, and I see no barriers for them."

While Milwaukee County continues to have the largest Hispanic population in Wisconsin (about 100,000 Latinos), Hispanics have been multiplying quickly in neighboring counties like Racine County (20,000); Kenosha County (15,000) and Waukesha County (13,000).

The vast majority of Wisconsin's Hispanics are, like Ralph Ramirez, born in this country, according to the U.S. Census.

The NBC segment can be viewed on the Web at msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/#29472239.

To learn more about the Ramirez family, read the story by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter Laurel Walker at jsonline.com/news/waukesha/40461837.html.

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education loans provided by a bank or credit union. Make sure you've collected as much federal aid and scholarship money as you can before you consider a private loan.

With private loans, you can borrow enough to cover your entire cost of attending school, regardless of need. But keep in mind that most students will need a parent to co-sign with them to gain credit approval, and private loans cannot be consolidated with your Federal loans, so you could face multiple costly (high-interest) payments after graduation.

Also, private loans may not have the same repayment benefits (including deferment and forbearance) as Federal student loans.

It all might sound intimidating, but college really can be affordable. Of course, it's important to consider all of the financial aid options to determine what is best for you.