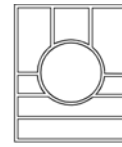


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WHO: Harry Pachon, Ph.D., President, Tomás Rivera Policy Institute at USC
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Speakers are available for Spanish-language interviews

WHAT: Press/Community Briefing on findings from TRPI report, *Gaining or Losing Ground? Equity in Offering Advanced Placement Courses in California High Schools*

WHEN: Monday, April 24th, 2006
11:30 a.m. Media check-in

WHERE: Room 500 at the Courts and Library Building located at 914 Capitol Mall, USC California Policy Institute

WHY: A new study by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute at USC, titled *Gaining or Losing Ground? Equity in Offering Advanced Placement Courses in California High Schools*, is a follow-up to TRPI's 1996 and 2000 groundbreaking reports on the availability of AP classes. It finds that the availability of high school AP courses continues to vary by the ethnic representation, economic status, and size of schools. Dr. Maria Estela Zarate, Education Policy Director for the TRPI, will present findings from the study and a response to the report will be offered by Dr. Harry Pachon, President of TRPI, and a select group of panelists.