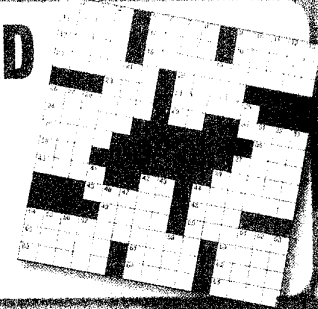


# The Leader

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## Northwest Houston resident named City Hall Fellow

Northwest Houston resident Mario Angelo Salinas is one of 20 students in the nation selected to serve in the inaugural class of City Hall Fellows, an elite new public policy fellowship program.

A recent graduate of the College of Social Studies at University of Houston-Downtown, Salinas will spend his fellowship year working for the City of Houston. He was chosen from more than 400 applicants nationwide.

Salinas was selected because of his outstanding leadership capabilities and commitment to public ser-

vice. He attended Houston ISD's K. Smith Elementary School in Oak Forest and Spring Branch ISD's Landrum Middle School and Northbrook High School.

He went to work with Americorps directly after high school, serving inner-city youth in a classroom setting. Through his college years at UH-Downtown, Salinas volunteered at several nonprofits in the Houston area, focusing on at-risk youths and the arts.

In May, Salinas earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies

with a minor in Sociology. He likes to unwind by watching the sunset from the roof of his northwest Houston home.

The City Hall Fellows program combines hands-on job experience with public-sector leadership training. The CHF program introduces Fellows:

- To the inner workings of local government;
- Brings their talent and energy to bear in addressing city challenges; and
- Exposes them to meaningful careers in public service.

"We're glad to host the inaugural class of City Hall Fellows," said Mayor Bill White. "It is a great opportunity for them to focus their energy, talents and enthusiasm on many of our most pressing issues."

As baby boomers age and retire, the need for new talent in the public sector workforce is more pressing than ever before. Experts predict that, within the decade, more than half of government managers will retire. Yet, many of the nation's most promising young leaders are passing up government jobs for nonprofits and the private sector.

CHF seeks to reverse this devastating trend, with a goal to create a generation of enlightened civic leaders who

are as knowledgeable about environmental science as they are about political science, as comfortable with art as they are with policy.

Salinas and the other CHF Fellows will work 4.5 days a week as special project assistants to senior city administrators and officials. The other half-day each week will be spent in an intensive civic leadership development program where they will learn about history, politics and the mechanics of local governance.

For information, visit [www.cityhallfellows.org](http://www.cityhallfellows.org).