IGNITE National Spokesperson Vannessa Vasquez Will Address Students at KIPP Houston High School.

Emmy Nominated Actress Will Speak About Her Successes, Challenges and the Importance of Female Leadership in this Country.

Houston, TX, October 15, 2016 - Actress Vannessa Vasquez is going back home. Even though Vannessa now lives and works in Los Angeles, California she is returning home to Houston and will visit the KIPP High School on Monday, October 16 2016. Ms. Vasquez grew up right outside of Houston and later graduated from the University of Houston. She will be speaking with a small group of KIPPsters about her experiences as an actress and community leader as well as the importance and need for young women to run for elected office.

After her visit to the KIPP school in Houston Vannessa will then travel to Washington, DC as she was recently invited by The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics and its President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, to speak and represent IGNITE on Friday, October 21, 2016 at The White House.

Ms. Vasquez is perhaps best known for her portrayal as Camila Barrios, a Mexican-American teen dealing with the trials and tribulations of growing up in urban East Los Angeles, CA in Hulu's Emmy nominated original series "East Los High." Vannessa received an Emmy Nomination in 2015 for her role in "East Los High." Other roles Vannessa is known for is playing the lead in the independent horror film called "Sorrow." She also played the role of Magdelena Cruz in the dramatic film "Sins of a Call Girl," directed by Kate Whitney.

"Vannessa is an excellent role model for young women in Houston. She followed her dreams to Los Angeles and it has made her a successful leader among Latinas in Hollywood said Dr. Margo McClinton Stoglin, IGNITE Texas State Director. “We are thrilled to have Vannessa come home to her community in Houston to inspire and activate our young women to realize their own leadership aspirations and own their fair share of political power.”

About IGNITE

IGNITE is building a national movement to dramatically increase the pool of women who are prepared and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. To date we’ve trained over 5,000 young women. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. We provide civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training and work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other’s aspirations for civic and political leadership.

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