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WASHINGTON, DC — Voces Internship of Idaho is excited to announce it is the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation.

This grant will support one 2024 internship, including a stipend for the intern's time, as well as intern housing and transportation expenses.

Wells Fargo representatives presented the check to Voces board members Brenda Rodriguez, Ximena Bustillo and Nicole Foy in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 27.

"Idaho Latinos are not something we often talk about. Not nationally, and not locally," said Brenda Rodriguez, a Voces board member and anchor for KTVB 7 Boise in remarks during the celebration. "But we are here and we have been for a long time."

Voces alumnus Richard Rodriguez (no relation) also attended the ceremony, sharing how his Voces internship helped him launch his journalism career.

"Today, I am working full-time at a news station that brings Spanish-language stories to my community," said Richard Rodriguez, who also works for KTVB 7 Boise. "I don't know that I would be here without Voces."

Voces Internship of Idaho is fiscally sponsored by Surel's Place, a Boise nonprofit.

"Voces Internship of Idaho is more than a program that brings Latinos into the newsroom," Richard Rodriguez said. "It's a pathway forward to present accurate representation to our community."

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Voces Internship of Idaho was formed in 2022 to increase Latino representation in Idaho by joining community members as mentors, donors, volunteers, and supporters to provide more equitable opportunities for Latino young adults to pursue a career in news journalism.