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January 19, 2014

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from you of qualified individuals to be recognized at our 17th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Fantasia in North Haven, Connecticut.

In an effort to continue recognizing academic excellence among Hispanic students, community and organizational leaders statewide, we are seeking your assistance in identifying viable candidates for the annual awards in the following categories:

- **Latino Citizens of the Year;**
- **Community Service Award (Presented to an Organization)**

The awards are designed to recognize Hispanic men and women and one Hispanic organization in the state that have made significant contributions to our community. Last year, we received numerous submissions for outstanding individuals; ***if your nominee was not selected for award, please do not hesitate to re-submit their name for consideration this year.***

Enclosed please find the criteria, nomination form and scholarship application for use in making your nominations for award consideration. Please submit names for those who meet the criteria outlined. ***It is imperative that the nomination be submitted in its entirety as we will not accept an incomplete submission.*** The deadline for submission of nominations is ***Friday, June 27, 2014.*** ***It is vital that you act on your nomination as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please*** submit your nomination(s) by the stated deadline.

Thank you for your participation and feel free to contact me at 860-240-8330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Cruz

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Enclosures

cc: Special Projects Committee Members
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Criteria

***Latino/a Citizen of the Year and
Community Service Award***

Category I - The Latino/a Citizen of the Year Award

Individuals must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the advancement, promotion and development of the cultural, social, economic and political welfare of the Latino community in Connecticut;
 - Be at least 25 years of age;
 - Be a resident of Connecticut; and,
 - Be Latino/a or a non-Latino/a providing significant contributions to the Latino community.
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Category III - The Community Service Award (Organizations Only)

Organization must:

- Have demonstrated dedication, leadership and commitment to the Latino community it serves;
- Have Latinos as its primary target population for its services and/or specific project;
- Have a significant representation of Latinos in its staff and Board of Directors; and,
- Serve Latinos in Connecticut.

Deadline for submitting nominations: **Friday, June 27, 2014**

Please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced by amount awarded to you by your college/university once you are selected by us.

IMPORTANT: Nominations must be received by the DUE date. Late submissions will NOT BE accepted. Incomplete submissions will NOT BE accepted.



Nomination Form

PLEASE NOTE: All information on the nomination form must be filled out. All materials required with the form must be included and, most importantly, You must sign the nomination form. Your compliance with this vital request is most appreciated. Thank you.

Please provide information about your nominee. (This form may be duplicated as needed.) *If you nominate, you cannot provide a letter of support.*

Category: Latino/a Citizen _____ Community Service _____

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Instructions:

Please describe in detail, why this individual or organization should receive the award. Be sure to address how, you believe, this person meets the criteria previously outlined. (Attach additional pages as needed.)

***Important Note:** All nominations must be accompanied by two letters of support in order to be considered.

****Separate student application must be received at time of nomination.**

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Nomination Form

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Please provide information about yourself:

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Signature of Person Making the Nomination

Today's Date

Please check:

- I have included two letters of support for each nomination made. *
- You may contact me for additional information.

****If you nominate, you cannot provide a letter of support. They must come from two individuals other than yourself.***

Deadline: Friday, June 27, 2014

Please send completed form with two letters of support to:

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If you have any questions, please call me at 860-240-8330.

Thank you for taking the time to celebrate the accomplishments of the members of the Latino and Puerto Rican community in Connecticut.

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NOTE: Family members of Commissioners and Staff are not eligible. Commissioners and staff cannot nominate or provide letters of support. Anyone related to a public official or whose family works for a public official is not eligible to apply for the scholarship.