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January 25, 2015

Dear Friends:

The Connecticut General Assembly's Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission members and staff are requesting nominations from the Hispanic community of leaders who have gone above and beyond the call on behalf of their community. Once selected, these community leaders will be awarded at the 18th annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony for 2015. The Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Amarante's Sea Cliff.

In an effort to recognize those leaders who tirelessly work to make the Hispanic community one where access and fairness reign, we are asking for nominations of candidates for award in the following category:

- ***One Latina and Latino Citizen and one Community Service award-usually provided to a community agency.***

Enclosed please find the criteria to follow along with the nomination form for use in making your nominations. Please carefully review the criteria and submit all of the requested information. ***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 26, 2015***. ***It is vital that you act on your application as fast as possible and submit it promptly as the deadline will not be extended. Therefore, please*** submit your nomination by the stated deadline. Commissioners and staff of the Commission cannot nominate nor provide letters of support for nominees whose names are submitted for consideration.

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

Sincerely,

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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 26, 2015**

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.

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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.***

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Please send completed form with two letters of support to:

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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 family members 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.