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### **HISPANIC CHAMBER ANNOUNCES LATINO LEADERSHIP CLASSES V**

**PORTLAND, OR.** The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (Hispanic Chamber) will celebrate the graduation of Class IV participants in the Hispanic Chamber's ***Latino Leadership Program*** and will also announce the new entering Class V participants. Both classes will be recognized at the Hispanic Chamber's Hispanic Heritage Celebration Dinner on September 9<sup>th</sup> and will be honored at a reception on Thursday, October 14, 2010, sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

The graduating Class IV participants are: Stefanny Caballero, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; Keren Ceballos, City of Gresham; Armando Cardosa, Umpqua Bank; Marco Espinosa, PGE; Nicole Ferrán, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber; Robert Flores, Regence BlueCross BlueShield; Valerie Gonzalez Wilkie, Bonneville Power Administration; Stephen Green, Portland Development Commission; Joaquin Lopez, La Bonita; Noemi Legaspi-Valverde, Woodburn School District; Ursula Loret de Mola, Metropolitan Family Services; Maria Maldonado, Providence Health & Services; Gabriela Mann, Scott Edmonds Agency, State Farm; Juan Mendez, Multnomah County Health Department; Jane Nevarez, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber; Eduardo Norell, Norell Design; Pilar Rowe, Bonneville Power Administration; Maria Rubio, CEO, MCResources; Olga Sanchez, Milagro Theatre; Diana Simons, Univision; Heladio Vera, Nike, Inc.

The new Class V participants are: Elisa Aquilera, Community Alliance of Tenants, Safe Housing Project (Portland); Mayra Gonzalez Arreola, Rural Development Initiatives (Portland); Veronica Bañuelos, Portland Public Schools (Portland); Richard Bustamante, Bonneville Power Administration (Cornelius); Suleima Cortez, Portland Community College, (Portland); Myriam Demezas, Housing Authority of Portland, Portland; Daniel Garcia, Central City Concern, Portland; Nancy Garcia, Tuality Healthcare, Hillsboro; DeeAnna Garcia Dennis, Morrison Child & Family Center Services (Vancouver, WA); Jose Gonzalez, City of Portland, Bureau of Police, (Wilsonville); Andre Hesser, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland; Sharon Johnson, Portland Housing Bureau, Vancouver, WA.; Marissa Madrigal, Multnomah County (Portland); Guillermo Maciel, Multnomah County, (Portland); Jimmy Matta, Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters, Ken, WA.; Mario Mesquita, Portland State University, Portland; Eduardo Moreno, Neighborhood House, George Sun School, Portland; Joseph Portillo, Umpqua Bank, Portland; Carmen Ruiz, City of Beaverton, Beaverton; Jose Tabra, US Bank, Hillsboro; Blanca Vazquez, State Farm, (Beaverton).

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**Background Regarding the Program:**

On March 1, 2006, the Hispanic Chamber launched a new year long **Latino Leadership Program**. The purpose of the program is to: support the professional advancement of Latinos in the public and private sector, develop their leadership and management skills, create opportunities for them to interact with other community leaders, and develop a pool of candidates for future service on public and private policy-making bodies.

Any Latino who supports the mission of the Hispanic Chamber can apply. Applicants must complete a formal program application and provide a current resume. Participants are selected on their own merits.

The cost per participant is \$2,500.00, although a few scholarships are available.

**The Leadership Topics:**

The topics are presented by faculty from several universities including: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Willamette University. Other presenters are executives from the public and private sector including the Port of Portland, Cascade Centers, Inc., and Regence Group. Topics include:

- Emotional Intelligence in Leadership
- Leadership Styles
- Leadership Practices
- Building a Stronger Management Team
- Leadership in Government and Public Policy
- Leadership in Economic Development and International Trade
- Presentation Skills
- Media Skills
- Communication/Negotiation Skills
- Strategic Planning
- Project Implementation
- Management Skills
- What is Upper Management Looking For?

**Background Regarding the Hispanic Chamber:**

The Hispanic Chamber, established in 1994, is a non-profit organization. The organizational mission is to work with all members of the community to support the economic advancement of Latinos in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The Hispanic Chamber has 850 members and conducts other programs and activities such as: Technical Assistance to Latino businesses, Scholarships for Latino students statewide, an Annual Employment and Contracting Trade Show, and luncheons and dinners with national and local speakers.

For further information about the Hispanic Chamber and its programs go to [www.hmccoregon.com](http://www.hmccoregon.com).