

# DISTINGUISHED HISPANIC OHIOAN AWARDS GALA 2013

*Hosted by the Latino Empowerment Outreach Network*



**Ohio**

Latino Affairs  
Commission

**L E O N**

latino empowerment outreach network

*Friday October 11, 2013 | 6:00 - 9:00PM | Hilton Columbus*

Great achievements start  
with the power of dreams.

Congratulations to the 2013  
Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan  
Award Recipients.



2013 Accord Coupe

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams

# AWARDEES



## “Alma de la Comunidad” Award

Maritza Motino — Central Ohio



### Special Recognition

Director Michael Colbert — ODJFS



## Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans

Benito Lucio — Columbus

Luis Santiago — Toledo

Angel Arroyo — Lorain

Marilyn Zayas-Davis — Cincinnati

Nancy Mendez — Cleveland

Victor Garcia — Dayton

Antonio Barrios — Lorain



## Nuestra Familia “Our Family”

Lois Poe Rust — Cincinnati

Limited Brands — Columbus

Richard Herman — Lorain/Cleveland



## Latino Military Service of Distinction

Louis Torres — Lorain

Manuel Caro — Toledo

Henry Guzman — Columbus

DISTINGUISHED HISPANIC  
OHIOAN AWARDS GALA 2013



**EVENING PROGRAM**

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

OCHLA Welcome

Sponsor Welcome

Invocation

Dinner

Keynote Speaker

LEON: Alma de la Comunidad Award

Special Recognition

Award Presentations

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans

Nuestra Familia

Latino Military Service Award

Closing Remarks

for serving the  
common good.



*pnc.com*

©2013 The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. All rights reserved.  
PNC Bank, National Association. Member FDIC

**O**  
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Congratulates the **2013**  
*Distinguished*  
**Hispanic Ohioan**  
Award Recipients

CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES  
DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE  
ORGANIZATION OF HISPANIC FACULTY AND STAFF

A photograph of graduates in red and grey gowns and black caps, smiling, in front of a large stadium filled with spectators. The stadium's scoreboard is visible in the background.



**JOHN R. KASICH**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

October 11, 2013

Dear Friends,

Karen and I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Lilly Cavanaugh and the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) as you celebrate the 2013 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan and L.E.O.N. Awards Gala at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Columbus.

For the past 36 years, OCHLA has served as a critical voice and hub for Ohio's Hispanic/Latino community. You should be proud of the positive impact that the Commission has made in the lives of Hispanics/Latinos in Ohio.

Karen and I would like to extend our congratulations to tonight's honorees who will receive the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Award, the Nuestra Familia Award, and the Latino Military Service Distinction Award. Each of you has excelled in your respective roles and some have sacrificed your lives to serve our country. The fact that you are being honored is a testament to your dedication, determination, and commitment to strengthening yourself, our great state, and the Latino community. And a special congratulations to my Cabinet Member, ODJFS Director Michael Colbert, on the Special Recognition Award that you will receive. Thank you for your great leadership and service.

I commend everyone gathered together for tonight's event. Your support of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic & Latino Affairs is important to the Commission's success. Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich", is written over the typed name and title.

John R. Kasich  
Governor



October 11, 2013

Honored Guests,

Welcome!

It is a great honor to join the Latino Empowerment Outreach Network— LEON— in welcoming you to our statewide awards ceremony. Thank you for joining us on this important occasion, when we extend our congratulations to every one of our deserving awardees.

Today, you will hear about stellar members of our communities: The “Alma de la Comunidad Award” presented by LEON, our Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans and “Nuestra Familia” [Our Family] awardees embody the commitment to empower, build and uplift individuals and families. Our Latino Military Awardees show us that serving our country does not end when their deployment expires, but continues as they stay involved in helping others. We are also honored to recognize Mr. Michael Colbert, Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for his vision and unyielding commitment to serve migrant workers and Hispanics through outstanding outreach and services.

Our theme for this year’s awards ceremony is “Unidos” [Together], and it clearly reflects our time in history. We know that it will take all of us working together to build stronger communities and a better Ohio; as Henry Ford once said: “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success.” As representatives of the commission and LEON, we are excited for the future, encouraged by the synergy and empowerment taking place, and ready to continue serving Hispanic Ohioans.

Congratulations to all our deserving awardees!

On behalf of LEON our board and staff,

Michael Florez Esq.  
Chairman  
Ohio Latino Affairs Commission

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla  
President  
Latino Empowerment  
Outreach Network

2013~2014  
36th Board of  
Commissioners

Michael Florez, Chair  
Cincinnati

Rev. Max Rodas  
Cleveland

Richard Romero  
Lorain

Mary Santiago  
Lorain

Iris Martinez Juergens  
Dayton

Luis “Tony” Ortiz  
Dayton

V. Anthony Simms-  
Howell  
Cincinnati

Baldemar Velasquez  
Toledo

Dan Ramos  
State Representative  
District 56th ~  
Lorain County

Matt Lynch  
State Representative  
District 76th ~ Geauga  
(Part) & Portage (Part)  
Counties

Gayle Manning  
Senator  
District 13th ~ Huron &  
Lorain Counties

Charleta Tavares  
Senator  
District 15th ~ Franklin  
(Part) County





October 11, 2013

Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs  
Riffe Center – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs as you celebrate your 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recognize the honorees who will receive the 2013 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards at this evening's Gala!

I applaud the Commission for its role in advising state government about issues of interest to Hispanic Ohioans, connecting diverse Hispanic communities around the state, and building the capacity of local organizations that serve Ohio's growing Hispanic/Latino population. The Commission is a valuable community and cultural resource, and I am grateful for your contributions to our state's quality of life.

My office works to protect Ohio's families and children by assisting local law enforcement, helping victims of crime, and defending consumers. If you would like more information, or, if we can be of service, please visit our website at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov), which is available in numerous languages by use of the translate bar located in the upper right corner of the page, or call us at 800-282-0515.

Once again, congratulations to the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and to this year's winners of the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan, Nuestra Familia, and Latino Military Service of Distinction Awards.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Ohio Attorney General

# KEY NOTE SPEAKER

---

## COLUMBUS



## DONNA M. ALVARADO

---

Ms. Donna M. Alvarado is the Founder, President & Managing Director of Aguila International. Ms. Alvarado's distinguished service-oriented career includes service a variety of organizations and federal agencies that ultimately led to an appointment by President Reagan and a confirmation by the U.S. Senate as Director of ACTION, the federal domestic volunteer agency. She has served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense at the U.S. Department of Defense; Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy; and staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board in Ohio and as a Member of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy. Ms. Alvarado earned her postgraduate certificate in Financial Management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, completed her doctoral coursework on Latin American Literature from the University of Oklahoma, and holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Spanish from The Ohio State University.

# ALMA DE LA COMUNIDAD AWARD



## MARITZA MOTINO

---

### CENTRAL OHIO

Maritza was born in Honduras, in a port city called “La Ceiba”. In 1981, at the age of 24, she came to the United States from Honduras with a degree in “Haute Couture” from trade school. In New York, she worked hard as both a live-in nanny and as a store manager at an Army-Navy store. After three years, she was able to save enough to register in the continuing education program at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). She honed her skills there, ultimately allowing her to pursue her dream of be-coming a technical designer in casual wear.

Maritza’s big break arrived with Warnaco Intimate Apparel Inc, where she was given the opportunity to work for the French fashion designers Emmanuel Ungaro and Val-entino. She later made the switch to Playtex Intimate Apparel and later was hired by yet another famous designer - Ralph Lauren – for whom she worked for eight years. Maritza moved to Columbus in 2001 to accept a quality assurance position at Victo-ria’s Secret.

In both New York and Columbus, Maritza has been very active in her community. She is a lifetime member of the International Volunteers Organization (IFO), is currently the Entertainment Chair for the Columbus International Festival, and is the President of the Columbus chapter of the League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC). She is also the creator of the Orgullo Latino Awards and the Orgullo Latino Student Scholarship Awards, through her work with the Coalition for Hispanic Family Services in New York City.

Maritza credits her accomplishments to her hard work, determination and love for oth-ers.

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



## MICHAEL B. COLBERT

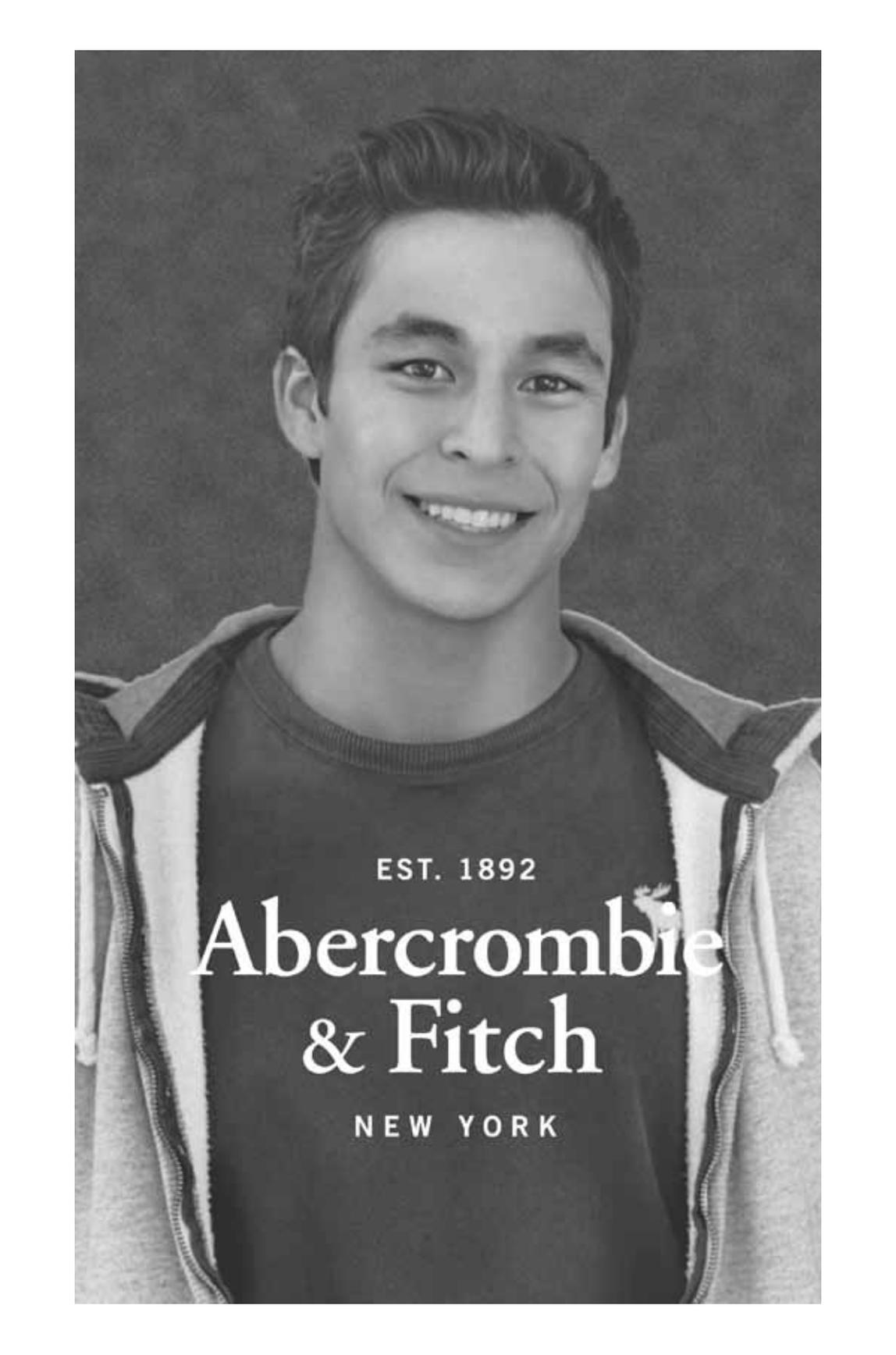
---

### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Michael B. Colbert is Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Prior to joining Governor John R. Kasich's cabinet, Colbert served as the CFO of ODJFS for almost three years. As ODJFS Director, Colbert led the launch of a new Medicaid Information Technology System, pioneered the Employer Resource Information Center and brought the state back into compliance with work participation requirements for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. He also started a statewide collaborative with the Dave Thomas Foundation, and greatly improved assistance provided to young people aging out of the foster system.

Before joining ODJFS, Colbert was senior audit manager for the Ohio Auditor of State, where he worked for 15 years and earned a Distinguished Service Award. He is also a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he earned his B.A. in finance and accounting. The Central State College of Business honored him with an Alumnus of the Year Award in 2012 for his dedication to the university and its students.

Colbert is a member of the National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers, the American Public Human Services Association and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies. A Xenia native, he is a strong supporter of his hometown and a proud inductee of the Xenia Community Schools Foundation Hall of Honor. He also was named a "Top Ten African American Male" by the Parity, Inc., Organization in Dayton and has received recognitions from the ODJFS Directors' Association, the Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. One of his greatest honors is an Adoption Advocacy Day award he received from the Ohio Adoption Planning Group, for his leadership in promoting adoption and making finding permanent homes for children a priority.



EST. 1892

Abercrombie  
& Fitch

NEW YORK



# BENITO LUCIO

---

## COLUMBUS

Benito Lucio, a graduate of Bowling Green State University, was instrumental in establishing residency rules for migrant workers in Ohio under the Ohio Board of Regents rules in 1978. He was elected President of the Latino Student Union in 1978. In 1983, Mr. Lucio was Chairman of the Board of the Ohio Hispanic Institute of Opportunities, a multimillion dollar agency that provides employment and support services to Hispanics statewide.

Benito has been employed by OBES and ODJFS for 30 years as the first State Migrant Agricultural Ombudsman. In 1995, he was promoted to Monitor Advocate/Ombudsman for the ODJFS, a state and federal program designed to meet the needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers and their employers.

Mr. Lucio has extensive experience in migrant services as an advocate in the Central Ohio Hispanic Community. Benito is also the president of the Hispanic Society of Central Ohio, Inc., a local non-profit that has provided over \$50,000 in scholarships to Hispanic college students in Central Ohio.

Mr. Lucio has been an advisory member for Ballet Met on diversity, currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Columbus Zoo, and is an FBI Citizens Academy alumnus. He is an active member of Educating Communities Helping Hispanics Onward (ECHHO) and was recognized as the Government Advocate of the Year by the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2004.

Mr. Lucio, or “El Super Mex” as he is known on his radio and TV shows, has been a Latino radio DJ for over 30 years. He hosts a weekly community television program, “Buen Dia, Columbus” on Channel 32 (Mundo Fox).



# LUIS SANTIAGO

---

TOLEDO

Luis Santiago was appointed Chief of the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department in 2011, which he joined in May 1984 and was promoted to Assistant Chief in 2007. Here he leads a department of over 500 firefighters. As strategic incident commander, Santiago oversaw the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department's delegation of responders in the aftermath of the devastating tornado that struck Lake Township, Ohio in May 2010. Chief Santiago also served as incident commander for Toledo Fire and Rescue's response to the 2010 building collapse at the Fremont Co. and the ADM grain elevator fire in 2010.

Santiago holds various certifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Incident Management System, the National Fire Academy, and the United States Coast Guard. Additionally, he serves on the Advisory Board of the State Fire School at Bowling Green State University and the Board of Trustees at Knight Academy. Chief Santiago is a member of the Lucas County Fire Chiefs, the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Santiago is a Toledo native and attended St. Patrick Heatherdowns grade school and St. Francis de Sales High School, where he later coached football for 26 seasons. He went on to attend Defiance College before joining the fire department. Chief Santiago and his wife Ann have three adult children and two grandchildren.



# ANGEL ARROYO

---

LORAIN

Angel Arroyo of Lorain, Ohio was ordained in 2005 as a pastor in Providence, Rhode Island. Arroyo studied pastoral ministries at Zion Bible College in Barrington, Rhode Island. In 2006, Angel returned to Lorain in order to continue his work with a homeless and prison outreach program. Two years later he moved to Boston, Massachusetts to begin work with an organization called Straight Ahead Ministries, for which he worked with the Cambodian and Latino Gangs in the area including the Latin Kings, MS-13 and Trinitarios.

Today, Mr. Arroyo works for a Cleveland chapter of The Guardian Angels, part of the Cleveland Peacemakers Alliance, which strives to intervene in Cleveland-area gang conflict through youth outreach, job placement assistance and mentoring.

Since 2004, Angel has been traveling across the country on behalf of .COM ministries speaking in churches, schools, prisons and homeless centers as part of an outreach and gang intervention program. Angel was part of a group who responded to aid the victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York and the devastating tornado in Moore, Oklahoma.

Arroyo also works to find missing people and uncover human trafficking. He was part of the search for the missing Cleveland woman, Gina DeJesus, whose discovery garnered national attention earlier this year.

# Congratulations to the winners.

Nationwide is proud to honor the **2013 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Award** recipients. And we're even prouder of our place within the Latino community.

We've created a supportive and fulfilling work environment for Latinos that has landed us several prestigious work-related awards from: Who's Who Latino, Latina Style, Empleos & Employment, and many others. It shows our commitment to diversity and dedication to the advancement of Latinos.



To learn more about Diversity at Nationwide, visit [nationwide.com/diversityandinclusion](http://nationwide.com/diversityandinclusion)



*Nationwide is On Your Side.®*

© 2013 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and affiliated companies. Home Office: Columbus, Ohio 43229-2220. Nationwide, the Nationwide hemlock and On Your Side are Federal registered trademarks of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. CFC-0338AC (12/13)

## Fifth Third Bank congratulates all of this year's distinguished Hispanic Ohioan honorees.

[www.53.com](http://www.53.com)





# VICTOR GARCIA

---

DAYTON

Victor Garcia Perez was born in Mexico on July 9, 1940. He completed his early education in Mexico City prior to 1961. He moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota, to study English at Macalester College. He received a B.A. in Spanish in 1967 from Saint Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas and completed a M.A. in Spanish American Literature at the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1969.

He went on to earn his Ph.D. and in 1971 became a member of the Antioch College faculty as an assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American Literature. Here he conducted study groups with students and faculty and served as a consultant to other universities. In 2005, he was named Professor Emeritus.

Since 2001, Victor has been passionate about Del Pueblo, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping migrant families and advocating for the empowerment of Latinos. As the President of the Board, he has been the driving force of the organization. He has also interpreted in courts, hospitals, health fairs and schools and has fostered mentoring and tutoring programs.

For his work he received the Alma Latina Award from the University of Dayton, the LULAC Community Award from Wright State University, and the Walter Anderson Award from the alumni of Antioch College. He currently teaches adults in Antioch University Midwest and Wittenberg University in Yellow Springs and Springfield, Ohio.



# ANTONIO BARRIOS

---

LORAIN

Israel Antonio Barrios was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and moved to New York in the 70's where he worked as a fashion model for Zoli Models. He later moved to Europe where he lived and worked for 20 years. Following the completion of his modeling career, Israel became interested in the art of photography. He studied in Rome, working for professional photographers and teaching eager students. He then began acting and graduated from the Roberto Rossellini for Film and TV institution as a camera man and videographer.

Today, Mr. Barrios owns FrameWorks, a small photography/video company and serves as the President of the Lorain Arts Council. He led the group in opening the 737 Gallery & Art Center in Lorain, Ohio. His latest vision in giving back to the community was overseeing the creation of a giant mural in his hometown of Lorain. Mr. Barrios has supported many local Hispanic artists as vice president of the Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues & Progress.



## MARILYN ZAYAS-DAVIS, ESQ.

---

### CINCINNATI

Attorney Marilyn Zayas-Davis graduated from University of Cincinnati Law School in 1997. She proudly counsels and represents clients in all aspects of immigration law including business and family visas. Marilyn has built the reputation of successfully representing complex cases and providing a solution at a reasonable price.

Marilyn has also built a reputation of advocating for justice and building bridges between the Latino community and the community at large. Her personal goal is to change governmental processes resulting in justice and equal access to immigrants.

Marilyn has persistently worked to build bridges with the law enforcement community, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the judicial community and our legislative representatives, with the purpose of changing internal processes and opening just doors for all those who follow.

In 2013, when the Bureau of Motor Vehicles refused to provide driver's licenses to DACA beneficiaries, Marilyn was the only attorney to provide government officials a legal analysis explaining why this action violated Ohio statutory law. In 2001, with very little funding from her client, she won the appeal of *State v. Yanez* in the First District Court of Appeals, protecting immigrant's rights throughout Ohio.

Marilyn has served for six years as the Legal Advisor for the Ohio chapter of LU-LAC (League of Latino American Citizens) and she currently serves on the Catholic Charities Board of Directors.



# NANCY MENDEZ

---

CLEVELAND

Nancy Mendez joined United Way of Greater Cleveland in 2009 as the Program Director for Aging and Special Needs. After the restructuring of the Community Impact Department, Ms. Mendez was transferred to her current position as Director of Health. In addition, she works with the FEMA/EFSP board and Cuyahoga County to fund and monitor food pantries and homeless shelters. In 2013 Mendez was selected as a United Way Global Fellow.

From 2001 to 2008, Nancy worked as the program director for the Center for Minority Public Health at Case Western Reserve University. The research she oversaw examined issues relating to systemic poverty, drug use, HIV and mental illness within minority populations of Greater Cleveland, San Diego, and Puerto Rico.

Nancy is a member of the Greater Cleveland Council on Older Persons and is chairperson of the program committee. She has also served on numerous non-profit boards, including the Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center board of Trustees. In addition, she served as a Trustee for the Dolphin Heart Foundation, vice-president of the LGBT Center Board of Trustees, and as a board member for the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

**C.H.I.P.**  
 The Coalition for Hispanic Issues & Progress  
 Seek to Advance and Promote the Hispanic/Latino  
 Culture and Community  
 Get involved and become a member!  
 Presionar y Promover la Cultura y la Comunidad  
 Hispana/Latina  
 Envolverse y lograrse miembros  
 P.O. Box 614  
 Lorain, Ohio 44052-0641  
 Phone (440) 271-2351

The Coalition for Hispanic Latino Issues & Progress

# CHIP

Would like to congratulate the  
 2013 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans  
 and invites you to become a CHIP Member and to attend  
 next year's Hispanic Leadership Conference April 2014

CHIP Officers:  
 President: Tia Carrion  
 Vice President: Lili Acosta  
 Treasurer: Elizabeth Soto  
 Secretary: Zora Ramirez  
 Trustees: Miriam Roca  
 Trustees: Juana Gomez  
 Trustees: Martin Liebke

The Public is always welcome!  
 CHIP meets at 6:30 pm each fourth Wednesday of the month.  
 Visit [www.chipohio.org](http://www.chipohio.org)

**BIENVENIDO A LA NACIÓN** 



**Alexandra Ramos**  
**Insurance Agency**  
**614-306-2060**

**JOIN THE NATION** 





# RICHARD HERMAN

---

LORAIN/CLEVELAND

Richard Herman is a renowned immigration lawyer, author and national speaker on immigrant-friendly companies and cities. As founder of The Herman Legal Group, Richard has dedicated his life to changing the conversation on immigration. He has helped shape the movement to revitalize America's economy through federal and local policies to welcome immigrants and leverage the talents they bring to this country.

Richard is the co-author of *Immigrant, Inc.: Why Immigrant Entrepreneurs Are Driving the New Economy*, an interweaving of success stories and research which will forever change the way you look at immigrants in America. Richard speaks around the country on behalf of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's initiative, Partnership for a New American Economy, a national coalition that makes the case that smart immigration makes America stronger and more economically vibrant.

Richard has appeared on The O'Reilly Factor, ABC News, 20/20, and NPR, as well as USA Today, BusinessWeek and Forbes, Inc. Richard is the co-founder of TiE Ohio (The Immigrant Entrepreneur) and Global Detroit. Richard is also a board member of The Swedish Chamber of Commerce of Ohio and the Civil Rights Director for LULAC Ohio (League of United Latin American Citizens).

# ENTERTAINMENT



## **LUIS DANYEL FALCON** **National Anthem singer & “The Voice”**

Born in 1980 Munich, Germany, Luis studied voice at the Oral Roberts University. He later continued his educational career at Franklin University graduating with a Master of Science in Marketing and Communications. Luis has had opportunities to sing as a baritone and used his abilities as a counter-tenor with choirs of differing styles including the ORU Chamber Singers. His most recent accomplishment was the singing of the National Anthem for his Graduation from Franklin University on May 2011 at the Veterans Memorial in Columbus, OH.



## **KAREN LABRA - MARIACHI SINGER**

Karen Esperanza Labra was born on April 28, 1997 in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico. Labra and her family immigrated to the states at only 3 years of age. At the age of 7, Labra exposed her talent for the first time Although her first language was Spanish she was getting better adjusted to her second language, English. Through singing, Labra started gaining the ability to write, read, and better her Spanish speaking skills through music as she started to consider herself as a singer., Karen had the chance to sing on the famous Latino show “Sabado Gigante”, sang the National Anthem in many political events, as well as the one of the Cincinnati Reds game in 2011. Labra hopes to grow as a singer in be in the music industry.

## PARADE OF NATIONS & DINNER PERFORMANCE

~Danzo por su Gloria Outreach Ministry

~DiMaris Medina, Youth leader & Founder

~Nancy Hall, Administrative Assistant

### **Youth**

Taliyah Burkes  
Makayla Hutson  
Alex Byers  
Anissa Ingles-Medina

Joy Carson  
Isabel Alberto  
Anna Cobb  
Brianna Montgomery

Alena Cobb  
Amaya Scott  
Neaveh Haskins  
Taylor Trimble

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOLKLOR HISPANO

~ El jarabe tapatio from Jalisco, Mexico

~ La pollera colorao from Colombia

### **DANCERS**

Dariel Bustos  
Rafael Gonzalez  
Stephanie Kiefer

Anthony Morales  
Estephanie Ortiz  
Brenda Uria



# LOIS POE RUST

---

CINCINNATI

Lois Poe Rust, graduate of University of Cincinnati's theater program as well as UC's Master's program in Broadcasting from the College Conservatory of Music, has a passion for helping Hispanic youth in her community. Five years ago, Lois studied Spanish at the Universidad Internacional in Mexico and returned to the U.S. eager to practice her Spanish as much as possible. She started volunteering at the Su Casa Hispanic Center in Cincinnati.

Ms. Rust has been awarded the Pattison Distinguished Teacher Away at the Cincinnati Country Day School, is a member of the Cincinnati Opera Guild, and a Board member for the John L. Margo Board, which awards scholarships to college students in the performing and visual arts. She recently started volunteering for Su Casa's summer program for Latino children, "Vacaciones Utiles".



# LIMITED BRANDS

---

COLUMBUS

Limitedbrands

The brands. The supermodels. The fashion shows. They all speak for themselves. But, behind the glitz and the glamour is a team of dedicated associates from a variety of backgrounds that bring a diverse set of skills, talent and abilities together to ensure that the products we make and customer service we provide fulfill our customers' expectations. At Limited Brands, our commitment to creating a diverse organization and an inclusive culture permeates everything we do. By encouraging a workplace environment where diversity and inclusion is valued, we believe we can attain highly talented associates, suppliers and vendors of different backgrounds and experiences. We also believe that our efforts will reach beyond the walls of our organization and into the communities where we work and live. Limited Brands, through Victoria's Secret, Pink, Bath & Body Works, La Senza and Henri Bendel, is an international company that sells lingerie, personal care and beauty products, apparel and accessories with recorded sales of \$10.5 billion, over 3,000 stores, and more than 90,000 associates worldwide.

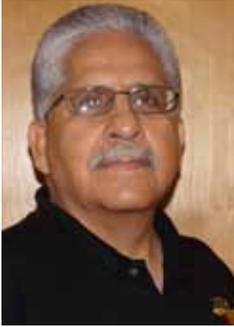


**CONGRATULATIONS TO LULAC MEMBERS AWARDS RECIPIENTS:**

Maritza Motino – “Alma de la Comunidad award”  
Marilyn Zayas-Davis, Esq. – Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan award  
Richard Herman – Nuestra Familia Award



SAVE THE DATE LULAC OHIO CONVENTION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH 2014 WESTIN HOTEL  
COLUMBUS, OH



## MANUEL CARO, PH.D.

---

RIFLE MAN, US MARINE CORPS (RETIRED)  
TOLEDO

A Toledo native, Vietnam veteran Manuel Caro served as a U.S. Marine Corp Infantry rifleman. Already a Purple Heart recipient, Caro was wounded in action by a land mine outside DaNang. In 1988, Newsweek published his article “A Chicano in Vietnam,” which addressed the misrepresentation of Mexican-Americans in the war.

After returning from Vietnam, Caro graduated with Honors from California State University. He obtained an M.P.A. from The Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Ph.D. in English from Bowling Green State University. Caro directed the Center for Multicultural Education at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, as well as the McNair Scholars program at Sienna Heights University in Adrian, Michigan.

Manuel also taught ethnic studies, creative writing, and Vietnam and war studies at various universities and colleges across the nation, including his alma maters, California State University and BGSU. Caro co-founded the Annual Third World Writers and Thinkers Symposium in Sacramento and presented at the Annual National Chicano Writers Conference in Austin, Texas. A consultant for the White House, Caro served on the Vice President’s Youth Employment and Education task force.

Most recently, Caro was an assistant professor and director at The Center for Multicultural Education at Edgewood College. Currently he is reworking his dissertation, “From Homer to Homeboy: Heroism, War and Memory in Chicano Life and Letters,” as a memoir and is completing a collection of poems and essays, titled “Big Kids, Little Kids: Prayers for My Family.”



# HENRY GUZMÁN

---

SERGEANT , US ARMY (RETIRED)

COLUMBUS

Vietnam veteran and graduate of Youngstown State University, Guzmán attended Antioch Law School and Harvard University before moving on to direct numerous departments of Public Service across Ohio. A highly motivated individual, Guzmán also served as an Attorney General and the Governor's Advisor on Hispanic Affairs in Ohio.

Henry serves as a board member for numerous organizations in Cleveland and Columbus, including the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Cleveland Citywide Development Corporation. Henry was also awarded the Presidential Award for Community Involvement by President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Guzmán hosted and produced various radio and television programs as well, including *La Vos Hispana* and *El Noticiero Hispano*, both of which focus on public affairs.



# SGT. LOUIS TORRES

---

SERGEANT, US ARMY (FALLEN HERO)

LORAIN

Lorain native, SGT Louis Torres joined the army in 2008. The Oberlin High School graduate served as Rifleman, Grenadier, Team Leader and Squad Leader during his time overseas. Torres received a Certificate of Completion in Criminal Justice from the Lorain Country Joint Vocational School in 2008.

Louis was wounded in action during a combat patrol in Afghanistan when he knelt down to provide security for his fellow soldiers. During the process another explosive device was triggered which severely wounded him. Torres later succumbed to his wounds while undergoing treatment in Texas.

Louis touched and enriched many lives and commanded great respect, admiration, and love across the Blackhorse Company & 1st Platoon. Louis was revered for his professionalism, and dedication to duty. Louis is fondly remembered as a man of 24-carat character and one outstanding Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer. Sgt. Torres was awarded numerous awards for his dedication to the military, including the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal; Army good conduct medal; National Defense medal, Afghan Campaign medal with Campaign star, Global War on Terrorism medal and Army Good Conduct Medal.



**Who We Are**

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, LEON builds collaborations to educate, empower and advocate within the Latino community in Central Ohio. Through volunteer led initiatives LEON helps to connect people and resources to address issues affecting the Latino community of central Ohio.

**Our History**

LEON was established in 2000, by a group of community leaders and active citizens who saw the need to bring resources and people together to address challenges facing the Latino community of Columbus. Since 2000 LEON has grown into a network of individual community members, health and social service providers, educators, not-for-profit organizations, and companies. LEON is proud to be a network of people and organizations who collaborate to build healthy Latino communities for a healthy Columbus.

For more information on LEON : [leongroup.org](http://leongroup.org)

JOIN US



**LEON & OCHLA GALA COMMITTEE:**

- |                            |   |                          |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Commissioner Mary Santiago | ~ | 2013 DHO Chair           |
| Lourdes Barroso de Padilla | ~ | LEON President           |
| Lilleana Cavanaugh         | ~ | OCHLA Executive Director |
| Thalia Amador              | ~ | LEON Vice President      |
| Melissa Cardenas           | ~ | LEON Treasurer           |
| Lair Marin-Marcum          | ~ | OCHLA Community Liaison  |

## Advise • Connect • Build

The Commission was created by Legislative Act and signed into Law by Governor James Rhodes on July 8, 1977. The purpose of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is to advise state government on issues affecting Hispanic Ohioans, to connect the diverse Latino communities across the state, and to build the capacity of community Organizations so they may better serve the growing Latino population of Ohio.

### CORE VALUES

***Building cooperation and understanding between Hispanic Ohioans and Government*** by providing Hispanics with information, resources and by informing the Governor, Legislature and state agencies about Hispanic issues throughout the State.

***Collaborating with the community*** by promoting community awareness, education, engagement and inclusion in mainstream society to ensure Latinos are part of the foundation and fabric of the state.

***Partnering with state agencies to create institutional change*** to assure equity and access to culturally competent programs and services for Latinos.

Identifying Hispanic Ohioans issues and concerns through public policy analysis and data driven outcome-based research in order to create awareness of issues to form the foundation for institutional and systemic change in the Ohio state government.

***Engaging with the National Latino Agenda*** and aligning our initiatives with the efforts that seek the integration and empowerment of Hispanic and Latinos in the United States.

***Planning the work of the commission based on strategic priorities*** that consistently impact and address the needs of the Latino community in Ohio.

***Encouraging new ideas and supporting openness and acceptance of differing ideas or beliefs.*** The commission respects the opinions of others and will provide a safe environment for all voices, opinions, ideas and beliefs.

Visit us!

Homepage: <http://ochla.ohio.gov>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ochla>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ohiolatinocomm>

# 2013~2014 Board of Commissioners

MICHAEL G. FLOREZ, Chair  
Cincinnati

IRIS MARTINEZ JUERGENS  
Dayton

BALDEMAR VELAQUEZ  
Toledo

V. ANOTHY SIMMS-HOWELL -- Cincinnati

MARY J. SANTIAGO  
Lorain

RICHARD ROMERO  
Lorain

LUIS "TONY" ORTIZ  
Beavercreek

REV. MAX RODAS  
Cleveland

Legislative Members of the Board

SEN. GAYLE MANNING  
District 13th ~ Huron, Lorain, Seneca

REP. DAN RAMOS  
District 56th ~ Lorain County

SEN. CHARLETTA TAVARES  
District 15th ~ Franklin

REP. MATT LYNCH  
Columbus



## Join Us!

### 1st Annual Ohio Hispanic Workforce & Economic Development Summit

November 7, 2013

**Hollywood Casino**

200 Georgesville Rd  
Columbus, OH 43228

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Register today!

<http://hispanictalentdevelopment.com/EDP-ohio.php>

**Ohio** Latino Affairs Commission

Sponsored by

HOLLYWOOD Casino | HONDA | Coca-Cola | FIFTH THIRD BANK | Wendy's

El Sol de Ohio | CONNEXUS | GrapeVine Columbus.com | Ohio Latino Affairs Commission | ECDI | SBA | OhioDAS | Ohio Development Services Agency | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services | Jon Husted Ohio Secretary of State

### TOPICS

- Leadership Development • Starting and Funding your Business •
- Growing your Business • Selling to State Government & Private Sector •
- Micro-Financing • Technical Assistance • Registering your Business & Brands •
- Available services from State and Federal Government •

## **Save the Date!**

### **Latino Education Summit**

**Wednesday, March 5th, 2014  
The Ohio State University**

### **Multicultural Civil Rights Town Hall**

**April 22, 2013  
Columbus, Ohio**

### **Hispanic Legislative Day**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
Ohio Statehouse**

### **Latino Health Summit**

**August 8, 2014  
Columbus, Ohio**

### **Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards**

**Friday, October 10, 2014  
Columbus, Ohio**

# Why search across 50 states when you're trying to hire in one?



Ohio and Monster have teamed up to help big and small businesses match up with the best talent across the state. Ohio means jobs uses advanced tools and filters to narrow down your employee search to a manageable number of resumes, saving you time and effort.

If you're looking to hire in Ohio, look no further.



**Faster Filters.  
Better Results.**

# Thank You To All Our Sponsors

