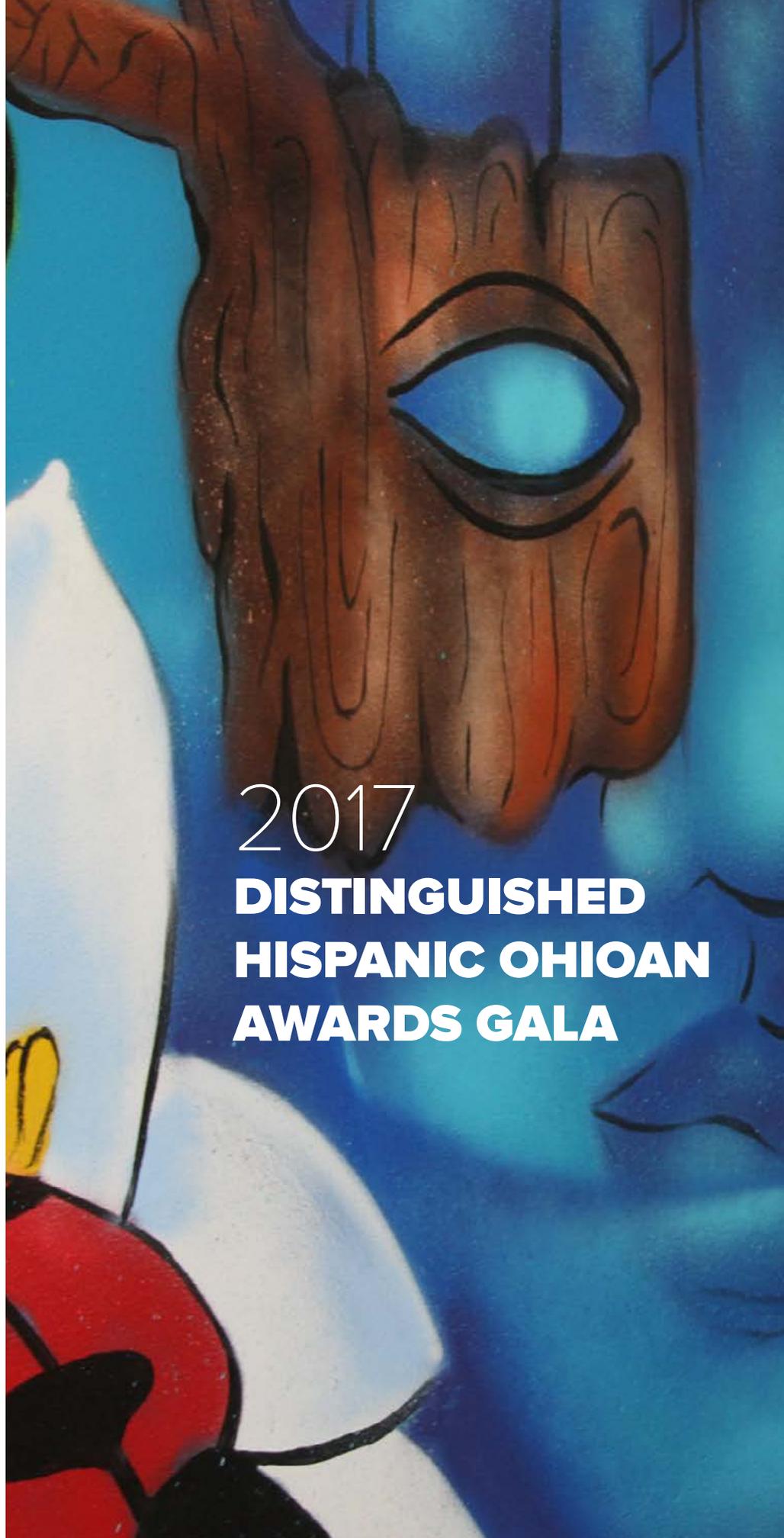




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Daniel Minera, Cincinnati

Eréndira López-García, Yellow Springs



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Julio Cesar Castro, Private First
Class, U.S. Army, Cleveland

Sabrina Jimenez, Staff Sergeant,
Ohio Air National Guard, Columbus

Dan Molina, Sr., Chief Ward Master,
Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army,
Blue Ash

José Rosales, Staff Sergeant—E6,
U.S. Marine Corps, Oregon

Audali José Torres, Lance Corporal,
U.S. Marine Corps, Lorain



OSU DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION “DISTINGUISHED LATINX SERVICE AWARD”

Tracy Najera, Ph.D



Latino Affairs
Commission



Advise • Connect • Build

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission 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 fast growing population of Ohio.

The commission serves as a liaison between government and the Hispanic/Latino community in Ohio and advocates the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the Hispanic/Latino Ohioans, especially but not limited to education, employment, economic development, health and housing.

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Welcome Performance

Miss Ohio Latinas

Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Welcome

Yolanda Zepeda, Assistant Vice Provost, Office of Diversity and Inclusion,
The Ohio State University

Tony Ortiz, Chair, Ohio Latino Affairs Commission

Lilleana Cavanaugh, Executive Director, Ohio Latino Affairs Commission

Invocation

Rev. Juan Rivera, Commissioner, Ohio Latino Affairs Commission

Dinner Break & Entertainment

Kimberly Monzón, Soprano, Jiung Yoon, Pianist

“El majo discreto” by Enrique Granados

“La maja y el Ruiseñor” from the opera Goyescas by Enrique Granados

Keynote Address

Margarita De León, Vice President for The Kaleidoscope Group

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 14, 2017

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

Dear Friends:

Please allow me to extend my congratulations as the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) celebrates its 37th Annual Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala, in partnership with The Ohio State University.

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is an important cultural influence in our state. The Public Policy Center, Latino Community Network, and Organizations Development Center each have a positive impact on the quality of life in the community and in our state. In partnership with the OCHLA, The Ohio State University is dedicated to the development and support of programs to educate and empower Latinos. Through your joint dedication to advise, connect, and build, you have strengthened families, communities and the very fabric of our state.

Thank you and congratulations again on your 37th Annual Awards Gala. I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 14, 2017

Ms. Lilleana Cavanaugh, MBA, CPM
Executive Director
Ohio Latino Affairs Commission
Riffe Center
77 South High Street, 18th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Ms. Cavanaugh,

I extend my warmest welcome to all gathered at 2017 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala presented by the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission and The Ohio State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion. I applaud the outstanding dedication of you and your staff to preserving and promoting the Hispanic culture in the community and across the state of Ohio.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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Senator
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Honored Guests,

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! On behalf of Governor Kasich and our Board of Commissioners, we welcome you to the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards celebration.

In the midst of a year that has deeply touched our community, we are honored to come together to celebrate the people that are building and supporting Latinos in Ohio. This year's theme: - "Soñar, Creer, Triunfar" ("Dream, Believe, Succeed") - is a reminder of the resilience and faith that are the foundation of our people, and the promise that we will persevere and together work for a better tomorrow.

We deeply appreciate the opportunity to partner with The Ohio State University to present this year's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans, Nuestra Familia (Our Family) and the Latino Military Service of Distinction Awards. Tonight's awardees represent the true meaning of servant leaders, and their contributions extend far beyond what we can highlight. We encourage you to meet all of those being recognized and learn how they are helping to make Ohio a great place to live and raise a family.

We thank you for helping us make our dream of creating a Latino Scholarship Fund a reality. Tonight, we present the first three scholarships to deserving Hispanic/Latino students who are pursuing their careers at The Ohio State University.

In closing, I would like to recognize all those who have served on the board of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission throughout its 40 years of existence. We are grateful for your leadership, service and dedication.

Congratulations again to all our deserving awardees!



Tony Ortiz
Chairman of the Board





October 5, 2017

Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs
Riffe Center, 19th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Greetings:

The Ohio State University is proud to host the 2017 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala in partnership with the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission.

I congratulate this year's award recipients. Their outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service uplift Latino communities across the state.

I extend a warm welcome to leaders from Ohio's business, education and community sectors, family members and colleagues of the awardees and to all who have come together in celebration.

Ohio State is proud to join you in celebrating our honorees and the contributions of Ohio's Latinos to the state's rich and diverse quality of life.

Sincerely,

Michael V. Drake, MD
President



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Margarita De León

Vice President,
The Kaleidoscope Group

Margarita De León is Vice President for The Kaleidoscope Group, a global, full service diversity and inclusion consulting firm, based in Chicago. She has worked with The Kaleidoscope Group over the past 20 years securing, leading and managing clients on their Diversity & Inclusion journeys. Margarita facilitates diversity and inclusion training throughout the United States and other parts of the globe. In 2013 through 2014, she facilitated Inclusion Training while on a 4 month global tour of 17 different countries.

Margarita has enjoyed an impressive career that spans close to 40 years, including 17 in the healthcare industry. Her professionalism and leadership has elevated the presence of Ohio's Latino community as a strategic and important partner in all segments of the state. She is the former publisher of BRAVO Magazine, Ohio's first Hispanic magazine.

She founded IMAGE of Northwest Ohio, a local chapter of a national Latino advocacy organization. The annual Diamante Awards and scholarship program, established under IMAGE, will celebrate its 28th anniversary this year. The Diamante Awards celebrates over 30 endowed Latino scholarship recipients at five partner universities annually and celebrates regional Latino leaders for their contributions. Margarita continues to serve as an advisor and fundraising consultant to the partnership. Over \$1M has been raised for Latino college scholarship over the 28 because of her efforts.

Margarita has received many awards for her social justice, advocacy and entrepreneurial work: Girl Scouts of Western Ohio's 2015 Women of Distinction Award for Community Responsibility; the 2013 Adelante Cesar Chavez Humanitarian Award; 2012 Community Advocacy Award presented by Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.; Distinguished Alumni Award from Bowling Green State University in 2009; induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame (October 2000); the national Ana Maria Arias Memorial Business Fund Award from the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (2002); the Ohio Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year Award from the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce for BRAVO (2002); the Entrepreneurial Businesswoman of the Year Award from the Lorain County Urban League and Cleveland's Hispanic Business Association (2004); and the Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Award from the local chapter of the National Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2006. In 2007, she received the Estrella Award from the University of Toledo for helping to found the Latino Youth Summit and for the Diamante Latino Scholars campaign she spearheaded.



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Congratulations to our senior inclusion advisor,

MARY STAGAMAN

on being a visionary, collaborator
and maker of change.



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Tracy Najera, Ph.D.

Tracy Najera believes that education has the potential to change lives. She has devoted her professional career to supporting children and their families by promoting and advocating for high quality educational experiences. Tracy is a Senior Consultant with Education First, a national school improvement consulting firm. Previously, she served in policy and research roles with Battelle for Kids, KidsOhio and Children's Defense Fund Ohio.

Tracy has a long history of volunteerism, leadership, and advocacy. As an undergraduate student at the Ohio State University, she served as Alpha Chapter president of Alpha Psi Lambda, the nation's first co-ed Latino-interest fraternity, and was engaged with Que Pasa Magazine, Hispanic Oversight Committee, and the Latino studies program. She continued her passion for public service through volunteerism with the Columbus Rotary Club, Dress for Success Columbus, the United Way of Central Ohio and as a member of the Alumni Society Board for the Glenn College of Public Affairs. This past March, the Ohio Department of Education appointed Tracy to serve a five-year term on board of the State Library of Ohio.

A proud graduate of the Ohio State University (BA, Intl Stds; MPA, Public Affairs; PhD, Educ Admin), Tracy lives in Columbus, Ohio with her husband, Israel, and their two children, Riley and Tatiana.

LATINX STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP **AWARDEES**

Glorivee Mendez Mendez

Pre-health/pre-medicine



"When I was 16, I witnessed two babies' deliveries, and my passion for obstetrics grew without measure."

Juan Varela

Architecture



"I aspire to be at the forefront of affordable and sustainable housing and environmentally friendly design."

Jessica Pantaleon Camacho

Social Work



"I will work to improve the harsh treatment that migrant families endure to access the United States."

Carmen Barbosa

Founding Member and Secretary,
Spanish-American Organization
Toledo



Carmen was born in Texas after her parents emigrated from Mexico as migrant farmworkers. The family moved north to Elmore, Ohio to seek a better life. Carmen moved to Toledo in second grade, attending Waite High School and Owens Community College. She retired as a salesperson and supervisor from McNaughton McKay/Kiemle Hankins.

Carmen's career in community service and volunteerism is wide-ranging and lengthy. Carmen is a past secretary of the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (OHCC) and secretary of the Ohio Hispanic Republican Assembly (OHRA), which helped Hispanics learn about the Republican Party and its political platform in Ohio.

Carmen is a past pastoral council member at Little Flower Church and currently serves as vice president of its Altar Rosary Society and as a Eucharistic Minister. Carmen is also a founding member of the Spanish-American Organization (SAO), which helps Hispanics through scholarships and education. She is currently the SAO secretary and has served as President. Carmen has co-chaired Midwest LatinoFest and organizes Latino Heritage Night at a Mud Hens game each summer.

Carmen Rodriguez- Barbosa is married to Ricardo Barbosa, is the mother of two adult children and has three grandchildren. Carmen also spends her spare time volunteering at Swanton Health Care and is a long-term member of Latins United social club. Carmen enjoys working and helping people.

Jenice Contreras

Executive Director,
Hispanic Business Center
Cleveland

Jenice Contreras has established her career as a leader in small business development, nonprofit and healthcare industries by directing new initiatives and coordinating organizational efforts to execute key business strategies. From 2006 to 2016 Ms. Contreras served on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & Business Center. In her current role as Executive Director, she is responsible for establishing and/or strengthening relationships through multiple business development agencies by establishing partnerships and programs to ensure opportunities for minority businesses.

Formerly, Jenice was Director of Development and HIV Services for Care Alliance Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center focused on addressing the healthcare needs of individuals experiencing homelessness or living in public housing. She then worked as a Public Health Consultant with Collaborative Research, LLC which supports local municipalities across 13 states by administering federal grants through the Health and Resources Services Administration (HRSA).

Jenice is a proud graduate of the Cleveland Municipal School District. She earned her Bachelors of Arts from Capital University and Executive Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University, Fisher College



of Business. In 2009, she was appointed by Mayor Frank Jackson to serve on the City of Cleveland's Community Relations Board.

Ms. Contreras is bilingual and bicultural, and is extensively involved in minority leadership efforts in her community. Stemming from her dynamic involvement with community programs and success in pursuing funding, she is dedicated to her personal initiatives and remains a strong leader in the nonprofit community.

Francisco-Xavier Gómez-Bellengé

Associate to the Dean,
Fisher College of Business
Columbus



Francisco-Xavier Gómez-Bellengé is Associate to the Dean in the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. He completed doctoral coursework in education at Cleveland State University, holds an M.A. in Medical Anthropology from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Arizona.

Francisco taught for the Bilingual Programs in both Washington, D.C. and Cleveland, Ohio, working with Spanish-speaking immigrants. Later, he worked with Hispanic and other urban youth as part of Ohio State's Young Scholars Program. In the College of Education, he directed a research center and published research on Spanish and English language acquisition in academic journals and conferences.

In his current position, Francisco coordinates the accreditation of the Fisher College of Business; leads a variety of diversity initiatives and teaches a graduate course on Managing Diversity. As past co-chair of the Ohio State Hispanic Oversight Committee, he authored a report on Hispanics at Ohio State. He is on the board of the Central Ohio Diversity Consortium; founding officer and Executive Vice-President of Prospanica Columbus and advisor to the Fisher Graduate Latino Association and the Hispanic Business Student Association. He recently completed an academic enrichment program for Latina High School girls focused on Entrepreneurship with Girls Heart Reading Ohio. He has made numerous professional presentations in the field of diversity and published on academic topics such as Health and Retirement and early literacy.

Eréndira López-García

Associate Director of Clinical
Training, Wright State University
School of Professional Psychology
Dayton

Eréndira has extensive remarkable history in establishing and delivering community outreach programs to the Latino community in Ohio. She is the co-founder of Latinas in Ohio: Facing Challenges and Taking Action initiative that emerged with the intent of facilitating community building among Latinas while celebrating their unique experience of being female and a new immigrant. She has been key in building supportive networks during her workshops in the community leaving many of them feeling less isolated, anxious, and depressed. This workshop has been delivered in Oxford, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Loraine and it is continuously growing. The results of this workshop have been successful enough to be presented to scholars at the National Latino Psychological Association (San Antonio, Texas) and University of Oviedo (Spain).

Eréndira's work is well respected for her academia and her genuine engagement with the Latino community. As a result, she has been invited to be the keynote speaker in several conferences such as Alliance for Immigrant Women (Cincinnati), Latino Mental Health (Cleveland), and Recreational Therapy



Association (Cincinnati/Dayton). She is the author of a chapter, The Latino Student, in the book *Inclusive education: When learning becomes a common ground*, co-author of *The Future of Immigrant Families and Counseling Services* (in press), and an active scholar participant in national and international conferences addressing mental health issues and topics on disabilities and Latino and cross-cultural issues.

Daniel Minera

Director of Hispanic Outreach,
City Gospel Mission
Cincinnati



Mr. Minera is the Director of Hispanic Outreach at City Gospel Mission. His role includes connecting with and empowering local organizations and churches serving the Hispanic/Latino communities in Cincinnati. He works

with over 400 Hispanic youths every year, by providing programs such as; Youth Leadership Retreats, Sports Camps, Character based events, and International Mission Trips just to name a few. Daniel serves as one of the seven Board Members to the Cincinnati Public School Board of Education. He was elected in 2013 as the first Latino to public office in Cincinnati. He also serves on numerous boards, such as; Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati Foundation, Live-A-Language Foundation and Amigo Ministries.

Mr. Minera and his wife Anna live in College Hill with their 17-month-old baby girl, Liliana, and their four boys Arturo, Daniel, Benjamin, and Elias. Daniel is an alumnus of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Leadership program “Leadership Cincinnati” Class 40. He is a public official, serving for the Cincinnati Public School Board of Education, for the past four years. For his service to hundreds of Hispanic students and service to multiple community organizations, he received the “Jim Semon Impact Award” by the Anthony Muñoz Foundation. Daniel is a registered pastor and very active in his church community.

Reverend Rolando Rojas

Pastor,
Spanish Evangelical Church
Youngstown

Reverend Rolando Rojas has been pastor for 23 years, of which 17 of those years have been spent at Spanish Evangelical Church in Youngstown, Ohio, a bilingual, multicultural, urban ministry. Rev. Rojas served 10 years as the Presbyter for the *Ohio Section of the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God*. He is presently serving as the Youngstown, Ohio, representative for the *National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference*.

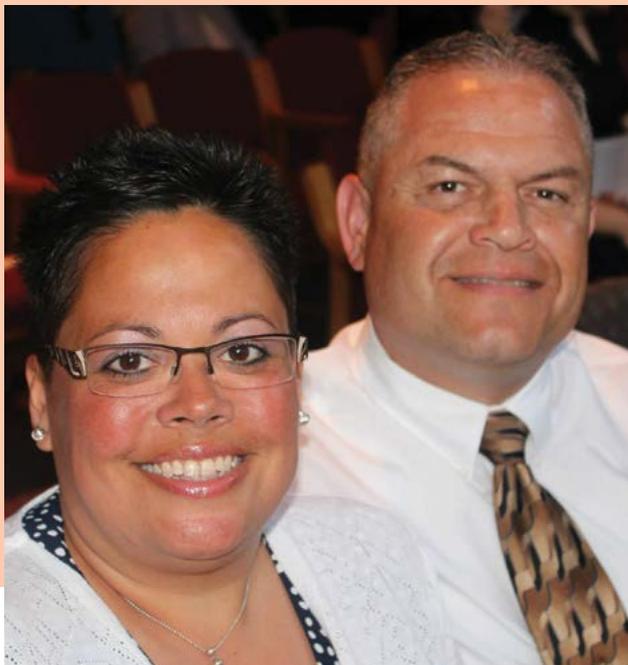
Reverend Rolando Rojas has been happily married to, and ministers with, his wife, Ruth Esther Rojas, for 31 years. He is the proud father of three great children; Alyssa Estelle Perez, Rolando Jr. and Jessica Elise. Pastor Rojas lived in Puerto Rico for five years where he studied Pastoral Ministry at the Colegio Teológico Del Caribe De Las Asambleas de Dios.

Rev. Rojas currently serves as a board member on the Ohio Valley Teen Challenge organization, an Alcoholism treatment program in Youngstown, Ohio; is cofounder and is leading a community-based outreach organization in the city of Youngstown called *NOW Youngstown*, and serves on several pastoral and ministerial organizations. All this demonstrates the passionate and committed way he lives out his motto, which is, "Here to serve."



Ricardo & Terri Soto

Police Officer (SGT), and
Treasurer, City of Lorain
Lorain



Ricardo Soto is serving as a Lorain Police Department Sergeant, assigned to the Traffic Division as the Traffic Commissioner. He is a 27-year veteran of the police force and is currently the Team Commander of the Crisis Negotiations Team. He is a certified Traffic Crash Reconstructionist and leads the departments Project Lifesavers program.

In his spare time, Rick is a Trustee for the Mexican American Citizens Club and past Vice-President of the Lorain International Association. Some of his volunteer time is with his church, Sacred Heart Chapel, and is currently a member of FOP Lodge #3 in Lorain.

Terri Soto serves as the Treasurer for the City of Lorain. She has worked in local and county government for over 17 years and has committed herself to the betterment of the public she serves.

Terri is also the current Treasurer for the Lorain Mexican American Citizens Club, and as a Trustee for the Lorain Historical Society. On her off time, she is a volunteer for the Lorain Police Lodge #3 Shop with a Cop Program and helps with her church, in the Finance Ministry as a counter. She was a 1990 Lorain International Princess, a past President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Lorain International Association, and along with her husband Rick, was past Co-Chairs of the Lorain International Festival and Bazaar.

Rick and Terri have been married for 25 years. They have two daughters, Terra, a graduate of the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at the University of Findlay, and Taylor, a senior attending Butler University, studying Psychology in hopes of becoming an Industrial Psychologist.

Belle Harbour Management of Ohio

Anamaria Perales-Lang
Mid-West Regional Director
Columbus

Belle Harbour Capital, L.L.C. was founded by Ivan Wolpert as the result of a dream to invest in real estate the “right way”. After 12 years of practicing real estate law for a major NY law firm, and representing some of the country’s largest financial institutions and developers, Ivan’s dream became a reality as he went out on his own to build communities and create a company that not only became successful but possess a heart, soul, and ethos in which he is very proud.

Belle Harbour has been involved in numerous transactions including saving a failed condominium complex & low income housing projects, as well as renovating large office buildings not only in New York City area but also in the Midwest. Belle Harbour has truly made its mark and defined itself in the Columbus area through its Midwestern management company, Belle Harbour Management of Ohio, led by Anamaria Perales-Lang, and through its property specific entities, owns and manages over 1000 residential units in the Columbus area.

The Belle Harbour staff like to refer to “The Belle Harbour Way” as a short-hand for how they conduct their business. Belle Harbour properties are places where there are no “tenants” only residents. Here their residents don’t live in complexes but in communities, where regardless of where they come from, their skin color or ethnicity, are treated with dignity and respect.



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Belle Harbour invests in their communities in a myriad of ways: endeavoring to maintain a top flight physical plant as well as regular events for their residents along with bringing in programs such as Ohio Health and Red Cross, to name a few. In addition, Belle Harbour invests in the community by participating and partnering with groups such as BBBS, Columbus City Schools, LMA, Proyecto Mariposas, Guadalupe Center, Small Business Development Centers, and many others, working together to build a better environment. They believe that the communities’ greatest assets are not spacious rooms or pools but our people.

Ted Bergh

CEO, Catholic Social Services
Cincinnati



With more than 30 years of senior executive experience leading businesses and serving the community, Ted Bergh became the CEO of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio in 2012. He's committed to the nonprofit agency's mission to enlighten, serve, and empower the community.

Mr. Bergh served as the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Interim Executive Director before joining Catholic Charities. Prior to that, he was the Executive Director for Everybody Rides Metro

from 2006 to 2009 and the CFO for Metro and Secretary/Treasurer for the SORTA Board from 2005 to 2009. He served as the CFO for the Cincinnati Enquirer from 1993-2004 and as the CFO for the Gannett Company Inc., for three newspaper markets from 1984 to 1993.

Dedicated to service, Mr. Bergh has served as:

- Chair of the Mayor's Immigration Task Force, Community Resources and Development Sub-committee (2012-2014);
- Steering Committee of Leadership Cincinnati (2009 to 2012);
- Publisher Advisory Board of St. Anthony Messenger (1997 to 2012);
- St. Vincent de Paul's Cincinnati Council Conference Life Committee (2006 to 2012), Chair (2009);
- Dads Club Treasurer of the Ursuline Academy (2006-2009);
- Board of Trustees for the Ohio Newspaper Association (1998 to 2004), President (2004); and
- Treasurer for Neediest Kids of All (2002-2004).

Mr. Bergh earned his BA in Economics from Colgate University in 1975, an MBA in Finance from Cornell University in 1980 and an MA in Theology from Xavier University in 2001.

Pat McDonald

President and CEO, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
Cleveland

Pat McDonald is the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections where he has been the leader of the agency for five years following five years as Deputy Director. He has demonstrated his deep commitment to various minority groups by creating initiatives and partnerships aimed at increasing voter education in the Latino Community, which makes up 4% of the Cuyahoga County's population.

Collaboration with minority communities is one of his highest priorities. Cuyahoga County is home to over a million people and has close to 900,000 registered voters. It is a mosaic of diverse people and cultures who are working together with the Board for greater inclusion in the voting process.

During Director McDonald's tenure, the Board has become a valuable resource for the Latinos and Spanish Speaking voters. Here are some examples:

- Starting in 2010 the Board began utilizing bilingual ballots making the agency the first in the state to provide bilingual ballots to voters.
- The Board provides the community with a Bilingual Coordinator with the sole focus of providing voter education to Latinos.
- The Board has conducted hundreds of outreach events and presentations independently and in conjunction with other groups and organizations. These include Latino related parades, festivals and voter registration drives.
- All voter information utilizes a bilingual format including a Spanish Language website and Voter Hotline.
- The Board hires hundreds of bilingual polls workers each year to assist voters on election days and provides a Spanish language voter hotline.



Our Lady of the Rosary

Jacki Loffer, Director
Dayton



Our Lady of the Rosary School is an outreach ministry of Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Region XII within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For over 128 years, this small school has been serving students in grades K-8 from the Dayton area and remains a stronghold in the community.

With an average enrollment over the last several years of around 200 students, OLR school serves a diverse ethnic population with 85% of our students living in poverty. With a growing population of Hispanic and refugee families attending OLR school, they have increased their support for ESL learners and all students in grades K-3.

Through their City Connect Program, OLR can identify non-academic barriers for all the students and focus on the best academic plan for each student. With supportive and creative community partners, they have found success pairing the students and families with the services they need. This in turn allows for OLR to focus on instruction and moving their students towards success.

Our Lady of the Rosary School strives to live the message that they are “One Body, Many Parts”. They have embraced their diversity, accepted the challenges each student brings, and committed themselves to meeting each student at their level.

Cecilia Render

Executive Director, Nordson
Corporation Foundation
Westlake

Cecilia is currently the Executive Director of the Nordson Corporation Foundation based in Westlake, OH. She has been at the Foundation since 1999 starting as the Program Officer. Prior to Nordson, Cecilia was employed in the field of education. She is actively involved in the Philanthropy Ohio Education Advisory Committee and Corporate Funders group, ReachHigher, the Lorain County P-16 council, and the STEM education workgroup with the Association of Corporate Contribution Professionals. She has worked as an advisor for Cleveland Scholarship Programs and the Educational Opportunity Program at Tri-C. Cecilia has also been a part-time instructor at Cleveland State University in the School of Education.

She holds a M.Ed. from CSU with a concentration in Adult Learning and Development and a B.A. in Psychology with a concentration in Child Development from Smith College. Cecilia is the 2015 Leadership Lorain County Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Leadership recipient and is currently on the boards of Philanthropy Ohio and Association of Corporate Contributions Professionals.



Mary Stagaman

Senior Inclusion Advisor,
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Cincinnati



Mary Stagaman was named senior inclusion advisor for the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber in 2016 and champions the Chamber's strategic directive to "model inclusion in everything we do." This includes leadership of *Diverse by Design™*, a regional initiative to build a more diverse

workforce and a more inclusive community that has engaged more than 150 organizations and hundreds of individuals across the region.

With more than 60 community partners, Mary has led the creation of Cincinnati Compass, a portal connecting immigrants and community for a stronger Cincinnati. She has also hosted and supported the Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative for the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission. In 2015, Mary received the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission's Merlin G. Pope, Jr. Award for leadership and commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Prior to joining the chamber in 2010 as executive director of Agenda 360, a regional action plan, Mary was the chief marketing officer and Presidential Deputy for Community Engagement for the University of Cincinnati. Mary's career has been characterized by extensive community involvement and she currently serves on the boards of United Way, ArtsWave, The Corporation for Findlay Market, and Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati. She is a past chair of The Women's Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Mary and her husband, Ron Kull, reside in downtown Cincinnati.

UC Medical Clinic

Student-Run Free Clinic
Cincinnati



They are a team of University of Cincinnati (UC) students, supported by academic and community leaders, working to establish a clinic serving the unmet needs of the Latino and uninsured communities in the Greater Cincinnati area. The team was formed in May 2016 by four students who noticed significant unmet health needs of the Latino populations in which they were working. The team spent time learning more about the disparity, the existing resources and clinic models, and forming relationships with key stakeholders in their community.

They have since grown to include 42 graduate and undergraduate students studying medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and Spanish language -- all excited about advocating for the health of Latinos in their community. With funding support through the Cincinnati Center for Clinical & Translational Science & Training (CCTST), the team is conducting an initial community needs assessment in hopes of better understanding methods to partner with patients and community members. The students are currently working with UC faculty and administration as well as community partners to solidify infrastructure of the clinic in hopes of opening in January 2018.

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Julio Cesar Castro

Private First Class, U.S. Army
Cleveland

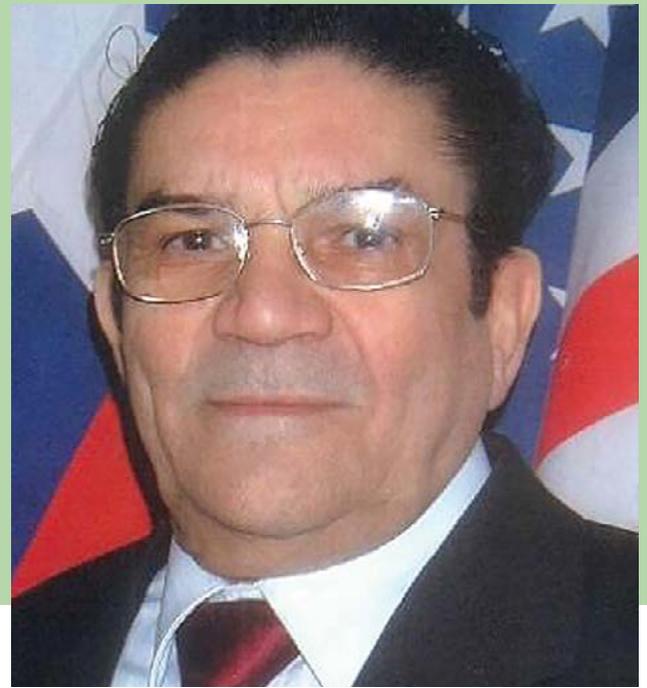
Julio Cesar Castro, better known as “Cesi,” was born on September 11, 1935 to Julio Alberto Castro and Gertrudis Quiñones in Yauco, Puerto Rico. In 1954, at the age of 19, Cesi left for Cleveland, Ohio for better job opportunities.

Upon his arrival in Cleveland, Cesi immediately began working menial jobs, until he landed a well-paying job at Ford Motor Company in 1957.

In 1958, he met Norma Luz Aponte at a church function in Lorain, Ohio. Two days later, Cesi left Cleveland to serve in the U.S. Army and upon his return from Germany in 1960, he officially began his courtship with Norma. On November 4, 1961, Cesi and Norma got married at the Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain.

Cesi was still working for Ford until the spring of 1967, when he decided to go into business for himself. He worked tirelessly for his community, and for his efforts, energy, and perseverance, he was honored on September 10, 1996 as a “Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan” by The Commission of Spanish-Speaking Affairs.

Cesi and his wife Maria had have four children: Maria Elena, Cesar, Rico, and Gertrudis (Trudy), seven grandchildren: Frankie, Antonio, Bianca, Michael, Marissa, Veronica, and Gabriella, and two great-grandchildren: Jovan and Mariano. At the time of his passing on June 11, 2017,



Cesi and Norma had been married for 55 ½ years and had just celebrated their 50 years in business, making them the owners of the oldest Latino business in the City of Cleveland. Cesi will be greatly missed as the leader of his family, a beloved friend and mentor, a pillar of the community, and a well-known and respected businessman.

Sabrina Jimenez

Staff Sergeant, Ohio Air
National Guard
Columbus



Sabrina Vanessa Jimenez was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio on November 15, 1995. She enlisted in 2013 at the age of 17 in the Ohio Air National Guard. She shipped off to basic training two days after her high school graduation at Hilliard Bradley High school in 2014. She is a Military Personnel Specialist and recently graduated Airmen Leadership School at Maxwell

Air Force Base. SSgt Jimenez is a valued and respected member at the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio Air National Guard. She is currently attending Columbus State Community College to pursue a degree in nursing. In her free time, she volunteers at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center.

Staff Sergeant Sabrina V. Jimenez is a young and upcoming leader at the Ohio Air National Guard. As a 121st Air Refueling Wing member, SSgt Jimenez has shown her ability to lead and demonstrates excellence as a Military Personnel Specialist. She is always one of the first to volunteer leaders in her squadron. She has taken on the role to manage the Logistics Readiness Squadron's New Comers In-processing program. Her cheerful demeanor and positivity encourage younger, less experienced members to seek her out for assistance. She provides direction for those Airmen. As the Wing First Sergeant, SSgt Jimenez strives to become a future leader at the 121st Air Refueling Wing.

SSgt Jimenez is currently working at the Ohio Air National Guard. She recently graduated from Airmen Leadership School (in residence). Although she is early in her career, she continues to be a leader amongst her peers. She oversees the Logistics Readiness Group New Comers Sponsor Program within the squadron.

Daniel Molina Sr.

Chief Ward Master, Sergeant
First Class, U.S. Army
Cincinnati

Born in Havana, Cuba, Dan Molina has been a Cincinnati Resident since 1965. He has been married to Maria for 45 years. The Molina's have four children: Yvonne France (Eric), Dan (Hilary), Adam (Binnur), Roland (Annette) and 11 grandchildren.

Military Service: Distinguished service to Country in the U. S Army during Vietnam Era (72-75). Received Commendation for Saving an Infant's Life, Assistant- in-Charge of Troop Medical Clinic providing care for 15,000 troops. Member of elite Mountain Rescue Team. Served in U.S. Army Reserves 311th Medical Detachment as Chief Ward Master, Sergeant First Class (1977-1982).

Career: After 13 years in Real Estate, Dan became Real Estate Broker and launched Molina Real Estate Services in 2016. He has served the Hispanic Community by enabling many Latinos to become first-time home owners.

Worked as Licensed Practical Nurse; National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Chemist/Industrial Hygienist, Procter & Gamble Research Associate, Product Development Project Manager for Hewitt Soap Company and Nursing Home Administrator for several Senior Centers/Health Care Facilities.

Community Service/Awards: Known as Moeller High School's "Gallopig Ghost from the Cuban Coast" for his speed as football running back; member of St Saviour Grade School Athletic



Board, Deer Park Soccer League Coach. Past Board Memberships in LULAC Cincinnati, Cincinnati Board of Health and English Language Learning Foundation (ELL). Recipient of League of United Latin American Citizens Community Award (2008); Su Casa Community Service Award (2005) for "Service and Sacrifice Serving the Greater Cincinnati Hispanic Community."

Education: Bachelor of Science, University of Cincinnati (1979); MBA, Xavier University (1994).

José Rosales

Staff Sergeant – E6,
US Marine Corps
Toledo



José Rosales was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. In May 2002, José enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Upon graduation from boot camp and Marine Combat Training (MCT), José was assigned to Basic Combat Engineer Course at Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, NC. Upon graduation from Basic Combat Engineer Course, he was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 471, Detachment Bravo in Mount Clemens, Michigan. During 2015, Staff Sgt. Rosales served as the Joint Operations Chief for the Innovative Readiness Training program through the department of defense, providing leadership for over 300 personnel during the summer 2015, where the mission included the

construction of four staff cabins, ADA compliant pedestrian bridge and a new dining facility for the Boy Scouts of America.

Professionally, José currently works for Toledo Public Schools as a Career and Technology Education Student Liaison. Prior to this role, José worked at The University of Toledo as an Academic Adviser. He has earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from UT, and is currently a Ph.D Candidate in the Educational Theory and Social Foundations program, where he has been highlighted in the Student Showcase for his academic achievement that includes presenting qualitative research findings that brings graduate students to engage with members of the African American and Latino communities, to create cultural competence and to help future educators learn more about the communities in which they serve.

José has received honors and awards that include the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the 20 Under 40 Community Leadership Award, Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter 2015 Brother of the Year for Outstanding Commitment and Service to Organization, and the University of Toledo Shining Star Award for Outstanding Staff. José has been nominated for honors and awards such as the Dr. Lancelot Thompson Service to Students Award, Academic Adviser of the Year, and Student Organization Advisor of the Year.

José serves on the following boards: Adelante, Inc.—The Latino Resource Center, The University of Toledo Alumni Association Board of Trustees.

Audali José Torres

Lance Corporal,
U.S. Marine Corps
Lorain

My name is Audali J. Torres, but everyone knows me as A.J. or Nacho. I graduated from Lorain Admiral King High School in 1980, and attended Lorain Community College for one year before serving in the United States Marine Corps. After leaving with an honorable discharge, I worked for The Ohio State Highway Patrol for over 26 years. I received trooper of the year for my post four times, as well as multiple awards from the State Highway Patrol and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Before retiring, I finished my degree in Police Science and currently work as a Police Officer in Sheffield Lake.

I have always been involved with my community, first as a youth minister and later by attending Catholic youth conferences. I currently help the church with fundraising. I have volunteered with Operation Open Heart for the past 26 years, taking children in need on various outings. For the last 15 years I have been traveling to Central America to give toys, school materials, and medical supplies to children and the elderly. I am currently sponsoring my fourth student in El Salvador and will be making my 15th trip on October 18th. Last year, I lost a friend and co-worker. Since his tragic death, I have raised funds to cover funeral expenses, attended memorials

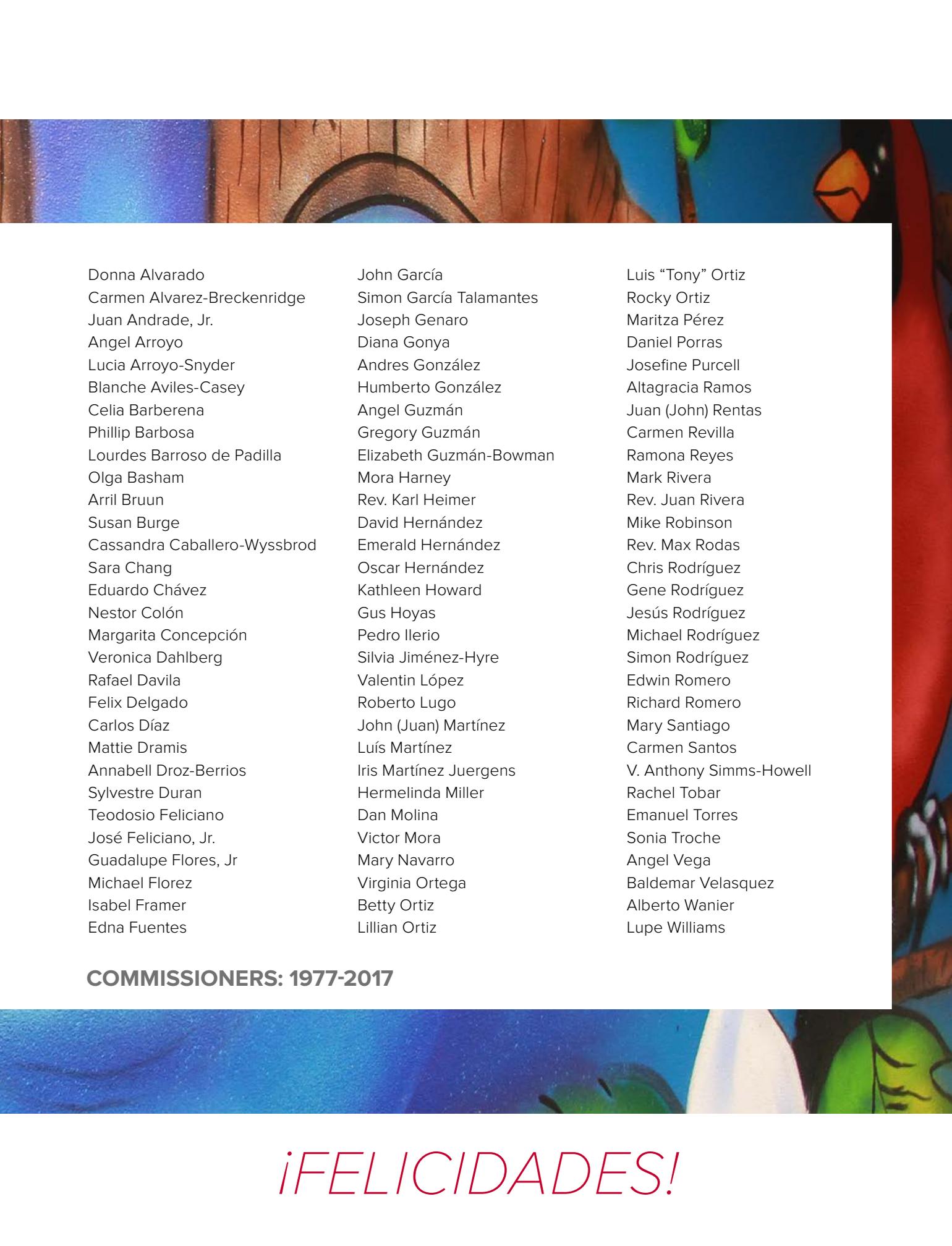


with his children, and traveled to Washington, D.C. for the dedication of his name on the national wall. Alongside my better half Maria, I have raised six wonderful children; three girls (Milagros, Marisol, and Maritza) and three boys (A.J., Omar, and Nicholas). I also take care of my elderly parents.

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The artwork incorporated throughout this program booklet is derived from and inspired by a graffiti mural on the OSU campus. As part of the collaborative mural project “Graffiti School Comunidad Ohio” led by Chilean graffiti artist Marjorie “Gigi” Peñailillo, the mural was completed with assistance from members of the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Guisela Latorre, Lynaya Elliott, Tess Pugsley, and Jackie Stotlar. It is located at 286 University Hall.

The mural is titled *Formación*. “This title speaks of the constant state of becoming and formation that is at the core of non-oppressive and anti-colonial thinking. *Formación* thus celebrates ambivalent, in-between and continually evolving states of being.” (Mural description)

Marjorie Peñailillo (Gigi) is a visual artist, a professional graffiti writer, and a master printmaker. She holds degrees in education, art, and printmaking from the School of Fine Arts in Viña del Mar and the University of Viña del Mar in Chile. Additionally, Gigi is cofounder of one of the few all-female graffiti crews in Chile, the Turrónas Crew. She also participated in the multidisciplinary urban culture project called *Cultura Urbana Chilena*. Gigi has organized and led a series of graffiti workshops for children and young adults in Chile, in collaboration with the Culture and Arts Council and the country’s Office for the Protection of Children and Youth Rights.



Kimberly Monzón

American soprano Kimberly Monzón is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Musical Arts Voice with a specialization in Singing Health at the Ohio State University. Recent roles include Magda in *La rondine* with OSU Opera *Lyric Theatre*, where she will also perform the title role in the world premiere of *Ramala* by Charles Wakefield Cadman. Other roles include Tytania in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Johanna in *Sweeney*

Todd, Soprano in *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, Frasquita in *Carmen*, and the title role in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Ms. Monzón holds a MM in Voice Performance from University of Houston, and a BM in Voice Performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She maintains an active private voice studio along with her husband, bass-baritone Carlos Monzón.

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