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CHCI 2020 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SEPT. 14-18, 2020

CHCI 43RD ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
SEPT. 21, 2020
Welcome to the CHCI 2020 Leadership Conference and 43rd Annual Awards Gala, the gathering of Latino and other leaders that begins our Hispanic Heritage Month activities. This year’s theme, Our Voice, Nuestro Poder, is more important than ever. The current challenges — a global pandemic that is impacting the lives and livelihood of the Hispanic community in ways we never could have imagined, and, added to that, the decades-long racial injustice that was exhibited through horrific acts of violence against Black Americans caught on video, have both exposed deep disparities in our society, and provoked serious action and reflection among all of us.

In an all virtual setting, our Leadership Conference will feature an engaging lineup of more than 200 speakers who are global and national leaders, public officials, advocates, policymakers, community leaders, and journalists recognized for their vision, expertise, and influence in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. This year, two new features include a virtual Career Fair, and a Pitch Competition, named the COVID-19 Recovery Investment Program.

The Gala is the highlight of our year — the centerpiece that showcases all of our work, and the largest gathering in Washington, DC for Hispanic Heritage Month. We’ve come together to both acknowledge our community’s enduring strength and resilience – even with the tremendous challenges facing the nation – and to celebrate the achievements of Latinos with the night’s honorees. Our 2020 Medallion of Excellence honorees are renowned novelist Isabel Allende and culinary innovator, chef, and humanitarian José Andrés. The Chair’s Award is being presented to Julián Castro, former presidential candidate, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Mayor of San Antonio. And we are proud to recognize one of our nation’s most beloved Latino leaders, Congressman José E. Serrano (NY-15), with the Legacy Award for his extraordinary 50+ year career in public service.

For more than 40 years, CHCI has educated, empowered, and connected Latino leaders who are actively changing the economic and public policy landscape in the United States. By convening leaders to discuss the issues facing the Latino community and the nation, we foster a dialogue that produces solutions for the challenges we all face, and help forge a path to a stronger, united, and more just America.

CHCI is the premier Hispanic leadership development organization in the nation’s capital; all that we do stems from our commitment to developing the next generation of Latino/a/x leaders. The R2L NextGen Participants, Congressional Interns, Public Policy and Graduate Policy Fellows, and more than 4,000 alumni we serve make an impact through the activities they carry out. We are pleased to be able to support their continued leadership development and contributions, and your participation and support is vital to our mission. The Latino community is 63 million strong! At our HHM events, we collectively raise our voice, nuestro poder, to make a difference as Latinos continue to be the largest, youngest, and fastest growing demographic in our society. We all count, and we must make sure the world knows it.

The support we receive for the Leadership Conference and Annual Awards Gala is a vital funding source for our programs and activities. We are grateful to our sponsors for their leadership, and for everyone’s support and participation, which represent an investment in the nation’s future. We hope you enjoy the next few days of conversation about leading our community and the country forward, a fitting kick-off to Hispanic Heritage Month.

Sincerely,

Rep. Ruben Gallego
CHCI Chair

Marco A. Davis
CHCI President & CEO
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Our Voice, Nuestro Poder  
Civic Engagement, Civil Rights, Public Policy Track |
| 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM EDT | **GUIDED MEDITATION BREAK FROM PUERTO RICO**  
Wellness |
| 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM EDT | **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
Building a Pipeline of Latino Educators  
Education & Workforce Development Track  
Climate Change  
Leadership in a Time of Crisis: Public-Private Partnerships for Social Good  
Leadership & Innovation Track |
| 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM EDT | **WELLNESS SESSION**  
Flexing Your Resilience by Flexing Your Thoughts  
Wellness |
| 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM EDT | **SPARK TALK**  
Strong Roots: Sugar Industry Builds Diverse Communities |
| 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM EDT | **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
Maintaining Strong & Healthy Latino Families in a Time of Crisis  
Civic Engagement, Civil Rights, Public Policy Track  
Puerto Rico: Opening the Door to a Brighter Economic Future  
Economic Mobility & Financial Services Track  
Virtual Workforce: The New Normal  
Education & Workforce Development Track |
| 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM EDT | **ATTENDEE MEET-UP**  
Networking |
| 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM EDT | **CEO CONVERSATIONS**  
Oscar Muñoz, United Airlines Holdings, Inc.  
Fireside Chat |

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Criminal Justice Reform: Dismantling Inequality and the Push for Social Reform  
Civic Engagement, Civil Rights, Public Policy Track  
Mental Health: Starting a Journey of Recovery  
Health, Wellness, Environment Track  
Role of Financial Services Sector in Philanthropy and Investment  
Economic Mobility & Financial Services Track |
| 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM EDT | **GUIDED MEDITATION BREAK FROM PUERTO RICO**  
Wellness |
| 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM EDT | **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
Activism & Social Change - Building a Movement with Social Media  
Leadership & Innovation Track  
Energy Solutions for a Better Planet  
Health, Wellness, Environment Track  
Latinos and the Essential Workforce  
Education & Workforce Development Track |
| 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM EDT | **WELLNESS SESSION**  
Flexing Your Resilience by Flexing Your Thoughts  
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SiriusXM + Pandora: A Conversation with La Doña |
| 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM EDT | **PLENARY**  
Addressing Economic Disparities and Building Financial Security  
Economic Mobility & Financial Services Track |
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Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan Chase & Co.  
Fireside Chat |
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Wellness |
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The Future of Entertainment  
Media & Entertainment Track |
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NEW FOR 2020

PITCH COMPETITION
COVID-19 RECOVERY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

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• Spring 2021 – October 1, 2020
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• Fall 2021 – February 15, 2021

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2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE:
• January 15, 2021

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE:
• January 15, 2021

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2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE:
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Welcome,

Bank of America is pleased to once again serve as the Presenting Sponsor of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s (CHCI) 43rd Annual Awards Gala. We’ve been a long-time partner of CHCI working together to promote education, learning, and development program — and our collective work is even more important today.

Over the past few months, we have come together — as a company and as a world — with intensified passion for racial equality. Across our company, we are committed to our fellow teammates and to living our values. This is core to who we are and to how we drive responsible growth. That’s why we’ve announced a $1 billion, four-year commitment to accelerate work underway to help drive racial equality and economic opportunity, with a particular focus on people and communities of color. These efforts will focus on how to drive tangible progress, along with our partners, in making systemic changes and reforms that address economic and racial disparities.

We’re proud to recognize the passion and commitment of CHCI and your honorees, and we’re honored to help celebrate the influence and impact you have in communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Brian Moynihan
Chief Executive Officer
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Bank of America is proud to support the CHCI 43rd Annual Awards Gala and congratulates Isabel Allende and José Andrés for receiving the 2020 Medallions of Excellence.

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Our operations are diverse. So are the employees of ConocoPhillips. We believe that different opinions, ideas and experiences are what inspire innovation throughout our company. We applaud the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute for its continued efforts to provide leadership development programs and educational services to emerging Latino leaders. Together, we celebrate the many dimensions and benefits of an inclusive environment. We are proud to sponsor this year’s CHCI Hispanic Heritage Month Gala.

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United States Marine Corps (Retired)
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MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
ALICIA MENENDEZ
Journalist, Author, and MSNBC Commentator

WELCOME
MARCO A. DAVIS
President & CEO, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

GALA HOST REMARKS
RAUL ANAYA
Head of Business Banking and Los Angeles Market President, Bank of America
CHCI Advisory Council Member

CHCI CHAIR REMARKS
REP. RUBEN GALLEG0

SPECIAL GUESTS
ASSISTANT SPEAKER BEN RAY LUJÁN
U.S. House of Representatives

SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI
U.S. House of Representatives

CHAIR’S AWARD
Presented By
REP. RUBEN GALLEG0, CHCI Chair
REP. JOAQUIN CASTRO, CHC Chair
HON. JULIÁN CASTRO

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS ROLL CALL

LEGACY AWARD
Presented By
REP. NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ
REP. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
REP. JOSÉ E. SERRANO (NY-15)

CHCI PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
Presentation of
CHCI 2020-2021 GRADUATE AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWS
CHCI 2020 FALL CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

CHCI ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARDS
MILDRED OTERO, MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE FOR A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
ANDRÉS CANO, YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Presented By
REP. DARREN SOTO, HHM Co-Chair
SEN. CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO
ISABEL ALLENDE
MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, MUSIC AND SPORTS

MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Presented By
REP. VERONICA ESCOBAR, HHM Co-Chair
JOSÉ ANDRÉS
AMERICAN DREAM MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE OR CIVIL RIGHTS

ENTERTAINMENT FINALE
BOMBA ESTÉREO
CHCI CHAIR’S AWARD
HON. JULIÁN CASTRO

Julián Castro served as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Obama from 2014-2017. Before that, he was Mayor of his native San Antonio, Texas — the youngest mayor of a Top 50 American city at the time. In 2012, he gave a rousing keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention, during which he described the American Dream as a relay to be passed from generation to generation. In October 2018, Little, Brown and Company published Castro’s memoir, An Unlikely Journey: Waking Up from My American Dream. Secretary Castro launched People First Future in May to help elect bold, progressive candidates whose campaigns are focused on improving the lives of all people they hope to represent.

U.S. Representative José E. Serrano represents the Fifteenth Congressional District of New York in the Bronx. The Congressman is a senior member of the exclusive House Appropriations Committee and serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science. This prestigious post as top Democrat on the Subcommittee allows Congressman Serrano to help oversee the budgets of multiple agencies, including the Department of Justice including the FBI; the Department of Commerce; the National Science Foundation; NASA; the Legal Services Corporation, and other agencies. Congressman Serrano is also Senior Whip for the Minority Whip operation, a position through which he helps develop strategies tomarshal support for party positions and legislation. He is the Dean of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and served as Chair of the Caucus from 1993-94. He is now the most senior Hispanic Democrat in Congress, as well as the longest serving Puerto Rican in Congress.
Mildred Otero is the Senior Vice President for National Impact at Leadership for Educational Equity (LEE). In this role, she oversees four national teams committed to developing the leadership skills of its members to pursue leadership opportunities that empower them to end educational inequities in the United States through advocacy, elected, organizing and policy. Prior to joining LEE, Mildred served as the Chief Education Counsel in the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, where she managed the Senate Majority’s education agenda and its policy development and strategies for children from cradle to career. Such efforts included legislation addressing early childhood education, childcare, elementary and secondary education, higher education and the workforce.

Previously, Mildred served as a senior policy officer with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; senior advisor at the United States Department of State/United States Agency for International Development; senior policy advisor to US Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY); legislative assistant to US Senator Reed (D-RI) and Deputy Director for Early Childhood at the Children’s Defense Fund. Mildred began her policy work in Washington, D.C. through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Fellowship program. Before her time in Washington, Mildred was a counselor for child victims of sexual and physical abuse at the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office and began her career as a legislative aide to the New York State Assembly Speaker in Albany, NY.

Mildred earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York- Albany and a Master’s degree from New York University, Silver School of Social Work. Mildred currently serves as an advisory board member for Communities In Schools; previously served as board member for Complete College America and completed the seventeenth cohort of the Aspen-Pahara Education Fellowship.

Andrés Cano represents the 3rd legislative district in the Arizona House of Representatives.

Raised by a single mom, Andrés, 28, saw a path for advancement in Arizona’s public schools. He is a first-generation college graduate.

In 2012, Andrés accepted a position as a senior aide to Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías in Tucson, Arizona. He became the youngest policy advisor in the County’s history, overseeing the Supervisor’s constituent outreach and neighborhood relations.

Six years later, in 2018, Andrés, a Democrat, was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives.

Representative Cano sits on the House Committee on Ways & Means, and the House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water.

Andrés is a 2009 CHCI Scholar and graduate of the 2010 CHCI Congressional Internship Program, where he interned in the United States Senate. In 2019, he completed the Senior Executives in State & Local Government Executive Education Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Bohnett Fellow with the LGBTQ Victory Institute.
**2020 AMERICAN DREAM MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE OR CIVIL RIGHTS**

**JOSÉ ANDRÉS**

Twice named to Time’s “100 Most Influential People” list and recipient of the 2015 National Humanities Medal, José Andrés is an internationally-recognized culinary innovator, New York Times best-selling author, educator, humanitarian, and chef and owner of ThinkFoodGroup, a collective of nearly thirty restaurants throughout the country and beyond. In 2010, Andrés founded World Central Kitchen, a non-profit specializing in delivering food relief in the wake of natural and humanitarian disasters. Notably, his team served 3.7 million meals to the people of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria and has since served more than 30 million meals worldwide. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, WCK has partnered with restaurants, small farms, and federal and state governments around the country to combat food insecurity. A naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Spain, Andrés has been a tireless advocate for immigration reform and on July 4, 2014 was named by President Barack Obama as that year’s “Outstanding American by Choice.”

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**2020 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, MUSIC OR SPORTS**

**ISABEL ALLENDE**

Isabel Allende — novelist, feminist, and philanthropist — is one of the most widely-read authors in the world, having sold more than 74 million books. Chilean, born in Peru, Isabel won worldwide acclaim in 1982 with the publication of her first novel, The House of the Spirits, which began as a letter to her dying grandfather. Since then, she has authored more than twenty three bestselling and critically acclaimed books, including Of Love and Shadows, Eva Luna, Daughter of Fortune, Island Beneath the Sea, Paula, The Japanese Lover and In the Midst of Winter. Translated into more than forty two languages. Allende’s works entertain and educate readers by interweaving imaginative stories with significant historical events.

In addition to her work as a writer, Allende devotes much of her time to human rights causes. In 1996, following the death of her daughter Paula, she established a charitable foundation in her honor, which has awarded grants to more than 100 nonprofits worldwide, delivering life-changing care to hundreds of thousands of women and girls. More than 8 million have watched her TED Talks on leading a passionate life.

She has received fifteen honorary doctorates, including one from Harvard University, was inducted into the California Hall of Fame, received the PEN Center Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Anisfield-Wolf Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2014, President Barack Obama awarded Allende the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, and in 2018 she received the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters from the National Book Foundation. She lives in California. Her website is IsabelAllende.com.
Alicia Menendez is an anchor on MSNBC. She is also the author of “The Likeability Trap” and host of the “Latina to Latina” podcast.

Menendez joined MSNBC in October 2019. Prior to joining the network, Menendez served as a correspondent on “Amanpour & Company” on PBS and formerly hosted a nightly news and pop culture show on Fusion called “Alicia Menendez Tonight.” Her reporting and interviews have appeared on ABC News, Bustle, FusionTV, PBS and Vice News.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Menendez has been called “Ms. Millennial” by The Washington Post, “journalism’s new gladiator” by Elle, and a “content queen” by Marie Claire.

Bomba Estéreo was founded in Colombia in 2006 by musician Simón Mejía and singer Li Saumet. Together, they created a unique project that would become one of the most attractive music groups in the world. Throughout its career, Bomba Estéreo has toured all over the world, playing the stages of some of the most important music festivals, clubs and venues, and attracting millions of people to its eclectic avant-garde fusion of electronic and Caribbean sounds.

Bomba Estéreo has been nominated to The GRAMMYs two times with their albums ‘Amanecer’ and ‘Ayo’, and has also been nominated to six Latin GRAMMYs, where in 2015 the band performed ‘Fiesta’ at the ceremony’s main show with Hollywood star Will Smith. In 2017, Bomba Estéreo was invited to tour as support for Arcade Fire’s Everything Now World Tour doing 13 shows together across Europe, USA and Latin America. In 2018, Bomba Estéreo reached the worldwide Top 500 most listened on Spotify. They are currently working on their new album.
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