

#### SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 ALL VIRTUAL | #CHCIHHM21



#### CHCI 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS GALA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM EDT	CHCI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS	
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM EDT	CHAIR'S PRIVATE GALA RECEPTION (BY INVITATION ONLY)	
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM EDT	PRE-AWARDS GALA WATCH PARTY	
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM EDT	44 <sup>™</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS GALA	

#### WELCOME TO THE CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS GALA



Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán CHCI Chair



Marco A. Davis CHCI President & CEO

On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), thank you for attending our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala. As conveners of the largest gathering of Latino leaders in Washington during Hispanic Heritage Month, we proudly celebrate the achievements of our most accomplished leaders for their remarkable achievements.

Recognizing the challenges our nation continues to face, we come together virtually to commemorate outstanding individuals for their inestimable contributions to our communities. This year, the CHCI Medallion Award, our highest accolade and one of the most prestigious honors in the Latino community, is presented to two distinguished leaders: Emmy Award-winning actor, producer and director **America Ferrera**, and civil rights activist **Sylvia Mendez**. This year's awards presenters include two previous Medallion recipients: award-winning actress, producer and director **Eva Longoria**, and internationally-recognized culinary innovator **José Andrés**. In addition, this year the Chair's Award is being presented on behalf of all the Hispanic essential workers who have kept our nation operating throughout this pandemic.

Three simple words have defined our community throughout the current challenges: leadership, strength, and resilience. This year, our theme *Presente: Latinos Leading the Way*, underscores the strength that our leaders have demonstrated, and the impact they have had in the lives of many.

During the Awards Gala, we also recognize the current and emerging leaders in our communities. Our participants – the R2L NextGen attendees, Congressional Interns, and Public Policy and Graduate Policy Fellows, all represent the next generation of leadership, and their impact will transcend for generations to come. We see examples of this impact through the accomplishments that our alumni are making nationwide. Now, in light of the latest U.S. Census findings, we see that the growth of our communities is fundamentally influencing the very fabric of our nation in a positive way. CHCI plays an important role in the ecosystem of organizations working to advance our community by developing the next generation of Latino leaders and we are more committed than ever to that mission.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, and corporate and strategic partners, especially this year's host sponsor Bank of America, for their contributions and leadership. We are also grateful for the many generous donors and partners whose contributions make CHCI's work possible throughout the year. Lastly, we thank you for your support and participation in commemorating this extraordinary evening and we look forward to our continued partnership.

With appreciation,

**Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán** *CHCI Chair*  **Marco A. Davis** CHCI President & CEO

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE AWARDS GALA HOST**



Dear members and supporters of CHCI,

On behalf of Bank of America, and as board member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, welcome to the 2021 Leadership Conference.

Bank of America has been honored to partner with CHCI for more than 30 years. Together, we continue to support the leadership development of generations of Hispanic-Latino students and young professionals to help advance our Latino community across the U.S. through the public policy and federal legislative process. Our investment in CHCI's key leadership programs; R2L NextGen, the Congressional Internship Program and Public Policy and Graduate Fellowship Program provides Hispanic-Latino students increased access and exposure to new personal and professional growth opportunities that can lead to a better life and advance their leadership with a focus on making a tangible positive impact in their communities and the nation.

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Thank you for joining us at this year's conference. We look forward to moving forward together.

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REP. NANNETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN (CA-44) CHCI Chair & CHC 1st Vice Chair

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SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI U.S. House of Representatives

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#### CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS ROLL CALL

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#### MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented By EVA LONGORIA BASTÓN 2010 Medallion of Excellence recipient

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2021 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, MUSIC OR SPORTS

#### MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented By CHEF JOSÉ ANDRÉS 2020 Medallion of Excellence recipient SEN. CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO (NV) HHM Co-Chair

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Introduction ANGEL KAMINSKY President, Universal Music Latino

JUANES

#### **OUR HONOREES**

#### 2021 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE FOR A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

#### **ISABELLA CASILLAS GUZMAN**



**Isabella Casillas Guzman** was sworn in as the 27<sup>th</sup> Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration on March 17, 2021. She serves as the voice for America's 30 million small businesses and innovative startups in President Biden's Cabinet. She has spent her entire career advising entrepreneurs, launching ventures, and creating policies and programs to advance entrepreneurship and innovation. Most recently, she served as the Director of the California Office of the Small Business Advocate where she helped

small businesses and innovative startups in the world's fifth largest economy start, expand, and grow. In addition, she served as the economic recovery support function coordinator for the state, where she spearheaded the small business recovery effort during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 2021 YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD CLAUDIA FLORES



**Claudia Flores** is the Associate Director for Immigration Policy and Strategy at American Progress. Prior to joining American Progress, she led the immigration policy portfolio for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, where she worked on advancing federal and state legislation to expand health care access for immigrant children and families. She has worked with bipartisan leadership on advancing federal policy relating to matters of immigration enforcement and protections for immigrant youth. Flores has also written extensively on

immigrant contributions and the positive impacts of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

#### **OUR HONOREES**

#### 2021 MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA, MUSIC OR SPORTS

#### AMERICA FERRERA



**America Ferrera** is an award-winning actor, director and producer known for her breakthrough role as "Betty Suarez" on ABC's hit comedy, *Ugly Betty*. For her performance, Ferrera was awarded a Golden Globe<sup>®</sup>, an Emmy<sup>®</sup>, and a Screen Actors Guild Award<sup>®</sup>, as well as ALMA and Imagen Awards.

Ferrera recently wrapped production on Season 2 of NETFLIX's hit Latinx Dramedy, *Gentefied*. Described as a badass Spanglish series about family, *Gentefied* follows three Mexican American

cousins and their struggle to chase the American Dream. The show will make its return later in 2021 with Ferrera returning as an executive producer and director.

Ferrera executive produced, directed and starred in NBC's beloved workplace comedy, *Superstore*, which recently ended its six season run.

Ferrera will make her upcoming feature directorial debut with an adaptation of Erika Sánchez's New York Times bestselling novel, *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, for Netflix.

A longtime activist, Ferrera recently launched *Poderistas* alongside Eva Longoria Bastón and other Latina Leaders. *Poderistas* is a digital lifestyle community and non-profit built to inspire, affirm, and inform Latinas so they can leverage their power to transform their lives, their families, their community and their nation. As part of this organization Ferrera was integral in the Biden Campaign's Latino Vote push in Florida and campaigned heavily in Georgia on behalf of the Senate Runoff. Ferrera is also a prolific speaker having spoken at major events such as Women's March, the DNC, March for Our Lives, etc. She was also a chair for the Artists' Committee for the Women's March on Washington. Her activism has even extended on screen in several television documentaries including *Not Done: Women Remaking America* for PBS, the EPIX TV mini-series, *America Divided*, Showtime's groundbreaking documentary, *The Years of Living Dangerously*, and Nicholas Kristof's series for PBS *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*.

#### **OUR HONOREES**

#### 2021 AMERICAN DREAM MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MEDICINE OR CIVIL RIGHTS

#### SYLVIA MENDEZ



**Sylvia Mendez** is the oldest daughter of Gonzalo Mendez, a Mexican immigrant, and Felicitas Mendez, a Puerto Rican, who challenged segregation so that she and other Latino children could be provided the same quality education provided to white students. Her parents were plaintiffs in the landmark *Mendez v. Westminster School District* (1947) case that paved the way for *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) and ended school segregation in California. In 1943 in Westminster, California, students of Mexican descent were

required to enroll in segregated and inferior schools known as "Mexican Schools."

When Sylvia was in the third grade, she and her brothers, Gonzalo, Jr., and Jerome, were denied admission to the "white" school near their Westminster home. The Mendez family, along with four other Latino families, fought to integrate the school. Mendez won in the Federal court in 1946, then again in appeal in 1947, and helped make California the first state in the nation to end school segregation. Seven years later, Mendez served as significant precedent for the NAACP in its US Supreme Court school desegregation case Brown v. Board of Education.

Miss Mendez and her family have received numerous awards and recognitions, including a US Postage stamp commemorating the 60th anniversary of the appellate victory; two public schools are named after Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez; a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the National Parent Teacher Association; and the US Congress Civil Rights Champion Award. On February 15, 2011, President Barack Obama presented Sylvia Mendez with the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*, the nation's highest civilian honor.

#### **MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES**



#### MARIANA ATENCIO

**Mariana Atencio** is an award–winning journalist, best-selling author and viral speaker, as well as the co-founder of "GoLike", a premium multimedia production company specialized in motivational storytelling.

Her TEDx Talk on authenticity, "What Makes You Special?", is one of the top 10 most watched on YouTube and translated into 13 languages. Her first book, *Perfectly You*, was an Amazon Best Seller and selected by Audible and AppleBooks.

Mariana's experience led to "The Control Framework" and it's notable 'action items' that shares with top universities and Fortune 100 companies around the world.

A former national TV host for NBC and Univision, and expert on resilience & diversity, she has keynoted at the United Nations 'Girl Up' Summit, the LinkedIn annual conference alongside speakers like Michelle Obama, as well as flagship events for Microsoft, Citi, Spotify, UBS, Airbnb, Nasdaq, among many others.

She is featured in the award-winning HBO series "Habla" highlighting the Latinos defining the United States. Her work has been honored with a Peabody, a Columbia University's "First Decade Award" and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists Presidential Award.

#### ENTERTAINMENT FINALE

#### JUANES



Multiple Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter **Juanes**.

With a solo musical career that spans 20 years, Juanes has evolved into a genuine superstar, one of the most celebrated pop figures in the Spanish-speaking world. He has released ten best-selling albums, garnered a dozen No. 1 singles, performed on the most important stages around the world, and amassed a combined total of 25 Grammys and Latin

Grammys. There are few accolades the singer-songwriter has not earned. This year has seen the release of Juanes' latest album *ORIGEN* – in which he passionately returns to his earliest roots in order to share a scintillating collection that reimagines some of the most important songs and artists that shaped his own early musical vision. With the album already hailed by *Billboard* as "*One of Latin music's best of the year*," Juanes is now set to embark on a new "Origin Tour" beginning tomorrow in Miami and continuing across the country throughout Hispanic Heritage Month.

#### PAST HONOREES

#### 2020

Isabel Allende José Andrés Mildred Otero\*

#### 2019

Robert Rodriguez Dr. Ellen Ochoa Alejandra Y. Castillo\*

#### 2018

Jorge Ramos Ann Michele Bobadilla Juan Otero\*

#### 2017

Lin-Manuel Miranda Castulo de la Rocha Sandra Cisneros Susan Santana<sup>\*</sup>

#### 2016

Anna Maria Chavez Cheech Marin Arnoldo Avalos\*

#### 2015

Sonia Gutierrez Anthony Muñoz Chef José Andrés Alejandra Ceja\*

#### 2014

Dr. Juliet V. García Eliseo Medina José Díaz-Balart Henry L. Fernández\*

#### 2013

Salma Hayek Pinault Dr. Juan Andrade Dr. Francisco Gonzalez Cigarroa CHCI Alumni Association Founding Members\*

#### 2012

George Lopez Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch (ret.) Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa Hon. Liza Rodriguez\*

#### 2011

Vikki Carr José Hernández Hon. Ken Salazar Hon. Hilda L. Solis Orson Aguilar\*

#### 2010

Eva Longoria Arturo Sandoval Lin-Manuel Miranda Gabriella Gomez\*

#### 2009

Eduardo "Lalo" Guerrero Soledad O'Brien Marc Anthony Ana Maria Arias\*

#### 2008

Rosie Perez Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez, USA (Ret.) Hon. Solomón P. Ortiz Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen Rep. José E. Serrano Enrique Figueroa, Ph.D.\*

#### 2007

Rep. Luis V. Gutiérrez Monica Lozano Regina Aragón\*

#### 2006

Jimmy Smits Roberto Clemente Walker Maria Elena Salinas Dr. José Garzon\*

#### 2005

Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa Alonzo Cantu Rita Moreno

#### 2004

Arturo Rodriguez Dolores Huerta Jorge Ramos

#### 2003

Hon. Bill Richardson Amb. Raúl Yzaguirre Ricky Martin

#### 2002

Hon. Henry Cisneros Emilio and Gloria Estefan

#### 2001

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#### 2000

Dedicated to the entire Hispanic community for their contributions to the United States.

#### 1999

Sen. Robert Menendez\*\* Carlos Santana

#### 1998

Awards were not conferred due to the retirements of Rep. Gonzalez and Rep. Torres.

#### 1997

Moctesuma Esparza Elisa Sanchez Hon. Frank Tejeda (in memoriam)

#### 1996

Awards were not conferred due to the retirement of CHCI founding member, Hon. E. "Kika" de la Garza.

#### 1995

Dr. Manuel A. Alzugaray Carmen Zapata

#### 1994

Hon. Fernando Ferrer Miriam I. Cruz

#### 1993

Lucille Beserra-Roybal Dr. Ellen Ochoa

#### 1992

Antonia Hernandez

#### 1991

Sonia Manzano Jesse Benavides

#### 1990

Dr. Antonia C. Novello Sidney M. Gutierrez

#### 1989

Marta Istomín Edward James Olmos

#### 1988

Prof. Jaime Escalante Chi Chi Rodríguez

#### **1987** Dr. Franklin Chang Díaz

#### 1986

Hon. Clare Padilla Andrews Hon. Edward N. Hidalgo

#### 1985

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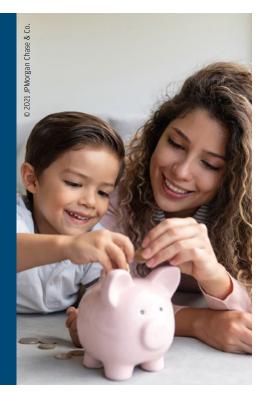
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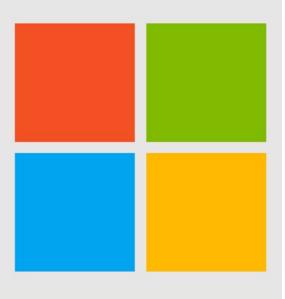


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