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Molina Morgan Receives HHF STEM Education Award

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation honored Dr. Elizabeth "Betty" Molina Morgan with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education Award during the Annual Hispanic Heritage Awards at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Morgan has spent more than 30 years working in all facets (inner-city, rural and suburban) of public education. She earned her Ph.D. from American University in educational administration and was a doctoral fellow in linguistics at Georgetown University. The Hispanic Heritage Awards are considered the highest honor given by Latinos to celebrate cultural pride, accomplishment and the promise of Hispanics in America. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the awards.



Rigual First Inductee to HACU Hall of Champions

The Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) recently honored Dr. Antonio Rigual, inducting him into its newly created Hall of Champions at HACU's Silver Anniversary Gala in Texas in October. Rigual is HACU's founder and the association's first executive director. Dr. Antonio R. Flores, HACU president & CEO, commended Rigual for demonstrating a "commitment to championing Hispanic higher education success as a professor of Spanish, university administrator and a pioneer of Hispanic higher education on a national level."



Hayes-Bautista Lecture Explores Significance of Cinco de Mayo

University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) Professor Dr. David Hayes-Bautista's Cinco de Mayo University Speaker Tour made its first stop recently at California State University-Fresno. Hayes-Bautista is professor of medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at the School of Medicine at UCLA. His research focuses on the dynamics and processes of the Latino population's health. With the 150th anniversary of the event that led to the first Cinco de Mayo approaching next year, Hayes-Bautista's latest book, *El Cinco de Mayo: An American Tradition*, is due to be released from UC Press in 2012.



Poniatowska Receives Honorary Doctorate at National Hispanic University

Internationally acclaimed Mexican author Elena Poniatowska (d) spoke in September about "Literature that Rises from the Street" at the National Hispanic University (NHU), where she received an honorary doctoral degree from the university. Poniatowska grew up in France, Mexico and the United States, but she developed her career as a writer and journalist in Mexico. Her work spans more than five decades, and she has published dozens of books, essays and short stories. During the event in her honor, the university also announced the first recipient of a scholarship started in her name, NHU student Patricia Carolina Ruiz, a senior in the school's liberal arts studies program.

NJCU President Hernandez to Retire in 2012

Dr. Carlos Hernandez, an environmental psychologist with extensive

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public service experience in higher education, will resign from the presidency of New Jersey City University (NJCU) at the close of the academic year. His retirement will be effective July 1, 2012. Hernandez, the institution's 11th leader in its 82-year history, became president in 1993. Prior to his appointment as president, Hernandez served in various capacities at NJCU: as provost, vice president for academic affairs, executive assistant to the president and a faculty member in the department of psychology.



Patino Receives Chicano Legacy Award

Phillip Patino, a retired coach and teacher who founded a California State University-Fresno program to inspire young Latino males, is the 2011 Chicano Alumni Legacy Builder, recognized by the California State University-Fresno Alumni Association Chicano Alumni chapter. For 40 years, Patino taught and administered educational programs in the San Joaquin Valley. He also founded the annual Si Se Puede Hispanic Male Conference at Fresno State to provide information and inspiration to Latino high school boys.



UT-Brownsville Appoints Martinez as College of Nursing Dean

The College of Nursing at the University of Texas-Brownsville (UTB) recently named Dr. Nelda C. Martinez its first dean. Prior to joining UTB, Martinez was an associate professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas-El Paso. She was also director for the university's Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation and a senior fellow at the Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center. Martinez has a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in community health/rehabilitation nursing from Wright State University and a doctoral degree in nursing from Ohio State University. She also has a certificate in clinical investigation at the University of Iowa.



Martinez Named Assistant Vice Provost for UConn ISS

Dr. Maria D. Martinez, director of the Office of TRIO and GEAR UP and other state educational opportunity programs at the University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus, has been appointed assistant vice provost of the Institute for Student Success (ISS). ISS encompasses the Center for Academic Programs, the Academic Center for Exploratory Students, First Year Programs and Learning Communities. Martinez has a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in education from Herbert H. Lehman College, and a master's in social work and Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Connecticut.



Cacheiro New Performing Arts Department Chair at Pace U.

Jorge Luis Cacheiro has been named chair of Dyson College of Arts and Science's Performing Arts Department (PAD) at Pace University (N.Y.). PAD houses the college's undergraduate performing arts programs. Cacheiro joins Pace from Montclair State University, where he was founder and first director of the New Works Initiative, which is dedicated to developing new work for the American theater and dance world. Born in Havana, Cuba, Cacheiro has worked tirelessly to build academic and professional cultural bridges between the U.S. and Cuba. He is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama.



CSULA's Gutierrez Receives Undergraduate Institution Mentor Award

In commendation of his exemplary mentorship of underrepresented minority students, Carlos G. Gutierrez, California State University-Los Angeles professor of chemistry, was selected by the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) as its 2011 Distinguished Undergraduate Institution Mentor Awardee. The SACNAS Distinguished Awards are presented each year at its national conference to honor those dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists through their individual contributions to the field of science, teaching and mentoring of underrepresented minority students. Gutierrez has a bachelor's degree from the University of California (UC)-Los Angeles and a Ph.D. from UC-Davis.

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