



THE HISPANIC LEADERSHIP COALITION
OF NORTHEAST INDIANA, INC.

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Noche de Gala 2023

Welcome to the November 2023 edition of HLCNI's newsletter! This newsletter is dedicated to celebrating Noche de Gala 2023 and all of the individuals who made it such a beautiful evening. This year's Noche was special for HLCNI for several reasons. First, it was our first in-person Noche de Gala since 2019! Secondly, with this year's group of scholarship recipients, HLCNI has awarded nearly \$175,000 in scholarships to Hispanic and Latino students from across northeastern Indiana! Finally, this Noche was HLCNI's first opportunity to celebrate our 20th anniversary which would have taken place during 2020's lockdown.

We realize that the evening could not have been made possible without our donors and are honored to be part of a community made up of such thoughtful and giving people. The generosity of our community continues to amaze us as we work towards our mission of empowering Latinos through education and leadership. We hope you had a wonderful night too and we hope to see you for Noche de Gala 2024!



OUR MISSION

"To empower the Latino community through education and leadership."



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Honoring Our Past



While we certainly had many reasons to celebrate we also wanted to honor three pioneers and former HLCNI presidents who passed away between December 2021 and December 2022. This year's Noche was dedicated to Dr. Max Montesino, Mike Seleme, and Paula Avila. Their contributions shaped HLCNI as we know it today and their selfless advocacy has left an impression on the countless individuals they knew as well as the ones who now walk on trails that they helped blaze. They are dearly missed!



Max Montesino

10 February 1956 -
5 December 2022



Mike Seleme

11 October 1967 -
3 December 2022



Paula Avila

22 December 1976 -
18 December 2021



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Celebrating Our Future



This year, HLCNI awarded ten scholarships to ten students from northeastern Indiana. These students were chosen after a rigorous and blind review of a record setting number of applicants conducted by a third party committee of community leaders. The combined academic, extracurricular, community service, and work ethic of this year's applicants made it a difficult choice, but these ten scholars were chosen because they exemplify the ideals of HLCNI. We would like to celebrate them together!

Our 2023 Scholarship Winners



Gissell Cantor
Indiana University,
Fort Wayne
Nursing



Briana Castillo
Indiana University,
Bloomington
*Accounting & Information
Systems*



Lisbet Diaz
University of Saint Francis,
Fort Wayne
Radiologic Technology



Ruby Foster
Purdue University,
West Lafayette
*Film & Video Studies
Theatre*



Genesis Garcia
Indiana University,
Fort Wayne
Medical Imaging

Our 2023 Scholarship Winners



Alix Calvo-Gonzalez
Ivy Tech Community
College, Fort Wayne
Architecture



Gisel Juarez-Medina
Ivy Tech Community
College, Warsaw
Finance



Rosalina Perez
Purdue University,
Fort Wayne
Economics



Lesley Quintana
Purdue University,
Fort Wayne
Elementary Education



Emily Rodriguez
University of Saint Francis,
Fort Wayne
Nursing

Thank You

This year's Noche de Gala would not have been a success without the support of local companies, organizations, colleges, and individuals. Thank you for your continued support in our mission, "to empower the Latino community through education and leadership." We hope you had a great time and invite you to mark your calendars for **Noche de Gala 2024!**



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2024



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