

National Hispanic Health Foundation

20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

***New York Hispanic Health  
Professional Student Scholarship***

*Gala*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023  
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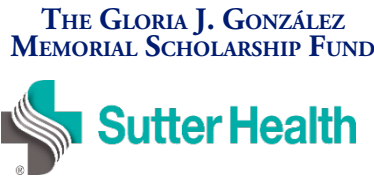
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Dear Colleagues,

The National Hispanic Foundation (NHHF), the philanthropic arm of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), welcomes you to our **Twentieth Annual New York Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala**.

We are proud to announce the scholarship recipients from the Eastern United States, as well as the Hispanic Health Leadership Awardees who inspire us with their leadership for change in health care for our community.

Hispanics are the largest ethnic group in the United States, yet, there is a dearth of Hispanic health professionals with the cultural and linguistic skills to deliver quality care for this growing population. In addition, Federal, State, local government and private sector health care agencies have a shortage of Hispanic representation in top leadership positions who are decision-makers on policies and programs targeted to our communities.

NHMF is responding to these challenges by developing this unique national scholarship program to reward students in health professional schools for exceptional academic performance, leadership, and commitment to serving the Hispanic community. We believe they are the future Hispanic leaders of our nation.

With immense gratitude, NHMF thanks all of our scholarship gala sponsors across sectors for their generosity and dedication to supporting our mission to empower and diversify the next generation of health professionals. The **Platinum Sponsors include:** National Hispanic Medical Association, the United Health Foundation, Fidelis Care/Centene Corporation. **Gold Sponsor includes:** SOMOS Community Care and PhRMA. **Silver Sponsors include:** AARP, AMA, AMGEN, DaVita, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and The Gloria J. Gonzalez Memorial Fund. **Bronze Sponsors include:** Cook County Health, Latino Commission on AIDS, NY Presbyterian Hospital, NYC Health + Hospitals –Elmhurst, Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Novavax, Novo Nordisk, Otsuka, Princeton Area Community Foundation, and all of our media partners and friends.

We thank the Honorary Host Gala Committee for making your vision for leadership an inspiration to the scholarship recipients who are our future leaders for the health of all Americans.

We hope you enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP  
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It is my pleasure to congratulate the National Hispanic Health Foundation on this year's **Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala**, to be held on **November 17, 2023**, at the Westin Pasadena Hotel in Pasadena, California and on **November 30, 2023**, at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel in New York City, New York.

The Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) is honored to collaborate with the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) to award these outstanding Hispanic graduate students and to help influence and support the growth of diversity within the health profession. We acknowledge the important work the NHMA and NHHF have accomplished through their support of health professional students to advance their careers and promote positive change in their communities. The HDA extends a warm welcome and a special congratulations to this year's scholarship awardees for being leaders and advocates for their communities and demonstrating such passion as health professionals.

The National Hispanic Health Foundation continues to fund the success of countless Hispanic health professions students. Their accomplishments are commended as they serve an invaluable role in the health of our communities through their dedication to eliminating health disparities and advancing diversity in the health professions workforce.

On behalf of the Hispanic Dental Association, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

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October 17, 2023

National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).

It is with great pleasure that we send out our heartfelt congratulations to the National Hispanic Health Foundation for their outstanding Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala, held in both California and New York.

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to this year's scholarship awardees, whose exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to success are truly commendable. These awardees have demonstrated a profound commitment to improving the health of the Hispanic community, and we are confident that their impact will be deeply felt.

The National Hispanic Health Foundation has played a pivotal role in promoting diversity among health professionals and health policy graduate students by recognizing and supporting exceptional Hispanic graduate students. Their ongoing efforts in funding the success of Hispanic health professions students are highly commendable. Their achievements are invaluable, as they continue to make a significant contribution to the well-being of our communities by tirelessly working towards eliminating health disparities and advancing diversity in the health professions workforce. It is indeed our honor to serve on the Honorary Gala Selection Committee.

On behalf of the Latino Caucus for Public Health, we take great pride in being partners in our joint mission to represent and advocate for the health interests of the Latino community. We extend our wholehearted congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Lebron".

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I also wanted to congratulate this year's scholarship awardees for leading and demonstrating such passion as health professionals. The National Hispanic Health Foundation has been influential in fostering the growth of diversity among health professions and health policy graduate students by awarding outstanding Hispanic graduate students. Their goal has been to provide opportunities for members of the Hispanic community by supporting health professionals advance in their careers and promote change in their communities.

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The National Hispanic Health Foundation continues to fund the success of countless Hispanic health professions students. Their accomplishments are commended as they serve an invaluable role in the health of our communities through their dedication to eliminating health disparities and advancing diversity in the health professions workforce.

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Sincerely,

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It gives us great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the entire Physician Associates for Latino Health organization. Our relationship with the National Hispanic Health Foundation grows stronger each year, as demonstrated by our collaboration to find multiple ways to close the medical disparity gap in the Hispanic community. Bringing more medical providers to underserved communities, and networking to ensure all our healthcare professionals are working together toward the common goal of improving outcomes for those most in need. As such, I am honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Honorary Gala Host Committee for the Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala.

Our organization also recognizes the need to help cultivate our young and upcoming healthcare professionals and foster the next generation through leadership, advocacy and service to our underserved communities.

PA's for Latino Health congratulates all the scholarship recipients. You have demonstrated your unique understanding of caring for our community. Your academic excellence, service, outreach, and aspirations to work with the Latino community are truly outstanding, and we could not be prouder to stand beside you and help you achieve these goals. Your contributions will help bridge the gap in the service to our community within the multiple disciplines of the U.S. healthcare system.

PA's for Latino Health encourages you to join our group and take part in the opportunity to engage with fellow PA Students and Physician Assistants who are here to support you on your journey. We also have a PA Student Scholarship that you can apply for in the spring of 2024, to support you further in your career path.

Best Wishes,

Paola Gonzalez, MPAS, PA-C  
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November 1, 2023

*Welcome to the Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala!*

This is an exciting time for the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) as this celebration recognizes the achievements and future of our Latino Health care workforce. As the Host Committee Co-Chairperson this year, I had the pleasure of learning about our nursing scholarship nominees and reading about their commitment to advancing health equity. Pursuing their professional goals of becoming registered nurses and/or obtaining advanced degrees in nursing as nurse practitioners, administrators, and researchers would lead them one step closer to achieving their dreams.

I was deeply inspired by the stories shared, and each students' vision of how they saw themselves as a key piece to improving health outcomes within the Latino community. **And You Are!** It is an honor to be among future health care professionals, who are preparing themselves to be health care leaders, policy change-makers and clinical experts.

Each story shared was a prime example of the importance of the NHHF scholarship and how it brings students closer to reaching their professional goals. I hope each scholarship applicant continues their journey, as they will soon be the role models to aspiring students.

And to all the award winners tonight- *Congratulations!* I look forward to seeing the impact you will have within the health care setting, and for our Latino community.

All the best,

Adrianna Nava, PhD, MPA, MSN, RN  
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Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez  
Representative, New York's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Dear friends:

I am writing to congratulate the National Hispanic Health Foundation on your Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala. Founded on the principles of equity and inclusivity, NHHF works tirelessly to address the unique healthcare challenges faced by Hispanic individuals and families. This is vital work, as Hispanics and Latinos face a wide range of health disparities that must be addressed. Through your efforts to increase representation in the medical field and foster the development of Hispanic healthcare professionals, NHHF is helping to create a healthier future for the Hispanic population of the United States.

In Congress, I am also working to eliminate health disparities for Hispanics and other underserved populations. As such, I am proud to be a part of the Honorary Gala Host Committee for this important event. NHHF's scholarship gala is vital to uplifting outstanding health professional students working to improve the health of Hispanic populations and communities. The scholarships awarded tonight will help develop a new generation of health leaders and create positive change in the realm of healthcare equity and social justice.

I want to congratulate all of tonight's scholarship recipients for the incredible work that they've done and all that they will accomplish moving forward with the support of NHHF. I also want to thank Dr. Elena Rios, NHHF leadership, the dedicated staff, and all the members for all you do to advance Hispanic health equity in the United States. I look forward to continuing to work with you to create a healthier and more equitable future for all. Congratulations again on your annual gala. I wish you a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nydia M. Velázquez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nydia M. Velázquez  
Member of Congress





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**Amy Paulin**

Noticias 41 Television Morning Talent  
Televisa Univision

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November 30, 2023

Dear Friends of the National Hispanic Health Foundation,

On behalf of the New York State Assembly, I am delighted to congratulate the National Hispanic Health Foundation on the occasion of its Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala. This is the only program in the nation where we honor outstanding health professional students, as well as highlight the accomplishments of key leaders, who have made outstanding contributions towards improving the health of Hispanic populations and communities.

I would also like to congratulate this year's scholarship awardees for their hard work and their willingness to do what is necessary to succeed. The awardees have shown their dedication to improving the health of the Hispanic community, and I am certain their efforts will make a difference.

The National Hispanic Health Foundation has been influential in fostering the growth of diversity among health professions and health policy graduate students by giving awards to outstanding Hispanic graduate students. They continue to fund the success of Hispanic health professions students, and their accomplishments are commended as they serve an invaluable role in the health of our communities through dedication to eliminating health disparities and advancing diversity in the health professions workforce.

Thanks to the National Hispanic Health Foundation, and all its supporters, for your tireless efforts on behalf of the Hispanic community. I wish you all continued success.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Paulin  
Member of Assembly



*Twentieth Annual New York  
Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala Program*



6:30 pm Reception  
7:30 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony  
9:30 pm Dance/DJ Teddy

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Diversity in Health Care Scholarship Program

**Class of 2023**

# Class of 2023 Scholars

## *Dental Student*



**Edika Quevedo Dejesus**  
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine  
Graduation Year 2026

## *Public Health Student*



**Samantha Mendoza Stanteen**  
Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health  
Graduation Year 2024

## *Pharmacy Student*



**Gretel Morales Mendoza**  
Touro College of Pharmacy  
Graduation Year 2025

## *Physician Associate Student*



**Diego Castro Cumana**  
The City University of New York School of Medicine  
Graduation Year 2026

## *Nursing Student*



**Christina Buliga**  
Herbert H. Lehman College  
Graduation Year 2025

## *Medical Students*



**Sebastian Acevedo**  
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School  
Graduation Year 2025

# Scholars

## Medical Students



**Melanie Anaya**  
*AARP Scholar*  
The Warren Alpert Medical School  
Graduation Year 2025



**Richard Callum**  
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine  
Graduation Year 2025



**Daniela Guerra**  
FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
Graduation Year 2026



**Melissa Alejandra Hynds Cordova**  
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons  
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**Israel Ibarra**  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
Graduation Year 2027

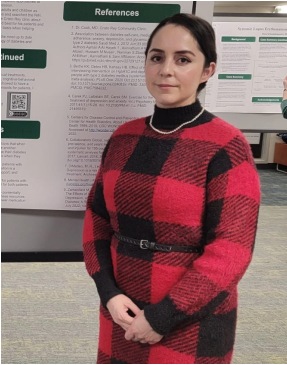


**Melinda Kassandra Lopez**  
University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus  
Graduation Year 2025



# Scholars

## Medical Students



**Karla Navarro**  
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine  
Graduation Year 2026



**Marianne Tissot Rodriguez**  
Icahn School of Medicine - Mount Sinai  
Graduation Year 2027



**Joshua Rosario**  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
Graduation Year 2026



**Daniela Schmulevich**  
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine  
Graduation Year 2027



**Marquise Soto**  
Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University  
Graduation Year 2025



**Natalie Ivette Toro**  
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## Scholars

### Medical Students



**Alina M. Torres**

*Gloria J. González Scholar*  
The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences  
Graduation Year 2027



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Icahn School of Medicine - Mount Sinai  
Graduation Year 2026

### Continuing Scholarship Recipients

### Class of 2021 Scholars

#### Medical Students

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University of California Riverside, School of Medicine, Class of 2026

#### **Camila Hurtado**

University of California Berkeley,  
School of Public Health and University of California San Francisco,  
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#### **Gabriel Urreola**

University of California Davis, School of Medicine, Class of 2025

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University of California Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine, Class of 2024

#### Dental Student

#### **Carlos Villalvazo**

University of California Los Angeles, School of Dentistry, Class of 2026

*Class of 2022 Scholars*

**Medical Students**

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University of California Davis School of Medicine, Class of 2024

**Melinda Benavides**

Baylor College of Medicine, Class of 2026

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University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry, Class of 2025

**Pharmacy Student**

**Jose Felipe Dominguez**

University of Arizona R.K. Coit College of Pharmacy, Class of 2025

**Nursing Student**

**Cecilia Pimental**

University of California School of Nursing, Class of 2024

## *Mistress of Ceremonies*

*Lulu Gomez*

Noticias 41 Television Morning Talent  
TelevisaUnivision



Originally from Northern Mexico, Lulu Gomez began her artistic career in the state of Sonora. Graduated with honors from the University of Sonora with a Bachelor's Degree in Performing Arts with a Dance Option, she was awarded a scholarship to study at the prestigious Debbie Reynolds School of Dance and Acting in Hollywood CA where she also decided to enter the world of Television and Radio presentation.

Throughout her career she has participated in international festivals in Mexico, USA and Cuba. In 2014, along with her dance partner, they created a performing arts project that was selected by the Mark Morris Dance Group company and brought them to New York City where Lulu Gomez continued her education at the Juilliard School of Arts.

Today, Lulu Gomez is studying to obtain a Master degree in Sports Journalism. In 2021, Lulu hosted Sabados Con los NY Giants along side Damaris Diaz and the legendary NFL player Victor Cruz. The show was a weekly program highlighting the NFL team season with player and fan interviews. Currently, she is a morning talent for Noticias 41 Univision's morning show and correspondent for the Univision network in New York.

## *Welcome Remarks*

*Anne Yau*

Senior Vice President  
United Health Group



Anne Yau was named senior vice president of Social Responsibility, UnitedHealth Group, and president of the United Health Foundation in September 2023. In this role, she leads the corporate social responsibility strategy, employee giving and volunteering programs, America's Health Rankings platform and all philanthropic, charitable and grant-making efforts through the United Health Foundation.

Yau joined UnitedHealth Group in 2010 and has led numerous enterprise-wide efforts to advance the company's policy and advocacy priorities, and social responsibility initiatives. Prior to UnitedHealth Group, Yau worked in management consulting with Booz Allen Hamilton and CGI serving commercial, state and federal clients including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and a master's degree in public policy from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

*George Rodriguez*

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George Rodriguez, Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Fidelis Care. George has been part of the Fidelis Care family for almost 18 years. A community leader who is driven by his roots in the community and passion to serve those less fortunate. Fidelis Care is the largest managed care company in the State of New York, insuring over 2.5 million residents of the State.

## *Welcome Remarks*

### *Conchita M. Paz, MD*

Secretary/Treasurer  
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Dr. Conchita M. Paz is a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico where she has practiced family medicine for ten years. During the past ten years, she has been appointed chairperson of the Family Practice Department, and a participating member of Critical Care, Executive, Performance Improvement, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations committees at Memorial Medical Center. Dr. Paz was secretary of the Dona Ana County Medical Society for four years. She was past president of the New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association from 1992-1994.

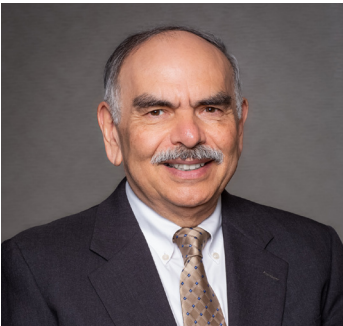
Dr. Paz has returned to private practice after seven years of service with a private HMO of New Mexico. Currently, she serves as a part-time faculty member for medical students attending University of New Mexico School of Medicine and Southern New Mexico Family Practice Residency Program.

In 1993, Dr. Paz was a participating member of the National Health Care Task Force. Prior to 1992, she worked in small community clinics in northern and southern New Mexico. For two years, she was medical director and supervised the ambulance service in northern New Mexico rural community.

Conchita Paz received a B.S. and a M.D. from the University of New Mexico. She received her internship from Mercy Medical Center in Denver, Colorado and her residency at Creighton University in Family Practice in Omaha, Nebraska. She is a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice.

### *Mark A. Diaz, MD*

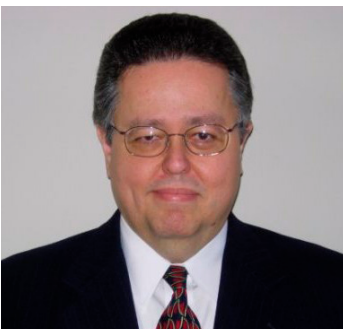
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Mark Diaz, MD is a UC Davis College of Agriculture graduate. He was an undergraduate co-founder of UC Davis CHE, a Latino Pre-medical club. He was a cofounder of Clinica Tepati, a free clinic for Spanish-speaking patients. He is a graduate of the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. He completed his Family Medicine Residency and a Song-Brown Family Medicine Fellowship at the University of California Davis Medical Center. He is Board Certified in Family Practice and Occupational Medicine. Dr. Diaz was a founding member of the National Hispanic Medical Association, the National Hispanic Health Foundation and the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Hispanic Health Foundation. He is a Volunteer Clinical Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine of the University of California, Davis. He is also a Volunteer Assistant Clinical Professor for California Northstate University School of Medicine. He is a Medical Consultant for the California Public Employees Retirement System.

### *Gilbert Burgos, MD, MPH, CPE*

Chairman  
National Hispanic Medical Association Board of Directors



Dr. Gilbert Burgos is the Executive Director of Medical Affairs for Elderplan/Homefirst, a Managed Care Organization. He works with utilization management, case management, quality, pharmacy and other major areas of the organization to improve the healthcare of members. Most recently, he was the Executive Director and Chief Medical Director for Nassua Queens PPS. He worked with the Department of Health and three major health systems within Queens and Nassau (Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Nassua University Medical Center and Catholic Health Services of Long Island) to implement the DSRIP (Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment) program, a major state initiative to restructure how Medicaid recipients receive health care in New York State.

Dr. Burgos is board certified in Internal Medicine and is also a Certified Physician Executive through the American Association of Physician Leaders. He has over twenty years of experience as a senior executive with physician groups, hospitals and health plans. Previous positions include Executive Director of Medical

Management with Advantage Care Physicians (ACP) in New York, Executive Vice-President and Chief Medical Officer for Preferred Health Partners (PHP) in New York, Senior Vice-President and Chief Medical Officer of Mercy Memorial Hospital System in Michigan, and Chief Medical Officer for Care Choices Health Plan, part of Trinity Health System in Michigan.

He obtained his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Montefiore Medical Center. In addition, he obtained a Master's in Public Health from Harvard University's School of Public Health with a concentration in Health Policy and Management.

## *Welcome Remarks*

*Elena V. Rios, MD, MSPH, MACP*  
President & CEO, National Hispanic Medical Association  
President, National Hispanic Health Foundation



Dr. Rios serves as President & CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA), representing the interests of 50,000 Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve and empower Hispanic health care professionals. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation to direct educational and research activities.

Dr. Rios also serves on the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda Boards of Directors, Centene Health Policy Advisory Committee, Centene Health Equity Committee, and the VA National Academic Affiliations Council. Dr. Rios has lectured, published articles and has received several leadership awards, including awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses; American Public Health Association Latino Caucus; Association of Hispanic Health Executives; Minority Health Month, Inc.; Hispanic Magazine; Latino Leaders Maestro and Top Latina 100; Verizon's First Pollin Community Service; and Amerigroup and National Diversity Council Top Healthcare Leaders. Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University in October, 2006, as a Fellow of the New York Academy of

Medicine in 2007, the Institute of Medicine Global Forum for Health Professions Education in 2014, as a Fellow (2016) and Master (2022) of the American College of Physicians, and as a member of the Society of Medical Administrators in 2017.

Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from November 1994 to October 1998. In 1998-2004, Dr. Rios served as Executive Director, Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools. In 1993, Dr. Rios was appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House. From 1992-94, Dr. Rios worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher.

Dr. Rios has also served as President of the Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, Founder of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students, member of the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, and Stanford Alumni Association, Women's Policy Inc., Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Directors, Nurse Family Partnerships, Campaign Against Obesity, Better Medicare Alliance and Partnership for Prevention Boards of Directors, PacifiCare-UnitedHealthcare California Investment Committee, CDC Health Disparities Committee, ASU Health Futures Council, Cancer Treatment Centers of America Hispanic Advisory Council, AMA's Disparities Commission and Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committees, and NIH Office of Research on Women's Health Advisory Committee.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University in 1977, MSPH at the UCLA School of Public Health in 1980, MD at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles in 1990, and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine in 1992.



## *Awardees*

### *Ramon Tallaj, MD*

Chairman of the Board of Directors  
SOMOS Community Care



Dr. Ramon Tallaj, M.D., brings over 40 years of extensive medical expertise to his role as an accomplished internist. He earned his medical degree from the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Escuela De Medicina in the Dominican Republic. Subsequently, he completed his residency at the St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City. Dr. Tallaj's notable background includes various governmental positions in the Dominican Republic before his relocation to the United States. His primary goal was to expand healthcare access to New York's Hispanic immigrant communities.

In 2014, Dr. Tallaj founded the non for profit SOMOS Community Care, leading a network of over 2,500 physicians dedicated to delivering culturally sensitive healthcare to over 1 million Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries across New York City's immigrant communities. Under his guidance, SOMOS has significantly enhanced preventive and chronic care management, resulting in an impressive reduction of over 35 percent in emergency room visits and hospital admissions. This accomplishment has translated into substantial savings, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars for New York State taxpayers. With a vast network encompassing more than 700 medical offices throughout the city, SOMOS facilitates over

25,000 patient visits daily, while integrating mental health screenings.

During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Tallaj and SOMOS Community Care established a pioneering approach. They set up 125 tri-lingual sites, facilitating testing for over 1 million individuals and administering vaccines to 2 million New Yorkers. Additionally, they established call centers that provided free, multilingual health guidance and essential personal protective equipment (PPE) to immigrant communities across the nation. Their efforts further extended to aiding over 2 million individuals with access to food resources.

Dr. Tallaj's visionary approach to equitable healthcare is underscored by his commitment to linguistic and cultural proficiency. His remarkable work within SOMOS Community Care was prominently featured in an Emmy Award-winning documentary titled "Doctor Tallaj: The Hispanic Who Faced COVID-19 in New York." His dedication to underserved communities garnered significant recognition, including the Pontiff's Medal (Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice) from Pope Francis in July—an esteemed accolade from the Vatican. Dr. Ramon Tallaj's unwavering commitment continues to be evident, as demonstrated by his recent hosting of a roundtable discussion in Washington Heights, addressing the pressing need for mental health services in immigrant communities. Esteemed participants included New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff, and US Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Tallaj has demonstrated his humanitarian spirit through various missions. He played a pivotal role in post-hurricane recovery efforts in both the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona. Dr. Ramon Tallaj's legacy is one of healthcare innovation, equity, and compassionate service on a global scale. A former health official, Dr. Tallaj is originally from the Dominican Republic.

### *Lynne Holden, MD, MPH*

Senior Associate Dean of Diversity and Inclusion  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine



Dr. Lynne Holden is a national leader in diversifying the healthcare workforce. She received her undergraduate degree from Howard University and her medical degree from Temple University. She completed her residency training in Emergency Medicine from the Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, NY. Dr. Holden is a Professor of Emergency Medicine, Vice-Chair for Diversity Equity and Inclusion in the Emergency Department and serves as the Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Enhancement and Inclusion at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. Dr. Holden is the co-founder and President Emeritus of Mentoring in Medicine, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the diversity of the health and science workforce from elementary school through career, which has helped over 525 students to realize their dream of becoming a physician. She is a Deacon at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, NY and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She is also a member of WellMet, a NYC female giving circle, focused on funding nonprofit organizations that are finding solutions for social justice issues in NYC.

## *Awardees*

### *Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH*

Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer  
American Medical Association



Dr. Aletha Maybank is a pediatrician and preventive medicine physician, a public health professional, and a Senior Vice President at the American Medical Association. She joined the AMA in April 2019, to launch AMA's Center for Health Equity as their inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer.

Prior to joining the AMA, Dr. Maybank served as the Founding Deputy Commissioner for the Center for Health Equity at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2014). Aimed at strengthening equity efforts and transforming organizational culture, the Center became a model of success recognized by NYC leadership, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. She was instrumental in infusing equity at the neighborhood level and advancing the Department's place-based approach to addressing health inequities. She also set precedence with groundbreaking work at the Office of Minority Health in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (2006) while serving as the Founding Director.

She is a highly sought-after health expert appearing on national and influential media outlets such as NPR, MSNBC, NewsOne, Roland Martin, the Lancet, Journal of the American Medical Association to name a few. More recently, due to her leadership in the COVID response efforts, she has been interviewed by Oprah Winfrey and authored the New York Times Op-ed, "The Pandemic's Missing Data" to bring more awareness to the structural inequities in the United States. She moderates the AMA monthly web series, "Prioritizing Equity" that elevates the voices and stories of physicians centering equity in COVID-19 response efforts. Dr. Maybank holds a BA from Johns Hopkins University, a MD from Temple University School of Medicine, and a MPH from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

### *Israel Rocha*

Chief Executive Officer  
Cook County Health



Israel Rocha Jr. joined Cook County Health (CCH) as Chief Executive Officer in December 2020. CCH has a storied 185 year legacy of caring for all patients, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status. Today it includes two hospitals, including the Midwest's largest trauma center, more than a dozen community health centers, Cermak Health Services the medical provider at the Cook County Jail and Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Cook County Department of Public Health and CountyCare, a Medicaid managed care plan. The health system serves more than 600,000 individuals each year and has a \$4 billion budget. At CCH, Mr. Rocha guided his team in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world's biggest public health crisis in a century. CCH was among the first health systems in the nation to achieve one million doses of COVID vaccine milestone the communities it serves.

Committed throughout his career to social justice and health equity, Mr. Rocha launched the Office of Equity & Inclusion at CCH in early 2021 to bring together disparate parts of the health system in a collaborative way to affect real change. In April 2022, Mr. Rocha announced the establishment of The Change Institute of Cook County Health, a think- and do- tank designed to address health equity, improve patient outcomes including the prevention of premature death. The Change Institute will convene a broad spectrum of stakeholders from health care, business, academia, and government to tackle diseases like cancer, diabetes, cancer and stroke that disproportionately impact the health and livelihoods of minority communities. Mr. Rocha's aim is to leverage all available

Mr. Rocha's early experience includes serving as the CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals Elmhurst and Queens hospitals. He serve also as the CEO of Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Health System in Edinburg, Texas and working on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University and a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science & Environmental Science from Columbia University, NY.

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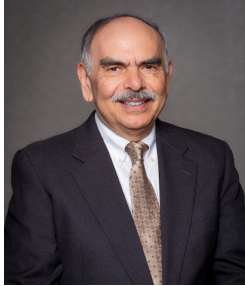
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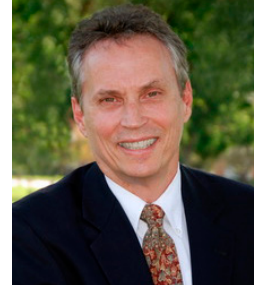
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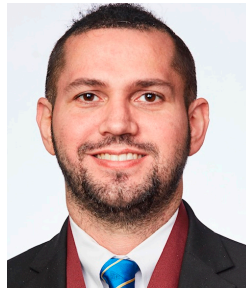
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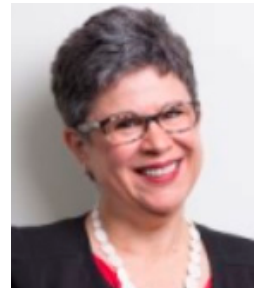
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California Surgeon General

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President, California Medical Association

#### **Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, PhD, MPH**

Associate Dean for Community Initiatives and Professor, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California

### 2021

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Deputy Chief Medical Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx Hospital

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#### **John W. Graneto, D.O., M.Ed., FACEP, FAAP**

Professor and Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Vice-President for Health Affairs California Health Sciences University

### 2020

#### **VADM Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH**

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Chief Strategy Officer, Executive Director, NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi/North; NYC Health + Hospitals, North Central Bronx.

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Chief Medical Officer for Prevention, American Heart Association

#### **Lucila Tarin, MD, MPH, FAAD**

Program Director, Adventist Health White Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program

#### **Ramiro Zúñiga, MD, MBA, FAAFP**

Vice President, Medical Director, Health Net and California Health and Wellness; Centeme Corporation

### 2019

#### **Rafael Lantigua, MD**

Professor of Medicine, Associate Dean for Community Service, Director, Office of Community Service Programs, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

#### **Aida Luz Maisonet Giachello, PhD**

Research Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

#### **José A. Pagán, PhD**

Chair & Professor, Department of Public Health Policy & Management, NYU College of Global Public Health

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Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Professor of Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine

#### **Irene Blanco, MD**

Associate Dean for Office of Diversity Enhancement, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

#### **Deborah Deas, MD, MPH**

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Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

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Pediatrician, Paso Del Norte Pediatrics, P.A.

#### **Mario A. Jimenez, PharmD**

Director Diversity Initiatives, Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy

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Hepatologist and Medical Director, Pasadena Liver Center  
President and CEO, California Liver Research Institute

### 2018

#### **Oxiris Barbot, MD**

Acting Commissioner, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

#### **Mitchell Katz, MD**

President and Chief Executive Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals

#### **Susana Morales, MD**

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine Director, Diversity Center of Excellence, The Cornell Center for Health Equity

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#### **Felix Nunez, MD, MPH**

Medical Director, Molina Healthcare of California

#### **Maria S. Salinas**

President & CEO, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

### 2017

#### **Adam Aponte, MD, MPH**

Medical Director, United Healthcare Community Plan of New York  
Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

#### **Araceli Esquivel**

Director, Health Equity, Inclusion and Quality Improvement, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

#### **Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PHD, RN**

Professor, Director, Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health, NYU Silver Social Work School

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#### **John Andazola, MD, FAAFP**

Program Director, Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program

#### **Mary Lou De Leon Siantz, PHD, RN, FAAN**

Professor, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis and  
Director, Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Science

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President and CEO, Blue Shield of California Foundation

### Martha Preciado, MD

Cardiologist, East Los Angeles

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### Richard D. Cordova, FACHE

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

### Sylvia Lopez

Former Anchor, KCBS/KCAL TV, Los Angeles

### Gregory Talavera, MD, MPH

Professor, Division of Health Promotion and Behavioral Science, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University

## 2015

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President and Chief Executive Officer, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

### Joseph Maldonado, Jr., MD, MSc, MBA

President, Medical Society of the State of New York

### Rick Sanchez

International Journalist

### The Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito

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Principal, Martel Eye Medical Group

### Frank Meza, MD

Alta Med Health Services

### Lloyd H. Minor, MD

Dean, Stanford University School of Medicine

### Senator Ricardo Lara

California State Senate

### Hilda Solis

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

## 2014

### Natalie Morales-Rhodes

NBC TODAY Show

### Manny Gonzalez

Co-Founder & CEO, Pediatric Innovations USA

### Luis Rosero

Director of Hispanic Business Strategy Group, Toyota Motor

North America, Toyota

### Yvette Calderon

Associate Dean for Office of Diversity Enhancement, Professor Albert Einstein College of Medicine

### Jay Hershenson

Vice Chancellor, CUNY

### Roger F. Steinert, MD

Interim Dean, UC Irvine School of Medicine

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Vice Dean for Medical Education, Department of Surgery, Keck School of Medicine of USC

### Robert Rojas CPA

Owner, Rojas & Associates, CPAs

### Pedro Nosnik, MD, PA

Beth D. Zachary  
President & CEO, White Memorial Medical Center

### Bel Hernandez-Castillo

CEO and Executive Director, Latin Heat Media, LLC

## 2013

### Chelsea Clinton

The Clinton Foundation

### Felix Ortiz

Assistant Speaker, State Assemblyman (District 51), NY State Assembly

### Gary Butts, MD

Associate Dean for Diversity, Programs & Policy Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

### Roberto Clemente, Jr.

President & CEO, RCJ Global Impact, LLC

### Diana Bonta, DrPH, RN

Adjunct Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, UCLA School of Public Health

### Monica Lozano

CEO, ImpreMedia

### Cástulo de la Rocha

President & CEO, AltaMed Health Services

### Sandra Daley, MD

Associate Chancellor & Chief Diversity Officer, UC San Diego

### Juan Mondragon

Owner, Juan's Restaurante

## 2012

### Guillermo Chacon

CEO, The Latino Commission on AIDS

### Robert Corcoran

Retired, President, GE Foundation

### Wendy Z. Goldstein

President & CEO, Lutheran Healthcare System

### Maria Hinojosa

President, The Futuro Media Group

### Clinton E. Adams, DO, FAAFP, FACHE

Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Western University of Health Sciences

### Mauricio Leiva, MEd

### Arthur J. Ochoa, Esq.

Senior Vice President, Community Relations and Development, Cedars Sinai Health System

### Nely Galan

Principal, Adelante Movement

### Manuel Bennett

Artist and sculptor from Mexico

## 2011

### Arlene González-Sánchez, MS, LMSW

Commissioner New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)

## Past Awardees

### Robert B. Goldberg, DO

Dean and Professor, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

### Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, EdD, MS

Director, CUNY Institute for Health Equity,  
Lehman College

### James Knickman, PhD

President and CEO, The New York State Health Foundation

### Rosa Gil, DSW

President and CEO, Comunilife, Inc

### James Avila

National News Correspondent, ABC News

### Carmen Puliafito, MD, MBA

Dean, Keck School of Medicine of USC

### Cynthia Ann Telles, PhD

Director, Spanish Speaking Psychosocial Clinic,  
UCLA Neuropsychiatric  
Institute and Hospital

### Gary L. Yates

Retired, California Wellness Foundation

### Thomas M. Priselac

President & CEO, Cedars-Sinai Health System

## 2010

### Adolfo Carrion

Regional Director, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

### Richard Daines, MD, MPH

Commissioner, New York State Department of Health

### Paloma Hernandez

CEO, Urban Health Plan Inc.

### Kenneth Olden, PhD

Dean, City University of New York  
School of Public Health

### Jacqueline Hernandez

CEO, Telemundo Communications Group

### Anne Beal, MD, MPH

President, Aetna Foundation

### Susan Desmond-Hellman, MD, MPH

Chancellor, University of California,  
San Francisco

### Salvador P. Renteria III, DO

State Aviation Medical Officer,  
MRO for the State of California

### Antonio P. Linares, MD, FAAFP

Medical Director and Regional VP,  
Anthem Blue Cross Health & Wellness Solutions

### David Werdegar, MD, MPH

President & CEO, Institute on Aging

### Aida Alvarez

Chairman, Board of Directors, Latino Community Coalition,  
San Francisco

### Jorge L. Figueredo

Vice President, Human Resources, McKesson

### Lloyd H. Dean

President & CEO, Dignity Health

## 2009

### Anna Carbonell

Vice President, Press & Public Affairs, NBC & Telemundo

### Allen M. Spiegel, MD

Dean, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

### George Thibault, MD

President, Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation

### Joe Coto

Former State Assemblyman (D-23),  
California Assembly

### Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA

President, Albert & Mary Lasker Foundation

### Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq.

President/CEO, California Primary Care Association

### Lawrence Garcia, Esq.

Board of Trustees, Mercy Foundation, Sacramento

## 2008

### Malcolm A. Smith

New York State Senate Majority Leader

### Karen Davis, PhD

President, The Commonwealth Fund

### Robert I. Grossman, MD

Dean, New York University School of Medicine

### Jose A. Arevalo, MD

Physician, Sutter Health

### Richard Figueroa, MBA

Program Manager for Health Reform, California Endowment

## 2007

### Alan D. Aviles

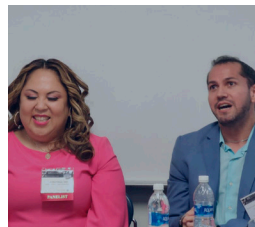
President & CEO, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

### Jo Ivey Boufford, MD

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The **National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF)** (501c3) was established in 1994 in Washington, DC as the philanthropic arm of the NHMA. The mission is to support educational and research activities to improve the health of Hispanics. In 2005, NHHF became affiliated with and located at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University. In 2012, NHHF moved to the New York Academy of Medicine to build its community-based research and started submitting research grants. In 2020, NHHF moved to the NHMA DC Office.

In 2004, NHHF established the National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Program for medical, nursing, dental, public health, and later physician associate and pharmacy students, with outstanding academic records, leadership, and commitment to serving Hispanics. The following year, we invited the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Hispanic Dental Association, Latino Caucus of American Public Health Association, the NYU-Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and an honorary committee to present our first ten scholarships. In 2007, NHHF started a partnership with the United Health Foundation, and in 2008, a second annual Gala in California. In 2005, NHHF established its Corporate Advisory Board to provide guidance for growth. In 2011, NHHF partnered with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop a 5 year project, “Hispanic Early Childhood Obesity Physician Leadership and Health Communications Project” that resulted in strategies with NY and CA leaders.

NHHF has been supported by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation to convene national summits to create policy to improve diversity in the health workforce:

- A) “Increasing Diversity in Title VII Summit, 2009”: 25 African American and Hispanic and other medical experts met on improving diversity in medical education.
- B) “The President’s STEM Initiative Expansion to Health Professions and Diversity, Summit, 2013”: 30 leaders met with White House, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Department of Education, HRSA, NIH, National Sciences Foundation, Institute of Medicine, on expanding STEM for recruitment of K-12 & college underrepresented students to health professions and developing private/public partnerships for health professions programs. This project resulted in legislation introduced by bipartisan support in the House and Senate to create a prehealth terminal degree pathway for Hispanic Serving Institutions.
- C) “Diversity in the Research Workforce, 2015” with the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Medical Association, Association of American Indian Physicians, and the National Council of Asian American and Pacific Islander Physicians and 50 leaders.
- D) Medical Spanish Summit, 2018 with linguistic and medical school faculty that met again in 2020. In 2017, NHHF coordinated a Stop Vaping Campaign with CVS- Health, Dermatology Scholarship Program with Lubriderm, started the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association ([nhmafoundation.org/nhpa](http://nhmafoundation.org/nhpa)) with CVS Health, Walmart, PhRMA, and developed a Health Literacy Tool Kit for private physicians with Centene.

In 2021, NHHF Board launched the National Center of Hispanic Health Research to start a national repository of clinical researchers, nominations for clinical research opportunities, and recruitment for mentoring program.

We target physicians with large Hispanic patient panels to recruit to participate in clinical research and supporters include Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Genentech and Amgen. In 2022, NHHF partnered with Rockefeller Foundation on Building Healthy Communities (Vaccine Education for Youth). This year NHHF is partnering with Centene for its California Leadership Fellowship, executive training for physicians and with CDC on Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Public Health Workforce. Finally, NHHF has a new MOU with USDHHS to recruit Latino health leaders to Commissions and has become a Member of the ARPA-H Consumer Education Hub Network.

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# National Hispanic Medical Association

Established in 1994, the **National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)** represents the interests of 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the U.S. Its office is in Washington, DC and its mission is to empower Hispanic physicians to improve the health of Hispanic populations with our public and private partners.

The NHMA was developed as a result of a meeting of a core group of physicians who came together at the White House working on health care reform in 1993. During the meeting it was decided an organization was needed to fill a void in Washington, DC – the need for a voice for Hispanic/Latino physicians as advocates for Hispanic health with the Federal government. This decision grew from a history of organizing efforts dating back to the 1960s when Hispanic medical students formed regional associations and local societies focused on social and charitable activities. In 1982, Dr. Elena Rios established the California Chicano/Latino Medical Student Association with medical student leaders and its Super Network to link with 25 California Chicano premed clubs, and in 1987 the National Latin American Medical Student Network (now known as Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)) with advisors from New Jersey, Sacramento, and Chicago medical schools. Physician leaders from these groups came together in Washington, DC to start NHMA.

From 1995 to 1996, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration supported 5 regional meetings with Hispanic health leaders around the country, and the NHMA advisory committee that included NLAMS. In 1997, NHMA convened its First Annual National Conference. In October 1998, Dr. Rios became the Executive Director of NHMA supported by a Cooperative Agreement of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (HHS OMH). In 2000, NHMA began to receive funding from Foundations and the private sector for programs: Hispanic-Serving Health Professional Schools, NHMA Leadership, Resident Leadership and Public Health Fellowships, Research Network, Cultural Competence Curriculum Project, National Hispanic Health Leadership Summit with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, HHS and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and started its Congressional Hispanic Health Briefing Series and government affairs efforts with the California Endowment. In 2004, NHMA invited Hispanic healthcare leaders to meet and they formed the National Hispanic Health Professional Leadership Network and the NHMA Council of Medical Societies to promote leadership among their members.

In 2005, NHMA completed a strategic review and expanded its Board of Directors to include nationally recognized leaders, and in 2006, developed its membership plan. As a first step in this strategy, NHMA established a portal (HispanicHealth.info) to share calendar of meetings, community forums, and key resources. In 2007-2008, NHMA and OMH convened regional policy summits on access, prevention, workforce for the next five years, and produced recommendations for health care reform presented to the Obama Administration, Senator Kennedy (D-MA), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. In 2009, NHMA established its Council of Residents (COR) and along with President of LMSA, they were appointed to the Board. In 2011-2012, NHMA Board had retreats to rebrand its logo and build membership with regional policy summits, nominations for Federal commissions, job board, affinity programs, institutional membership, the Council of Young Physicians (CYP). In 2013, NHMA started Region Policy Forums with the White House and HHS on the Affordable Care Act, and in 2014, the mentoring of pre-med, medical, and public health students. In 2015, NHMA held a Diversity in Research & Medicine Summit with NIMHD and developed a Congress bill (HR 2927) STEM Pre-Med Pathway to Medical School with Congressman Joe Heck (R-NV) and Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA), and advocacy for access to preventive, health and mental health care, and ACA enrollment and implementation. In 2016, NHMA continued its health communications projects with CDC on HIV, ASTHO on adult Flu Vaccines, CMS with medical practice transformation, and with Amgen CVDz Summits. In 2017, NHMA started the College Health Scholars supported by HHS OMH to recruit Latino college students to health careers, NHMA Medical School Liaison program, and partnered with the AllofUs Research Program. In 2019 NHMA started its Chapters. In 2020, NHMA started COVID-19 Webinar Series and participated in national and international meetings and media on COVID-19 and Latinos. In 2021, NHMA announced the “Vaccinate For All” Campaign with CDC and J&J and began meeting weekly with the Biden Administration. This year we expand our work with medical education, collaborating with medical school members and expanded our staff/consultant/interns to 27. NHMA is a national leader working with our public and private partners to improve the health of our communities and ultimately, the health of all Americans.

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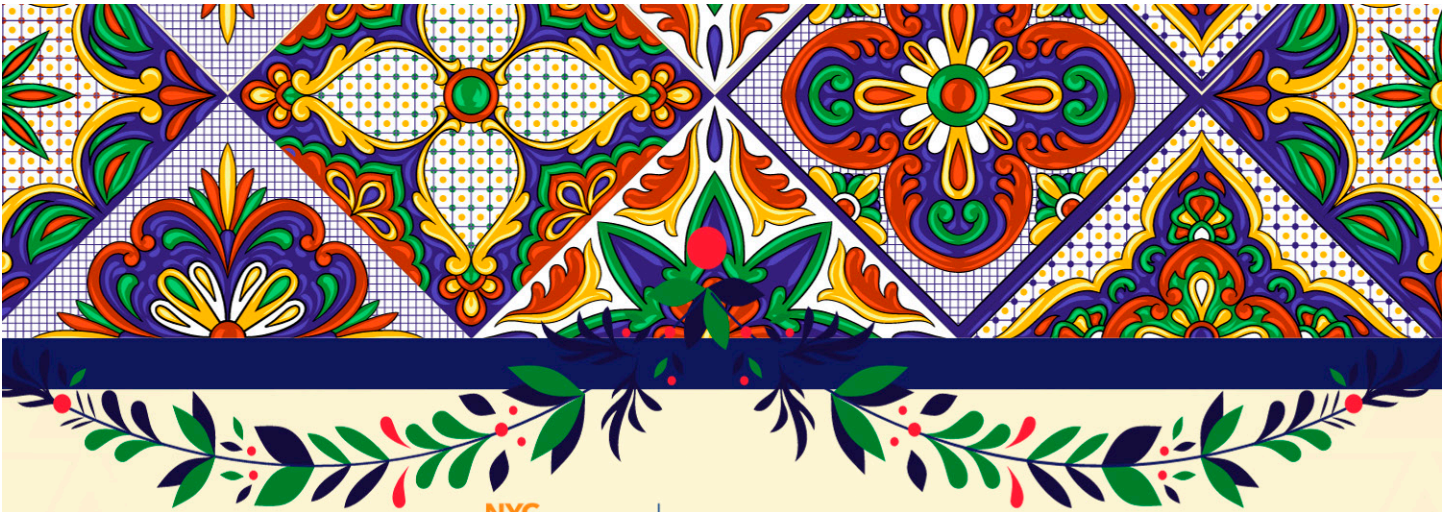
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