




March 2019 Report

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ACTIVITY	SUMMARY
<p>Iowa Latino Hall of Fame</p> <p>The commission established the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame to recognize and honor the Latino Iowans and to provide visible examples for tomorrow's Latino leaders, with the goal of ensuring that the efforts of Latino leaders are honorably recognized and celebrated.</p> <p>The Induction ceremony took place October 20, 2018 in Des Moines.</p> <p>2019 Latino Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Lorena Gingerich, Chair Marlu Abarca Alejandro Pino Norma Robles Vanessa Espinoza Ramon Calzada</p> <p>We are accepting nominations for the 2018 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the deadline is July 1, 2019</p>	 

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<p>Second Latino Day on the Hill</p> <p>The Commission held their second Latino Day on the Hill on Thursday, January 25, 2019, reaching their goal of serving as a bridge to connect Iowa's Latino community with the Capitol.</p> <p>The event was planned and put together by the commission's legislative committee:</p> <p>Marlu Abarca, Chair Cecilia Martinez Jesus Lizarraga Estrada Adalberto Castrejon Sofia Martinez Alexa Rodriguez</p> <p>The legislative committee is working on the 2020 Latino Day on the Hill.</p>	
<p>2019 Latino Day on the Hill & Policy Recommendations</p>	<p>2019 Policy Recommendations</p>
<p>Friends of the Commission and Office of Latino Affairs</p>	<p>On April 20th, 2018 the commission voted to start a Friends of the commission and office non-profit agency to raise funds for programing.</p> <p>The commission is working on recruiting more board members. FALO is planning their first Unidos Walk/Run for September 14, 2019.</p>
<p>Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition</p>	<p>The commission has established this coalition to bridge the gap of services and initiatives for LGBTQ communities of color in Iowa.</p> <p>Mission: The Iowa Queer Communities of Color's mission is to use an intersectional lens to address the inequity of services, lack of support and space, socioeconomic disparities, and institutional racism experienced by our communities through education, advocacy, and intentional inclusivity and organizing.</p> <p>Vision: Queer Communities of color in Iowa will be empowered to take collective action resulting in social change to obtain holistic wellness, equity and interpersonal growth.</p>

	<p>Current coalition members: Gabby Guerra Ceron, Co-Chair Buffy Jamison, Co-Chair Marlu Abarca, Secretary and Commission Vice-Chair Jeanina Messerly Sonia Reyes-Snyder Ric Tennenbaum</p>
<p>PILA (Association of Iowa Latinx Professionals)</p>	<p>PILA's mission is to support and empower Iowa's Latinx professionals by creating an inclusive space and providing opportunities for Self-Advocacy, Professional Development, Networking, and Connections to Iowa's Employers.</p> <p>PILA is holding monthly webinars, on the second Monday of each month.</p>
<p>Coming Up</p>	
<p>Unidos Walk/Run, September 14, 2019</p>	
<p>2019 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, October 19, 2019, 5:00-9:00 PM at the Des Moines Art Center.</p>	