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Year End 2015 Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2015 Year in Review

"SHOWCASING TOMORROW'S FUTURE" LATINOS UNIDOS OF IOWA 25th ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY 25 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS



**The Importance of Education - Reach for the Stars
They are yours!**

Keynote Speakers: **Juanita Limas** an Assistant Professor in the Math/Science Department at Kirkwood Community College and **Dr. Rich A. Salas** serves as the Director for Multicultural Affairs at Des Moines University.



Rededication of Murals: "Colores y Expresiones Latinas"

Presented by Concetta Morales, Artist/Muralist at Concetta Morales Studios LLC, Des Moines Ia and Ed Paz, Edward Marcos Paz (Ed), a Financial Analyst, Kaiser Permanente Healthcare Group, Honolulu, Hawaii.

25 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

Awarding the 2015-2016 Scholarships

Ewa Pratt, DMACC, Professor Emeritus

Rob Denson, fourth President of Des Moines Area Community College

Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D., Provost, DMACC

Juanita Limas an Assistant Professor, Kirkwood

Carol Williams, Dean of Admissions, Central College

Coralie Turner, Chair of Dept of Mod Languages at Grand View University

List of Colleges Providing Matching Scholarships

Central College

DMACC

Mercy College of Health Sciences

25 Latinos Unidos of Iowa Scholarship Recipients

Two-Year College

DMACC

Laura Lopez

Guadalupe Lopez

Dulce Zarate-Berber

Ashley Lepe

Kirkwood Community College

Elias DeHaro, Jr.

4 Year University

Iowa State University

Jose Amaya

Noah Perez

Paola Cordova

Sierra Singleton

Edgar Sanchez

Hugo Mesa

Greisy Murillo

Austin Castillo

GrandView University

Ana Miranda

Gladys Espitia

Lizeth Ornelas Salazar

Central College

Karina Suarez-Luna

Simpson College

Cecilia Martinez

Drake University

Brenda Vasquez

University of Iowa

Anel Melendrez

Guadalupe Chavez

Brian Zaragoza

Sarah Kromminga

Graduate Program - Grand View University

Fabian Ruiz-Angeles

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The Iowa Vein Center – Dr. Jose and Betty Olivencia
Principal Financial Group
Rockwell Collins
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Ana Miranda, Vice President

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Stephen Babe
Concetta Morales
Wanda Mejia
Betty Olivencia,
Maria Elena Jacobo
Students from DMU & Grand View University

"SHOWCASING TOMORROW'S FUTURE"

**Pictures of 25th Anniversary
And
Posters**



Ewa Pratt, Coralie Turner
And Fabian Angeles



Entertainment

**Las Guitarras de Mexico
Salvador "La Pantera" Hernandez**

**Posters provided
by
DMACC and Marketing Department
Designed by
Yuuki Matsuyama**

Recognition Picnic!



Board members from left to right Lilia Douglas, Wanda Mejia, Ana Miranda, Lena, Belen Ceballos and Stephen Babe.



2015 Lunch and Learn Presenters:

Elizabeth Balcarcel, IowaCasa;
Jose Garcia, , Des Moines Metro Credit Union;
Cheryl Bolden, Veteran Administration;
Fernando Aveiga, Evelyn Davis Family Center;
Elena Montalvo Davila and Alma Zuniga La Reina;
Eric Idehen, Wells Fargo;
Terry Hernandez, Chrysalis Foundation;
Peter Hill, VOYA;

2015 Latino Resource Fair Vendors

Ann Morris, Author
Catholic Charities
Iowa State University Extension & Outreach
VNS
Office of Sonia Parras PLLC
Principal Financial
DMACC
Primerica
Grandview University
Wells Fargo
IowaCasa
State Farm
Central College
La Reina Radio Station
Julie Solis-Alvarado, Iowa Attorney General Office;
Rossany Brugger, Iowa Dept. of Public Health;
David Hernandez, New York Life;
Michelle Taylor-Frazier, Multicultural Educational Programs, Inc.;
Jon Taber, Community CPA & Associates.

2015 Calendar of Events

January

January 20th

Financial Aid night - Walnut Creek Campus
Latinos Unidos of Iowa provided Scholarship
information
6-8pm

January 24th

Luncheon to thank the volunteers at the Johnston
Public Library.

February

February 12th

Parent conferences
Walnut Creek Campus
Latinos Unidos of Iowa provided Scholarship
information 4-8 we can leave at 6 or 6:30 pm

March

March 18th

EEOC

Maria Flores, Program Manager,
Fighting Discrimination

Our Lady of the Americas (formerly Visitation)
1271 E 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50316

ELL classes at 5 pm and at 7 pm

IowaCasa and Latinos Unidos of Iowa serving as
hosts.

April

April 18th

Latinos Unidos of Iowa Spring Luncheon and
Silent Auction "LA PRIMAVERA"
Argentinean Luncheon; empanadas, salad, bread
pudding with coffee and lemonade
Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage
Grove- Des Moines Iowa
Handicap Accessible
Silent Auction Bidding from 6:00-7:30
5:00 to 7:30

May

Happy Mothers Day and Happy Cinco de Mayo
VOYA held a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Latinos Unidos of Iowa and Connmigo participated and both organizations will receive proceeds from the sale of tacos.

June

Happy Fathers Day!
No meeting

July

Recognition Picnic
July 26, 2015

Union Park – West Shelter north of the Merry go round and on Thompson Street

August

August 25

I met with Lina with New York Life. (promoting each other’s business.)

September

Tuesday, September 1st,

Voya Financial Volunteer Fair from 11:00am-1:00pm

September 20th

Latinos Unidos of Iowa Celebrating 25 years, Awards and Dedication
Des Moines Botanical Garden
909 Robert D Ray Dr., Des Moines, IA 50316

October

October 8

October 30

Simpson College Latino Expo
Friday, October 30th at 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

November

November 11

Lincoln High School – LATIN FAMILY NIGHT
Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30 pm

November 18th

Lincoln High School – College Night
November 18th at 7:00 pm

December

December 6th

Latino Resource Fair at Sacred Heart WDM 2-4 pm

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The traditional Latinos Unidos of Iowa events

LA PRIMAVERA LUNCHEON

RECOGNITION PICNIC

AWARD CEREMONY

LATINO RESOURCE FAIR

Lunch & Learn Resource Calendar

Evelyn K Davis Center for Working Families, 801 University Ave., Unit #3, Des Moines Ia 50314
Second Tuesday of the month

Noon to 1:00 pm

January 12

February 9

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

Presenters will be showcased on our social media:

www.latinosunidosofiowa.org

Latinos Unidos Facebook

Follow us on Twitter - @LatinosUnidosIA

Thanks to all our Sponsors, participants, members and volunteers. Congratulations to our scholarship Recipients.



Primary Health Care, Inc. Grace United Methodist Church



LOS PARRANDEROS



Comercializadora Del Midwest (CDM)