



LATIN@ NETWORK
2009

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MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The countdown has officially begun. There are less than 2 months until we meet in Metro DC for ACPA 2009 and the Latin@ Network (LN) Executive board couldn't be more excited! The LN executive board has been working hard to coordinate informative and fun events for you. These events will provide you with an opportunity to connect with old friends, meet colleagues in similar fields and learn about job opportunities in the field. Please take a minute to review the information. Also included in this newsletter are the open positions within LN. Consider getting involved. Time commitment is minimal but the impact you will have on the organization are major. We also wanted to take this

opportunity to introduce to you the new Latin@ Network directorate which is comprised of 2 co-chairs, an executive secretary, and various committee chairs. Co-Chair Erik M. Colón, is currently working at Binghamton University as an Academic Advisor. Co-Chair Sandy Garcia, is currently at Berkeley College as Director of Student Development and Campus Life. Executive Secretary Nanette Vega, is currently working at the University of Miami as the Assistant Dean of Students. Our information Technology Chair Sophia Pertruz from Wagner College, Social Chair Karla Perez-Velez from Kentucky University, and returning as Placement Chair is Angelica Montelongo from the University

of Saint Thomas of Texas.

As your directorate, we are very excited for the conference. Although a lot of our formal interaction takes place during the ACPA Convention, we encourage you to stay connected beyond the Convention and use the LN listserv as a place to share and educate each other on issues related to Latinos in higher education. Our LN listserv has new professionals, mid managers, and seasoned professionals. Take advantage of the opportunity.

Again, thanks for being part of the Latin@ Network, we look forward to seeing you in Metro DC, safe travels.

~LN Directorate

2008-2009 LN GOALS ACCOMPLISHED!

Every year Latin@ Network sets goals to be accomplished for the year. The goals for 2008-2009 included: 1. **Develop an LN constitution** 2. **Submit a pre-conference program proposal for ACPA 2009** 3. **Re-design the LN mentor program.**

We are happy to report that all three goals have been accomplished. The LN constitution has

been developed and reviewed by the LN executive board. It will be available on our website shortly. A preconference program was also submitted to ACPA for consideration. The program has been accepted for a half day conference. It's entitled: Hispanics in Higher Education: Past, Present and Future. Erik Colon, Co-Chair and Nanette Vega, Secretary will be presenting the preconference during the national convention

stay tuned for more information. And last but not least the mentor program is up and running. Co-chairs have been placed in the position and are currently seeking mentor and mentees. Time commitment is minimal. Interested in becoming a mentor/mentee contact the co-chairs.

Congratulations to the executive board for a job well done! Any thoughts on what the 2009-1010 should be, contact us.

Need a roommate for conference?



Lets face it with budget cuts many of our professional development opportunities are limited. Don't let this prevent you from continuing to grow professionally and attending ACPA. If you still haven't made your hotel reservation because of the cost let us help. If you want to share the expense of the room email us and we will match you up with other colleagues looking to save on hotel cost. Every little bit helps.

So what are you waiting for, don't wait any longer the conference is just around the corner.

Email us at In.acpa@gmail.com

We will email you to confirm receipt and will email you back as soon as we have a match.

See you in Washington, DC!

Nominate a deserving colleague

At this time, we are seeking nominations for our 2009 LN Awards to be presented at the 2009 ACPA Conference in Washington, DC. The award requirements and award descriptions are listed below. Should you have any questions, contact the *Latin@ Network Awards Committee* (In.acpa@gmail.com).

JOHN HERNANDEZ LEADERSHIP AWARD

The John Hernandez Leadership Award is given to an outstanding practitioner in the field of Student Affairs who has demonstrated leadership, citizenship and mentorship within the Latin@ Network and/or ACPA. The John Hernandez Award was established to recognize Dr. Hernandez's past contributions to ACPA and the Latin@ Network during its formative years. He continues to contribute to the development and maintenance of the Latin@ Network.

COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT SERVICE AWARD

The Latin@ Network Community Advancement Service Award is given to an outstanding practitioner in the field of Student Affairs who has made significant contributions to the Latina/o community on their campus or in the greater community. The award was established to honor professionals who promote and have made significant contributions to the advancement of Latinas/os on their campus, the community, or in higher education.

AWARD NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations for awards given by the Latin@ Network are being accepted for presentation and recognition at the ACPA Conference in Washington, DC. Any member of ACPA or student (undergraduate or graduate) attending an ACPA member institution may nominate a fellow member for the following awards: **John Hernandez Leadership Award and/or Community Advancement Service Award (CASA Award)**. Nominees must fit the criteria for each award as designated under award descriptions. Please follow the instructions below for nominating candidates for the awards:

- Please submit a letter of support and provide information detailing the supporting criteria for each nomination including the length of time the candidate has served at the institution. Feel free to attach a resume or other materials to the nomination.
- Please include your name, position, institution, contact phone number and email address, as well as contact information for the nominee.
- In your letter please include a quote about the nominee that can be read during the awards presentation if she/he is selected.

DEADLINE

All award **nominations should be submitted via email** to *Latin@ Network Award Committee* (In.acpa@gmail.com). All nominations must be received electronically on or before Friday, March 6th, 2009.

Make a difference....Get involved with the Latin@ Network!

Interested in getting involved in the Latin@ Network. Its simple contact us! No prior involvement necessary.
So what are you waiting for contact us now and start making a difference today!

Below you will find a complete list of all open positions.

Awards Committee Coordinator

- Informs LN members of the John Hernandez and Community Advance Service Award (CASA) awards and solicits nominations from the LN general membership
- Convenes a committee to review nominations
- Prepares and updates award application packets
- Assists in the review and selection of awards
- Works in collaboration with the Research chair for solicitation of nominations
- Serve as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

Cultural Festival Coordinator

- Works and communicates with the CMA Cultural Co-Chairs to ensure LN representation
- Assist the Co-Chairs in soliciting local and low cost talent events for the "edutainment" of culture
- Solicits participation from the LN general membership
- Coordinates with the CMA and Network Chairs of any special recognition that may take place at the event
- Serves as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

Historian

- Develops records of the history of LN through the review of documents and interviews with former LN officers, in order to have an accurate and permanent record of the Latin@ Network
- Collects pictures and other relevant information of LN activities and submits them to archives
- Maintains communication and works in conjunction with the CMA Historian
- Serve as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

Newsletter Coordinator

- Responsible for development and production of LN Newsletter to be distributed before and during the annual convention
- Responsible for soliciting members to write articles for the newsletter
- Establish method for creating hard copies for annual conference as well as creating electronic copies for distribution via listserv mailings, and website posting
- Collaborates with LN Directorate to compile all necessary information needed for the newsletter
- Consults with directorate body on issues to be addressed in articles, information, and advertising
- Works with the Technology Coordinator to post newsletter onto the listserv and website
- Works and collaborates with the CMA and Network Newsletter Coordinators to contribute toward the CMA newsletters
- Serves as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

Research Coordinator

- Responsible for soliciting and identifying program reviewers for the CMA program review committee
- Identify LN members to nominate for the Diamond Honoree as well as solicit funds for identified person
- Serves as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

Latino Greek Liaison

- Communicates with members of Latino Greek affiliated organizations
- Coordinates programs that will allow for communication, socialization, presentation opportunities
- Serves as a member of the LN Directorate
- Attend the ACPA Conventions during their term in office

“If you interested in
any of these
positions please
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History of Latin@ Network

The Latin@ Network works towards providing community and professional network opportunities for Latinos and Latinas within ACPA. Additionally, LN provides leadership within CMA, representing Latino/a issues and advocating for programs, services and actions.

FYI, the “@” symbol represents the combination of the written form of “a/o” . Therefore, Latin@ replaces the written form of Latino/Latina. The use of the “@” symbol is gaining increased acceptance within the academic and technological arena, especially among college students.



Destino 2009:

Arriving to Metro DC a day early or maybe this is your first time here? Start planning your trip now. Here is a list of things to do and most are free!

Admission is FREE for all Smithsonian museums. Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C., are **open every day** of the year **except** December 25. Most museums are open from 10am to 5:30pm

1. [National Museum of African Art](#)
2. [National Air and Space Museum](#)
3. [American Art Museum](#)
4. [American History Museum](#)
5. [American Indian Museum](#)
6. [Anacostia Community Museum](#)
7. [Freer and Sackler Galleries](#)
8. [Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden](#)



9. [National Zoo](#)
10. [Natural History Museum](#)
11. [National Portrait Gallery](#)
12. [National Postal Museum](#)
13. [Smithsonian Institution Building, the Castle \(Visitor information\)](#)
14. [National Museum of the American Indian](#)

Also make sure you check out:

- [National Mall and Memorial Parks](#)
- [Visit and tour the White House](#)
- [U.S. Capitol Visitor Center](#)
- [Attend National Cherry Blossom Festival activities](#)
- [United States Botanic Garden](#)
- [International Spy Museum](#)
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METRO DC

tickets can be purchased online at the Concierge Desk. The costs are \$20.00 + \$1.00 per ticket for adults, and \$15.00 + \$1.00 per ticket for adults.

- [Madame Tussauds DC](#)
- [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)
- [National Museum of Women in the Arts](#)
- [National Museum of Crime and Punishment](#)

For a complete list of 100 free things to do in METRO DC go to

<http://www.washington.org/visiting/browse-dc/>

Visit our Website: <http://www.myacpa.org/sc/scma/latino>