GHCC NAMES 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL LATINOS FOR 2019

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognizes accomplished Latinos, who have improved lives and created opportunities for growth.

Atlanta, GA - The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) has announced its “50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia” for 2019.

The honorees will be celebrated at an event on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Infiniti Club at SunTrust Park, 755 Battery Ave, Atlanta, GA 30339.

Members of the list come from a variety of sectors, including Government, Media, Business and Nonprofits. Among them are Bob Jimenez, senior vice president of corporate affairs at Cox Enterprises, state Judge Dax Lopez, Eduardo Martinez, president of UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS, Ender Inciarte, Atlanta Braves outfielder, Brenda Lopez, Georgia House of Representatives from the 99th District, and John King, Georgia’s Insurance Commissioner.

“Of the over 1,000,000 Latinos living in Georgia, many have taken it upon themselves to serve in leadership positions,” said GHCC President and CEO Santiago Marquez. “And through their efforts, they have improved lives and created opportunities for growth. The GHCC wants to recognize the accomplishments of these gifted leaders.”

The over 300 nominations that GHCC received this year have gone through a rigorous process to evaluate contributions they have made. The final selection was based on the degree of influence each person exhibited in their role as a representative of the Latino community.

The 2019 group is the second Most Influential Latinos selected by the GHCC.

“In 2018, we started with a celebration during Hispanic Heritage Month in conjunction with the Atlanta Braves — Los Bravos — and this year we added SunTrust Bank to the mix,” said Marquez.

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About the GHCC
Established in 1984, the GHCC is one of the largest Hispanic Chambers in the United States, with over 1,000 members. Its primary focus is on business formation, business growth, and civic and leadership development and engagement. It serves entrepreneurs and business owners through consultations, workshops and seminars and partners with organizations such as the Small Business Development Center to bring quality programming to the Hispanic business community.

The complete list:

Samuel Aguilar  Rafael Navarro  
Ozzie Areu  Adelina Nicholls  
Maria Alejandra Bastidas  Bernadette Olmos  
Sofia Bork  Elba Pareja  
Anna Cablik  Gigi Pedraza  
Yehimi Cambron  Felipe Ramirez  
Luisa Fernanda Cardona  Juan Ramirez Hernandez  
Alba Castillo  Samantha Ramirez Hernandez  
Nury Castillo-Crawford  Carolina Ramon  
Lisa Clarke  Eric Remedi  
Ruben Cruz  Alex Raul Rivera  
Rodrigo Cruz  Anthony Rodriguez  
Jason Esteves  Darlene Rodriguez  
Jerry Gonzalez  Daniela Rodriguez  
Jerry James  Mariela Romero  
Bob Jimenez  Suleima Salgado  
John King  Norberto Sanchez  
Ana Maria Martinez  Janet Sevilla  
Astrid Martinez  Ivan Shammas  
Eduardo Martinez  Rick Tapia  
Erica Mason  Anibal Torres  
Belisa Urbina  Amilcar Valencia  
Sofia Vargas Lukas  Juanita Velez