

2009 Latino Leadership Development Program Yearbook



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Minerva Bermudez is a youth advocate/team leader for Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection. She joined the 2009 LLDP class to gain knowledge and insight on the community needs and to learn ways in which she could become a leader. She plans on participating on boards and completing community service projects.



Angel L. Colon is an HR online supervisor for Paychex, Inc. He wanted to participate in the LLDP to develop his leadership skills and network with other professional Latinos in the area. His most immediate plan is to become a youth mentor. He wants to be more visible in the Latino community for the youth, with them being future leaders.



Tony Cortes is the lead collections professional for Time Warner Cable. LLDP was of interest to him for the networking opportunities, leadership training and to learn the issues facing the Rochester community. After completion of LLDP, he plans to spend time volunteering and gaining experience and learning about different organizations before committing to a board or committee for his organization of choice.

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Porfirio Garcia, Jr. joined the 2009 class of LLDP to learn more about the challenges faced by not only the Latino community of Rochester, but the community as a whole. He would like to give “positive” talks to less fortunate children, at local schools, to share some of his personal experience. In doing this, he hopes to inspire them to stay in school and work hard.



Ismari Martinez is a human resources associate for the Home Care of Rochester. Having always had a passion to help the community, she wanted to participate in the program to better educate herself on the issues that are affecting the community and help create solutions. After graduating from LLDP, she would like to help honor a fallen Latino soldier.



Christine Morillo a career services advisor for RochesterWorks, Inc. She became a part of the LLDP class of 2009 to learn more about the community, the issues involved and how she can begin to give back. Upon graduation, she would like to become involved on a committee level first and then move onto a board position that aligns specifically with her efforts.

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Kelly J. Muniz is clerical support for the zoning and planning bureau for the city of Rochester. She participated in the LLDP to gain a better understanding within the Latino community, and to connect with other Latina/Latino professionals and their organizations. She will continue to serve on the 2009 Hispanic Heritage committee and be a great facilitator at the art recognition event. She wants to volunteer and will extend her hand to any of her classmates and their organization.



Stephanie Paredes is the cultural and academic programming coordinator at the Rochester Institute of Technology – North Star Center. She became a part of the 2009 LLDP class to gather more skills for leadership and to learn about how she can make a difference in her community. She plans to serve on a board to advocate for students and youth.



Raquel Pedraza is an office support coordinator for Path Stone Corporation. After being suggested by her diversity group, she participated in LLDP to share her skill in areas where needed, and to possibly serve on a community board. She would love to volunteer for the American Red Cross or another agency where her services may be needed.

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Yesenia Ramos is an executive assistant for Path Stone Corporation. She joined the 2009 LLDP class to strengthen her leadership skills and to network with individuals that share the same passions and interests as she does. She has recently accepted a leadership position as president of the parent committee at her son's daycare and hopes to serve someday on the IBERO board or at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter school. She's also actively involved with the Rochester Latino Rotary Club.



Melissa Torres is an intervention specialist for Hillside. Joining LLDP, was a way to find the leader inside of her and learn ways to bring it out in a positive, educated and influential way. Upon graduation, her main focus will be to start a project that honors fallen Latino soldiers from Monroe County. She is very passionate about the youth and plans on volunteering with youth agencies.



Carmen Wiriyagale is manager of prevention services for Threshold at The Community Place. She decided to participate in the 2009 LLDP, to use the skills she has, and will acquire to better serve the Latino community. She wanted to meet other Latino professionals, whose purpose is to also serve and advance the community.

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Lisbeth Zielinski is a service coordinator for the Home Care of Rochester. The LLDP was of interest to her so that she could become a better leader and be more involved in the Hispanic community. She would like to serve and help the youth in all aspects.

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Marina Álvarez joined the 2008 LLDP class to gain leadership skills and build on networking relationships. She wants to focus on health care, legal issues, and employment and training opportunities.



Michael Burgos is a manager of critical care services at Hillside Children's Center. He joined the 2008 LLDP class because he wanted to develop his leadership skills. He wants to focus on elementary education, mental health and crisis services.



Jeanette Colby is the calendar editor at the University of Rochester. She wanted to become a part of the 2008 LLDP class because she feels a strong tie to the Latino community, and wants to help other Latinos make Rochester a place that she's proud to call home. She wants to focus on elementary education, health care and the aging population.

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Shannon Colón is a collections specialist at the University of Rochester. She wanted to become a part of the 2008 LLDP class to improve her leadership skills, presentation skills, and decision-making skills. She is interested in working with early childhood development, elementary education and health care.



Liliana Crane is the Latino health promotion program developer at the University of Rochester. She became a member of the 2008 LLDP class to expand her role as a community leader and to learn more about local Latino leaders. She wants to focus on early childhood development, health care, employment and training opportunities, health disparities and healthy lifestyles.



Ineabelle Geena Cruz is a financial care path examiner for Monroe County Department of Human Services. She became a member of the 2008 LLDP class to expand her knowledge and her ability in leadership. She would like to focus on crisis services, emergency assistance and domestic violence.

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Charles DeSouza is the IT business integrator at Eastman Kodak Company. He joined the 2008 LLDP class to become more involved in the community and to get more direction on where his skills will be most valuable. He will focus his attention on early childhood development, crisis services, the aging population, and employment and training opportunities.



Herbert Escher is the director of corporate initiatives at Dale Carnegie. He joined the 2008 LLDP class to become more involved in the community. He will focus on secondary education, substance abuse, and employment and training opportunities.



Sady Fischer is a prevention specialist at AIDS Rochester, Inc. She has a passion for community education and empowerment, and believes that the LLDP program would help her in reaching the Latino community. She would like to focus on substance abuse, health care and crisis services.

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Amy Flanagan is a worldwide information systems technician at Eastman Kodak Company. She joined the 2008 LLDP class to enhance her leadership skills. She would like to focus on early childhood development and education, health care, housing and homelessness, emergency assistance, the aging population, and employment and training.



Daisy Hernandez-King is a tele-counselor at ABVI Goodwill. She joined the 2008 LLDP class to expand her knowledge in the work place to make progress in her personal and professional life. She would like to focus on early childhood development and education, crisis services and emergency assistance.



Janet Koslow is a program assistant in administration at the University of Rochester. She wanted to join the 2008 class because she heard that it was a great program and the experience is very enriching. She would like to help teach kids money-management skills.

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Luz Flores Lee is an external operations manager at Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics. She joined the 2008 LLDP class because she wants to increase her involvement in the community and put her skills to good use. She would love to influence youth in a positive manner. She would like to focus on early childhood development and education, elementary education, and employment and training.



Rosemarie Ortiz is a write-off and recovery specialist at Time Warner Cable. She joined the 2008 LLDP class to help anyone in need. She would like to focus on elementary education and disabilities.



Oscar Pedroso is a grant program manager at Rochester General Health System. He leads in his current role at the hospital and wants to expand those leadership qualities in hopes of effecting positive change in others and creating a legacy that will never be forgotten. He wants to focus on health care.

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Magalis Perdomo is a contract coordinator at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. She joined the 2008 LLDP class to enhance her leadership skills and to have the opportunity to mentor with more seasoned Hispanic professionals, as well as become involved with the community. She wants to focus her attention on early childhood development and education, health care, crisis services and troubled teens.



Kristine Santillo is a program coordinator at Lifespan. She became a member of the 2008 LLDP class to develop her leadership skills and expand her knowledge of the Latino community. She would like to focus on disabilities and the aging population.



Lymaris Serrano is a senior systems engineer at ITT Space Systems Division. She joined LLDP to expand her leadership skills and to give back to the Hispanic community. She would like to focus on elementary education, legal issues, and employment and training opportunities.

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Isaac Téllez is a senior service representative for the City of Rochester. He joined the 2008 LLDP class to become an effective leader. He would like to focus on youth, minorities and mentoring.



Elio Villarini is a day habilitation manager at Ibero American Action League. He became a member of the 2008 LLDP class to improve his leadership skills. He wants to focus his attention on substance abuse, disabilities and legal issues.

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If you feel that one of these graduates would be a great match for your organization, contact Tabita Torres at 242-6467 for more information.

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