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2014 ALAS/HMH Scholarship Recipients Named

Two Administrators Selected for \$10,000 and \$2,000 awards

Washington, D.C.—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents today announced Patricia Hurrieta of Colorado as its \$10,000 ALAS/HMH Scholarship recipient, and Jesus Corral of California as its \$2,000 awardee.

The ALAS Scholarship, sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, recognizes Latino administrators for their leadership and assists their aspirations of advanced degrees. The scholarships, made payable to an institution of higher learning will be presented during the awards banquet at the 11th Annual ALAS Education Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, October 17, 2014.

Patricia Hurrieta is director of teaching and learning for the English Language Department at Adams County School District 14 in Commerce City, Colorado. In this position, she is overseeing the District's initial work supporting emerging bilingual students with tailored, native-language instructional strategies. Previously, she spent eight years as principal at Godsman Elementary School and two years as an assistant principal at Lake Middle School in Denver Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in behavioral science with minors in elementary and bilingual, multicultural education, as well as a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction. She is completing a Doctorate in Education in educational leadership and policy studies.

Originally from Durango, Mexico, Jesus Corral has more than 22 years of experience in the field of correctional education. He has worked at two of the three juvenile halls in Los Angeles County, as well as the largest probation camp facility in the county, Challenger Memorial Youth Center. In his current assignment as the senior director of educational services for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, he serves as chief liaison with the Los Angeles County Office of Education in implementing comprehensive educational reform in the juvenile camps and halls. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Educational Administration and Public Administration. He is currently in his second year of study in the Educational Doctorate program at the University of Southern California.

"We are grateful for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's continued support of and investment in ALAS, and in public education," said Veronica Rivera, executive director of ALAS. "These scholarships are vital to ensuring our educators are prepared to help our students develop to their fullest potential and develop a solid foundation for success."

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About the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS)

The ALAS mission is to provide leadership at the national level that assures every school in America effectively serves the educational needs of all students, with an emphasis on Latino youth, by building capacity, promoting best practices, and transforming educational institutions. ALAS was established in 2003 in response to a lack of national advocacy and representation of Latino students.