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ALAS Announces Scholarship Recipients

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Curriculum Associates Partner to Award \$24,000

Washington, D.C.—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) announce the awarding of \$24,000 in scholarships to aspiring superintendents at its annual Education Summit. Through a partnership with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) dating back to 2005, ALAS has been able to assist educational leaders committed to furthering their education. This year, Curriculum Associates has also partnered with the organization. Combined, the partners awarded \$24,000 in scholarships.

“Without the support of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and now Curriculum Associates, many talented school administrators would not realize their full potential,” said Veronica Rivera, ALAS executive director. “It’s so important for all of us to invest in public education, including supporting the educational goals of school leaders so that they can assist students in developing a solid foundation for success.”

Victor Vergara, principal at Woodburn High School in Woodburn, Oregon, received \$10,000 from ALAS/HMH. Vergara is pursuing a doctorate of education from Portland State University. He also holds a master’s degree in education, administration, policy and foundations, a bachelor of arts in liberal arts and a bachelor of science in history, with a minor in geography and education.

Angeles Perez received a \$2,000 scholarship from ALAS/HMH, and is currently the district instructional program evaluator at Jim Hogg Independent School District in Hebbronville, Texas. She is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership from Sam Houston State University. Perez earned a master’s in education from Lamar University, as well as a BA in Spanish with a minor in French from the University of Houston.

Ruben Gutierrez, associate superintendent at Riverside Elementary School District No. 2 in Phoenix, Arizona, is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship from ALAS/Curriculum Associates. He is pursuing a doctorate in education leadership and supervision from Arizona State University. Additionally, he holds a master’s degree in education leadership and bilingual/multicultural education, and a BA in language arts and Spanish.

Ivette Dubiel is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship from ALAS/Curriculum Associates. She is pursuing a doctorate in administration leadership at Lewis University. Dubiel is currently the director of education equity at Indian Prairie School District in Aurora, Illinois. She also earned a master’s in education leadership, education and public administration, in addition to a BA in organizational and corporate communications.

The scholarships recognize Latino administrators for their leadership and assist their aspirations of advanced degrees. The scholarships, made payable to the institution of higher learning were presented during the awards banquet at the 12th Annual ALAS Education Summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oct. 16, 2014.

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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.