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ALAS Announces Leaders in Education Award Recipients

Awards to be presented at Gala April 25th.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—April 19, 2016—The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) will recognize school district superintendents and administrators from across the nation at its second annual Leaders in Education Awards Gala, to be held April 25, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

Numerous education professionals, congressional representatives, and business leaders will attend the event at the historic Mayflower Hotel to celebrate best practices in public education, particularly in serving Hispanic populations. ALAS state affiliate members nominated superintendents and administrators whose work exemplifies the best in the field.

Following are the 2016 ALAS Leaders in Education Award winners:

Latino Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Ricardo Lopez, Superintendent
Mission Consolidated Independent School District
Mission, Texas

Hispanic-Serving School District Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Superintendent
Napa Valley Unified School District
Napa, California

Latino Administrator of the Year

Victoria B. Saldala, Director, Bilingual/ESOL Department
Broward County Public Schools
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Hispanic-Serving School District Administrator of the Year

Dr. Gregory A. Ewing, Chief Officer Accountability & Research
Cobb County School District
Marietta, Georgia

“While the field of education is ever changing, the one constant is the need to serve youth in the best way possible, ensuring their scholastic experience is fruitful and rewarding,” said Veronica Rivera, ALAS executive director. “These outstanding honorees do just that through their leadership and commitment to all students, Latinos in particular.”

The following are the ALAS Leaders in Education Awards nominees:

Dr. Samuel L. Ray, Superintendent
North Sanpete School District
Mt. Pleasant, Utah

Dr. Grant M. Rivera, Chief Leadership & Learning
Officer
Cobb County School District
Marietta, Georgia

Carlos M. Beato, Principal
International High School at Langley Park
Bladensburg, Maryland

Dr. Perla V. Rodriguez, Principal
Echo Shaw Elementary School
Cornelius, Oregon

Jennifer Mayer-Glenn, Assistant Principal
Mountain View Elementary & Glendale
Community Learning Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

Sandra L. Jimenez, Principal
High Point High School
Beltsville, Maryland

Cynthia Mills, Principal
Porfirio H Gonzales School
Tolleson, Arizona

Renato M. Lajara
Principal
Kensington Urban and Business High School
Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Alberto Rivera, Principal
William H. Hunter Elementary School
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The selection committee included representatives from some of the most prestigious national organizations: Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools; Jeannette Morales, Director for PK-12 Initiatives, Hispanic Association Of Colleges and Universities (HACU); Mort Sherman, Associate Executive Director, AASA; and Antonio Tijerino, President & CEO, Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF).

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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.