

LATINAS PROMOVRIENDO COMUNIDAD/
LAMBDA Pi Chi SORORITY, INC.
WOMEN OF STRENGTH, WOMEN OF CHARACTER



30 *years*

FROM DREAMS TO ACTION

ANNIVERSARY GALA

*April 14, 2018
Washington, DC*

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A LETTER
FROM OUR

Founders

April 2018

Saludos Queridas Hermanas,

It is with a loud and resounding Praiiiiii Pi Chi that we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.

We are honored to celebrate this major milestone, together, as an Hermandad. We also would like to express our appreciation to all of you who have joined us to celebrate the women of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. Anyone who is a child, spouse, life partner, or significant other of a Pi Chi woman has also sacrificed for our cause... so we thank you for sharing and celebrating this moment with us. You must be very special to be a part of our Pi Chi world.

Hermanas, our journey to this point in time has not been easy; but then again, anything worthwhile is never easy. However, we, as an Hermandad, need to every so often stop, acknowledge, and celebrate our accomplishments. And this weekend is definitely one of those moments. We are here to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the actions of each and every one of YOU! Because of YOU we stand 30 years proud! Because of YOU we stand 30 years strong!

It is humbling to see that what was a dream has become a strong, jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring organization. The women in this Sorority constantly amaze us with their accomplishments, contributions, and commitment, not only to their personal and professional lives, but also to this organization and to the community at-large. It is filled with women who are leaders. Women who excel in the fields of medicine, law, education, government, and business, just to name of few. And it is also an organization that is filled with women who will carry on those roles of leadership and excellence into the future.

Today, on our 30th Anniversary, we, as an organization, have "matured" into a brilliant organization due to all the hard work, character, and commitment of our Hermanas. For some of us, the mirror tells us we are older, have more gray hairs, and more wrinkles than we would like; however, our hearts, the heart of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. sees only that we are wiser, more beautiful, and most of all—stronger. We can only imagine what lies ahead! We know that the next 30 years will be just as inspiring and rewarding.

We are an organization which, from its inception, strived for excellence. We recruited women of excellence and it is obvious that, 30 years later, we have not deviated from this expectation.

A special thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their support and assistance in making this event a success:

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A WORLD OF *Thanks*



On behalf of *Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.*, we would like to thank the following *Hermanas* for their time, effort, and dedication to ensure the success of our 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Anniversary Committee

Maria Rivas - Delta, Spring 1998, Co-Chair
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Rosita Vazquez - VP of Alumnae Affairs - Alpha, Fall 1992
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Melanie Castro - VP of Expansion - Alpha, Fall 2004
Liliana Carrillo - VP of Philanthropy - Beta, Spring 2011
Jazmin Cameron - National Historian - Alpha, Fall 2005

*Anniversary Committee liaison

Hermanas, your dedication has attracted like-minded women resulting in the largest intake class in our history. To our newest *Hermanas*... to our future... we say congratulations and bienvenidas to an *Hermandad* that you can be proud of, an *Hermandad* whose workload never ends, and to an *Hermandad* which has a unparalleled legacy.

This weekend's theme, "From Dreams Into Action", perfectly captures our journey. We celebrate today because we did not just dream about this Sorority, we acted. We acted when we traveled to establish chapters. We acted when we drafted proposals that led to important changes and adaptations. We acted when we led, whether out in front with the National Executive Board or quietly from behind the scenes. We acted when we supported our *Hermanas* in accomplishing their Sorority, personal, and professional dreams. We acted by contributing whatever we could, whenever we could. Without nuestras *Hermanas*, *La Hermandad*, this Sorority would not be where it is today nor would it be what it is today. So we deeply appreciate all of you who, throughout the years, have raised this organization, maintained it, protected it, supported it, and still support it today.

We have reached the year that is usually represented by Opals. For the ancient Romans, Opals symbolized life and hope. Together we are the life of the organization and together, we are its hope.

It is our hope that this, our 30th Anniversary celebration, reaffirms the strength of the bonds that we share. And that it reminds us that:

*Es fácil enfrentar la vida
Si se tiene la fuerza
Necesaria para luchar
Y fé en que nuestros
Esfuerzos tendrán fruto*

We always believed our efforts would bear fruit. We believed it then, and it still holds true today. For us, the Founders, YOU... *La Hermandad*... *Nuestras Hermanas*... are our hopes and dreams realized.

Happy 30th Anniversary!

With love and gratitude! ¡Con amor y un millón de gracias!

The Sorority Founders,
Migdalia Franklin, Eva Marie Sosa Grandison, Dr. Maria Cabán,
Patricia Rivera-Alvelo, and Dr. Irma Almirall-Padamsee

A LETTER
FROM THE *National Executive Board*
& *Anniversary Committee*

Queridas Hermanas and Beloved Guests.

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.'s Anniversary Gala. Tonight we celebrate 30 years of turning Dreams into Action.

Over thirty years ago, five women at Cornell University saw the need for a support system that transcended the collegiate experience. On April 16, 1988, they established our Sorority with the vision of creating a lifetime network of women who supported each other's personal and professional advancement. Since then, Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. has grown into an organization with Hermanas across the nation and around the world that personify our ideals of La Hermandad, La Comunidad, and La Cultura Latina.

Our undergraduates have a national grade point average of 3.4. We have a college graduation rate of 99%. Over 50% of our Hermanas completed, or are currently pursuing, advanced degrees. Hermanas are innovators in their industries. Tonight we will honor our collective accomplishments. Our Hermanas never cease to amaze us, and today we congratulate each other for the 30 years our Hermanas have passionately demonstrated that we are "Women of Strength, Women of Character."

We thank our founders—Patricia, Maria, Eva, Migdalia, and Irma—for their foresight in creating an organization that has become a large part of many women's lives. We thank our Hermanas for their continued dedication to making our Hermandad an organization that transcends the collegiate experience and look forward to sharing this vision with our future Hermanas. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy the evening. This event was planned with all of you in mind and we hope to live up to your expectations.

*Thank you for joining us,
The National Executive Board and 30th Anniversary Planning Committee*



Xharin, siempre guardaremos recuerdos de ti en nuestros corazones. Cuchiflan para siempre. -Fall 1992, Alpha Chapter

Fanny, you personify Hermandad. You are never far from our thoughts and always in our hearts. -Fall 1994, Alpha Chapter



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EVENING *Program*

6:30 PM

Cocktail Hour

7:45 PM

President's Welcome

8:00 PM

Keynote Speaker

8:15 PM

Dinner

8:50 PM

Presentation of Hermandad Awards

9:15 PM

Closing Remarks

9:20 PM

Dancing



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Frances Colón



Dr. Frances Colón is the CEO of Jasperi Consulting, a boutique firm that provides science, environment and technology policy advice to higher education institutions and local policy-makers. She is the former Deputy Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State (2012-2017) where she promoted the integration of science and technology into foreign policy priorities. In her role as science diplomat, Dr. Colón led re-engagement of scientific collaboration with Cuba and coordinated climate change policy for the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas announced by President Obama.

Dr. Colón is the founder of Cenadores Puerto Rico, a non-profit that provides a platform for the Puerto Rican diaspora to contribute time and connections to strengthen civil society on the Island. In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Cenadores became a go-to for connecting experts, donors, and policy-makers assisting Puerto Rico. In 2016, Dr. Colón was named one of the 20 most influential Latinos in technology by CNET and was a 2015-2016 Google Science Fair judge.

Dr. Colón earned her Ph.D. in Neuroscience in 2004 from Brandeis University and her B.S. in Biology in 1997 from the University of Puerto Rico.

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The Lambda Pi Chi FOUNDATION

The Lambda Pi Chi Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was incorporated on February 14, 2018. The Foundation will support the philanthropic efforts of the Sorority and community organizations aligned with its goals. Our hope is that it will carry the message of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. beyond our members and local communities. The Foundation is a result of a dream and the hard work of a dedicated group of Sorority members.

Lambda Pi Chi Foundation, Inc.

Vision:

A humanity that is equitable, uplifting, and affirming to all people.

Mission:

To build an equitable society by creating and advancing initiatives that dismantle barriers impacting historically marginalized communities with an emphasis on the Latinolalx community.

Goals:

1. To develop socially conscious leaders who lift up marginalized communities by providing access to skill-based trainings, community service projects, and civic engagement opportunities;
2. To increase awareness, provide resources, and raise funds in order to reduce health inequities affecting underserved populations;
3. To provide scholarships for students and professionals from underrepresented communities to advance their educational and/or professional growth;
4. To foster career advancement for womxn of color through networking, mentorship, and leadership development.

Foundation Committee Members:

Liliana Carrillo

Jaime Chien

Soerny Cruz

Zoila Primo

Karen Pyne

Elaine Townsend Utin

HERMANDAD *Awards*

Every year we are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our Hermanas in their personal, academic, and professional lives. We have exceptional Hermanas throughout our organization and this is just a sampling of their many accomplishments.

Professional Achievement

Awarded to an alumna who has achieved a high level of success professionally and maintains a high level of community involvement.

Academic Excellence

Awarded to an Hermana that has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement in the previous academic year while contributing to her chapter and Sorority as a whole.

Community Service

Awarded to an Hermana who has consistently dedicated time to uplifting the community and thus epitomizes our ideal of "Comunidad".

Cultura Latina

Awarded to an Hermana who has been the most dedicated to La Cultura Latina and who has taken action to educate, challenge, and positively impact the individuals, groups, and organizations about the contributions and rich potential of La Cultura Latina.

Chapter of the Year

Awarded to the chapter which exemplifies our ideals in their service to the community. The chapter excelled academically, implemented quality programming, and collaborated with other organizations on campus.

Hermandad

Awarded to the Hermana that has internalized the meaning of Hermandad and reflects it through words and selfless actions towards Sorority members on a personal level.

Hermana of the Year

Awarded to the Hermana who has contributed significantly to the Sorority and the Latino Community, embodies what it means to be a woman of strength and character.

Founders Award

This award is presented to the Hermana that most embodies our three ideals in her personal, professional, and Sorority life. She is active in her community and maintains strong values. She is a leader that is dedicated, passionate, and compassionate. Throughout her years as an Hermana she has made valuable contributions in both formal leadership roles and behind the scenes. Personally, she has succeeded in setting and accomplishing concrete academic, career, and family goals. This is the highest award any Hermana may receive in the Sorority, and it is awarded by the Sorority Founders. This award is only given every five years. The first was awarded at our 20th Anniversary.

Proyecto H.A.C.E.R

GENERATION NEXT SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Solange Claudio



Solange M. Claudio is the President of two Marketing agencies: Moxie, an award-winning marketing company and MRY, a dynamic creative agency based in New York. Her professional experience spans 18 years and many facets of digital marketing; from online media and CRM, to social, mobile, and technology platforms and solutions. Prior to her role as President, Solange served as Moxie's Chief Operations Officer. A proud mother of three daughters, Solange is a graduate of Cornell University, has her MBA in Marketing & Operations from NYU's Stern School of Business, and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's General Management Program.

Solange is also a proud Hermana of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc., having joined in the fall of 1994 via our Alpha Chapter. She served as National President of Lambda Pi Chi from 1997-1999, and was instrumental in creating our National Philanthropic initiatives Proyecto H.A.C.E.R. and Project LEAAP. Solange helped launch the sorority's first national website as well as significantly contributing to the final design of our National Crest.

As an organization, we promote public service and are committed to academic achievement. To that end, in 2011, we established the annual Proyecto H.A.C.E.R. College Book Scholarship for young women who are high school seniors and are highly motivated and committed to community service, leadership, and academic excellence. Each year, young women attending high schools in the host city of our National Convention are invited to apply. Our 2018 recipients are recent graduates of high schools in Washington, DC.

Recipients

First Place

Grace Dolan-Sandrino

Ms. Dolan-Sandrino is a student at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. As a leader, she has been an advocate for girls and women with a focus on the underserved, transgender, and gender-nonconforming communities. Ms. Dolan-Sandrino has served as keynote speaker for several high profile events including for the Obama Administration and the Women's Conference in Los Angeles.

Second Place

Santos Amaya Guevara

Ms. Guevara is a student at the Capital City Public Charter School. She arrived in the United States from El Salvador in 2013 without knowing any English. After joining the Latin American Youth Center leadership program, she found her voice and is using it to make an impact in her community. Ms. Guevara is an advocate for immigrants and has used her story to help others find their own voice.

Third Place

Michelle Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez is a student at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. She is passionate about immigration law and has done mock trials with the Georgetown Street Law Program. A pianist, Ms. Vasquez regularly plays the piano at the Veterans Hospital in Washington, D.C. She has been admitted to the University of Maryland and George Mason University, her top choices.

Scholarship Committee:

Kendra Baldazo

Veronica Covarrubias

Cristina Rodriguez

Dalila Sanabria

Elida Segura