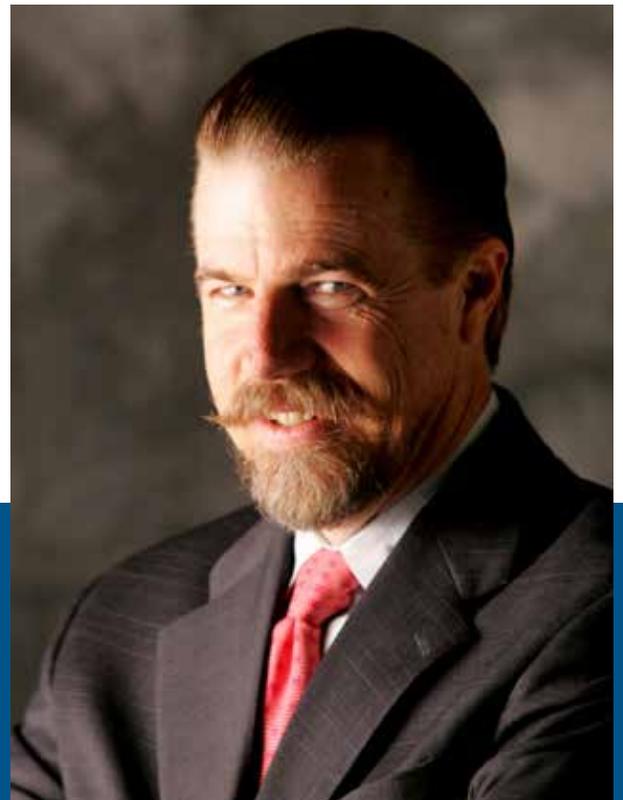


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To all our friends, members, and sponsors



Welcome to our 2015 Annual Gala. This gala is a celebration of our member's achievements, business awards and the gathering of our colleagues, members, business leaders, and community partners. The theme for the 2015 Annual Gala is "Celebrating the Future" and we are excited to welcome our Keynote Dr. Juan Hernández.

This is a special evening for me as I pass the baton on to the next group of chamber leaders. These leaders will continue the legacy of promoting our mission to provide access and training to our Hispanic small business owners, as well as providing networking opportunities to those wanting to reach out to the Hispanic market.

It is also gratifying to be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Group O. My son Gregg continues the legacy of providing high quality products and services to our customers of corporate America. We look forward to "Celebrating the Future" with the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

So let's enjoy this evening of friendship, networking and relationship building and make 2015 a wonderful year for all!

Sincerely,

Robert Ontiveros
Chairman Emeritus

Alvaro Macias



In 2008, a dedicated number of volunteers lent their talent to create a new organization to focus on the business needs and contributions of the growing Hispanic population in our region. Since then The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has brought in numerous speakers to discuss topics of diversity and inclusion. With workshops and networking events, we have allowed people of all backgrounds to connect and create meaningful business relationships.

Today the chamber board and staff are still busy building bridges. With the mentorship of one of the most respected business leaders in our community, Bob Ontiveros, and tremendous support of our members, we are poised to continue to bring a unique value to area businesses, professionals and students for years to come.

Tonight we celebrate the future! Join me and The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as we forge ahead creating opportunities for all in 2015 and beyond.

Saludos,

Alvaro Macias
Chairman

Lee Vasquez



On behalf of the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome all of you to our 6th Annual Gala Celebration. We have just finished another very successful year and are already looking forward to 2015.

We want to give special thanks to our members, sponsors and supporters. With your ongoing support, we can continue to provide the programs, networking opportunities and resources that will make a difference in our community. By us all working together, we can achieve the mission and goals that we initially set out.

Thanks you for joining us this evening. We hope that you will have an enjoyable experience and that you will look forward to joining us again next year for our 7th Annual Gala.

Lee Vasquez
Executive Director

Paul Lensmeyer Future Leaders Scholarship



The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce proudly announces the Paul Lensmeyer Future Leaders Scholarship. The scholarship is made possible by a generous donation from Ascentra Credit Union to honor the legacy of their late CEO Paul Lensmeyer who created opportunities for Hispanic members and staff during his time at the credit union. The scholarship provides one \$1,000 award to any dependents or employees of any Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce member. The scholarship is open to any students looking to working with or to advance the Hispanic community and will be entering an accredited undergraduate, graduate or vocational program. For more information, visit www.gqchcc.com/scholarship/.

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Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC)
511 17th Street
Moline, Illinois 61265

Dear Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC),

Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate your 6th Annual Gala. I am sorry that I cannot be with you this evening to mark the success your organization has achieved over the past year, but know that I will keep the GQCHCC in mind during the 114th Congress.

Since its founding, the GQCHCC has been a tireless advocate for and supporter of Hispanic-owned businesses in the Greater Quad Cities. Your organization's dedication to growing local business has been a great asset for Hispanic entrepreneurs in the Quad Cities and the broader community as a whole. I also want to extend my gratitude to the GQCHCC for putting me in touch and facilitating visits with so many of your member businesses. Thanks to you, I have developed strong and vibrant relationships with local Hispanic business owners and am proud of the work we have been able to accomplish together.

Congratulations again to the GQCHCC on your 6th Annual Gala and thank you for all you have done for the community. I look forward to continuing our strong relationship and working together to grow local Hispanic businesses long into the future.

Sincerely,



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Lee Vasquez, Executive Director
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Dear Lee:

The Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC) are proud to be a member and supporter of the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC). We believe strongly in the mission of the GQCHCC and are proud to be associated with its efforts to support, promote and enhance the growth and success of our local businesses and to leverage the community's assets, contributions and unique Hispanic Cultural identity to generate new business.

It is very encouraging to work closely with an organization whose values and efforts so clearly reflect our own. We at EICC believe strongly in the transformative power of education to uplift both individuals and communities, and we are dedicated to supporting the economic development of our communities which comprise the greater Quad Cities region. You can count on us to support your efforts in these critical areas, as we know we can count on the Chamber.

As you know, the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges are an important pathway for many students to a higher education, a skilled job, and a share of the American Dream. We enroll one of the largest numbers and percentages of students of Hispanic origin of any institution of higher education in Iowa, and we are committed to supporting their successful completion of their programs of study. Like the GQCHCC, we at EICC dream along with these students, and do everything we can to help them realize their dreams.

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Again, congratulations on your many successes. We are proud to be a partner with you in your efforts, and we look forward to a fruitful ongoing relationship between EICC and GQCHCC.

Respectfully,


Don Doucette
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January 20, 2015

Lee Vasquez, Executive Director
Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
511 17th Street
Moline, IL 61265

Dear Lee:

Since its founding, the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC) has been an important force in the Quad Cities promoting Hispanic-owned businesses, economic development and opportunity. Your tireless work has not only improved the lives of our Hispanic residents, but truly the lives of all Quad City area residents.

Appreciation of Diversity is one of Black Hawk College's core values. We believe this core value enables us to broaden our perspectives, better understand others and enjoy richer lives. It is diversity that makes us strong as individuals and as a community. The GQCHCC has played a major role in making the Quad Cities both richer and stronger.

Best wishes for much continued success in your mission and in your role as one of the leading business and community organizations in the Quad Cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bettie Truitt".

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Gerald A. Fernandez



Dear Lee,

As I reflect back on 2014, I would like to thank The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC) Board of Directors and staff for inviting me to participate in the Multicultural Speakers Series. I enjoyed my visit to the Quad Cities and I learned a great deal about how the Chamber is making a positive impact on the local business community.

The Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA) is proud to be a partner with The GQCHCC and we look forward to working with you in 2015 and beyond. The work you do in the community to advance and promote the contributions that Hispanic businesses make to society is invaluable and worthy of recognition.

It is my hope that the funds raised at your upcoming 2015 Annual Gala, on January 31st, at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, Iowa will enable you to continue to provide high quality programs, events, technical assistance, and networking opportunities for local Hispanic businesses and their supply partners.

On behalf of the MFHA board of directors and staff I want you to know how much we appreciate your support and commitment to minority business development. Best wishes for continued success in 2015.

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Keynote Speaker **Dr. Juan Hernández**



Dr. Juan Hernández

Juan Hernández was born in Fort Worth, Texas, from a long line of Texans from Fort Worth, Bursleson and Alvarado. Juan completed his B.A. at the age of 19 at Lawrence University and his Doctorate at 25 at Texas

Christian University (one of the youngest graduates in the history of both institutions).

After teaching at various universities and consulting for international corporations, Juan founded a Research Center at the University of Texas at Dallas and advised the UT Chancellor on programs for all universities in the UT system.

In 1996, Hernandez, who had never participated in politics, invited Vicente Fox (then Governor of the state of Guanajuato) to speak at UT and meet George W. Bush (then Governor of Texas). When Fox and Bush decided to run for presidents of their countries, both sought advice

from Juan. Fox invited him to be his “gatekeeper” and close confidant. Bush’s campaign sought his advice on gaining the Hispanic vote. Juan brought international advisers to Fox, taking him to victory over a party which had been in power for 71 years and helped Bush turnout Hispanic votes in historic proportions. After the Fox and Bush victories, Juan created US-Mexico programs benefiting small business on both sides of the border, became the closest link between president Fox and President Bush and one of the most effective promoters of the US-Mexico Partnership for Prosperity. Juan continues today close to the Fox and Bush families.

Juan has been featured on the cover of Fortune Magazine as one of the “smartest people we know,” named “Humanitarian of the Year” by Latin Trade Magazine & one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” by Hispanic Business Magazine. He has received over 100 awards and is a frequent guest on Fox News, CNN and Univision. (He is currently contracted as a Political Analyst on CNN Español, appearing weekly.) Juan continues advising international corporations and presidential hopefuls in many countries. He has written and edited eight books on politics and poetry. Today he lives in Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife Estela.

Emcee **Aly Olson, Miss Iowa**



Aly Olson, Miss Iowa

Miss Iowa 2014, Aly Olson represented the state of Iowa at the 2015 Miss America Pageant, where she was named a top 12 semi-finalist. Aly was also Miss Iowa’s Outstanding Teen in 2010 and went on to win the Non-finalist Interview award at Miss America’s Outstanding Teen.

Aly was crowned Miss Iowa in June of 2014 and since then, she has spent her days traveling the state of Iowa promoting the Miss Iowa Scholarship Program, Children’s Miracle Network, and her personal platform Do One Thing: Diversity Everyday.

Through her platform Do One Thing: Diversity Everyday, Aly encourages all to pursue simple actionable tasks each day that will lead to significant change for diversity and inclusion. She works with the Walk It Out Multicultural

Fashion Show, and other organizations across the state. Aly is passionate about spreading her message about diversity inclusion.

Aly’s #DoOneThing project is a social media campaign to recognize anything you are doing to promote diversity and inclusion. People can post their daily #DoOneThing on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, to see how their actions today are helping accomplish big change.

A senior at the University of Iowa, Aly is majoring in Vocal Performance and Performing Arts Entrepreneurship. Aly plans to perform for her whole life and lead an arts organization that works with youth. She loves to entertain using her voice and won a preliminary talent award at Miss Iowa 2014 for her rendition of Carousel’s “If I Loved You.”

Agenda

Reception and Silent Auction Open – Music by Ed East Latin Jazz Five

Presentation of Colors – Mexican American Veterans Association

Dinner – Artistic Performance by Quad City Ballet Folklorico

Welcome – Aly Olson, Master of Ceremonies

Opening Remarks – Lee Vasquez, Executive Director | Bob Ontiveros, Chairman Emeritus

Introduction of Presenting Sponsor & Sponsor Remarks – Group O

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Alvaro Macias, Chairman

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Juan Hernández

Presentation of 2015 Business Awards: Presented by Board Members

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Community Leadership Award – Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico

Student Leadership Award – Elizabeth Ochoa-Raya

Closing Remarks and Silent Auction End

Menu

Arugula Salad with Roasted Corn, Peppers, Chickpeas, Pickled Radish and Sliced

Black Olives with Cilantro Lemon-Lime Pepper with Flake Vinaigrette

Flat Iron Steak with Spiced Demi-Glace Tequila Shrimp, Chorizo Rice and Cinnamon-Garlic Carrots

Dessert - Tres Leches

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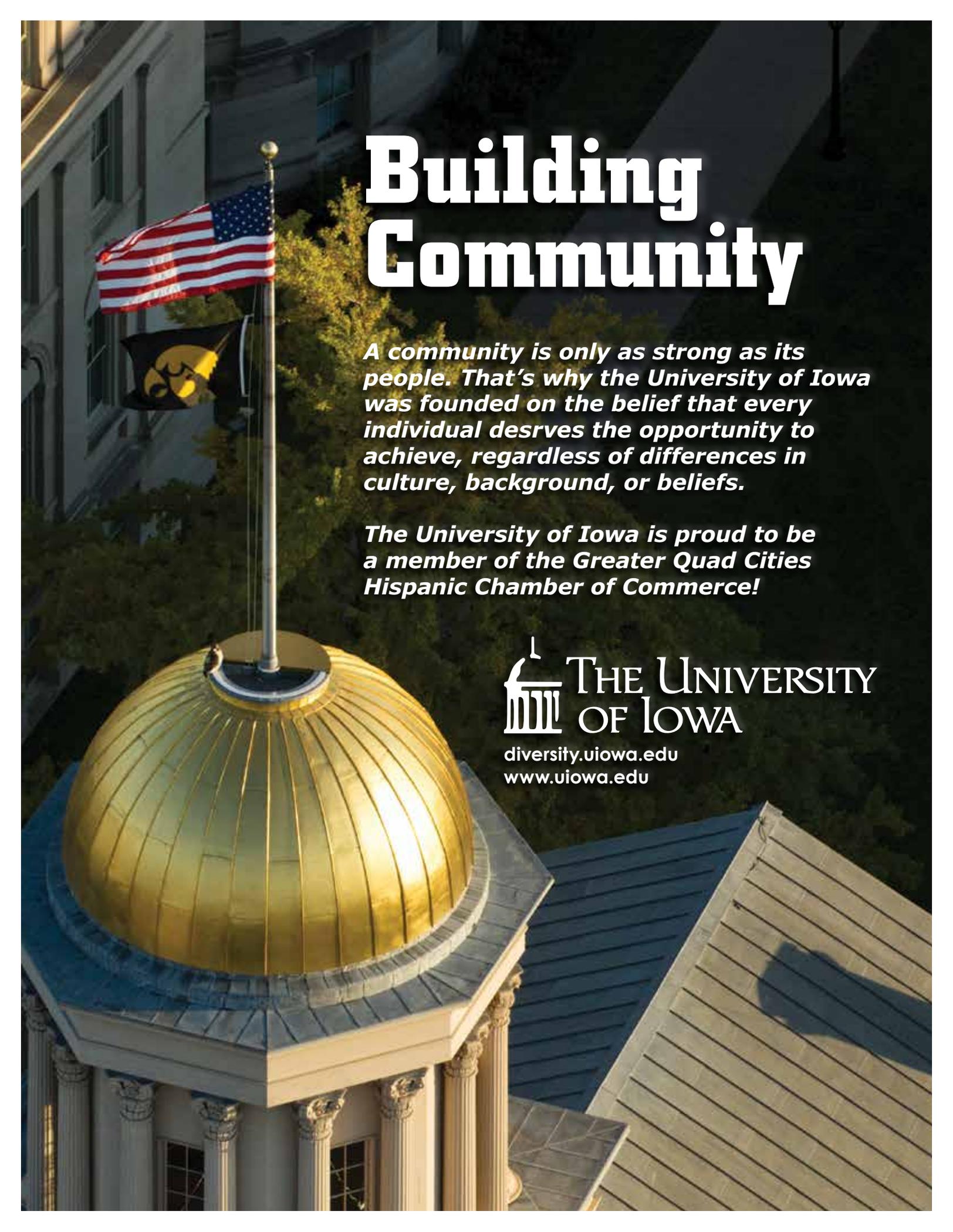
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Since the inception of the Chamber in 2008, the growth of the chamber continues to impact our community. With your ongoing input and support, we continue to provide the programs, networking opportunities and resources that will make a difference in our community. The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is grateful for your exemplary leadership and the collaborative effort of the entire Quad Cities area.

As Chairman of the Board you regularly encouraged those around you to step up and lead. As you assume your role of Chairman Emeritus, we look forward to carrying on your tradition of empowering others through networking and relationship building.

Thank you for everything you have done for the chamber, our community, and for fostering entrepreneurship in all of us.

Muchas gracias,

The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors and Staff



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