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### HISPANIC CHAMBER ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**PORTLAND, OR.** Today, the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (Hispanic Chamber) announced the 2011 Hispanic Chamber Scholarship winners throughout the state of Oregon. A total of \$127,850 will be awarded to 45 students on **May 3, 2011** at the **Annual Scholarship Award Luncheon** at the Oregon Convention Center, in Portland. The speaker will be **Román D. Hernández**, Shareholder, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt. Hernández has devoted a significant amount of time to civic and community involvement. He is the immediate Past President of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) and is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the HNBA Legal Education Fund. He is a past Chairman of the Board of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber. Hernandez recently joined the board of directors of the Oregon Community Foundation, the six largest community fund in the nation.

Since 1996, the Hispanic Chamber has awarded scholarships to Latino students throughout Oregon and Vancouver, Washington. The May 3, 2011 awards will raise the total amount awarded by the Hispanic Chamber to \$1,217,850 to 495 students.

The scholarship awards range from \$10,000.00 to \$2,000.00 and are the result of fundraising conducted by the Hispanic Chamber and direct contributions from individuals, private businesses and organizations. All of the students have excellent academic achievements and substantial community involvement. Some students will receive multiple scholarship awards from different organizations.

NAME	CITY	MAJOR(S)	SPONSOR/AMOUNT	TOTAL
Ximena Fonseca-Morales	Portland	Business	Nike \$10,000	\$10,000
Alejandro Ortiz	Portland	Engineering	Bonneville Power Administration \$2,500, United Way \$2,500, HMC \$1,000	\$6,000
Daniela Sifuentes-Lopez	Fairview	Engineering	Howard S. Wright \$2,000, Latino Leadership Class I,II,III,IV and V \$2,250, HMC \$1,750	\$6,000
Robert Diaz	Gresham	Health	Legacy Health \$5,000	\$5,000
Judith Castro	Eugene	Counseling	Wieden+Kennedy \$2,500, Cascade Centers, Inc EAP \$1,000, Oregon Lottery \$1,000	\$4,500
Carissa Balderas	Springfield	Counseling	Pacific NW Council of Carpenters \$3600, HMC \$400	\$4,000

Eva Vaquera-Contreras	Mt. Angel	Health	Regence BlueCross BlueShield \$1,000, Squires & Barnett \$1,000, HMC \$2,000	\$4,000
Sandra Lopez	Cornelius	Business	Portland Trail Blazers \$1,500, Wells Fargo \$1,250, State Farm Insurance \$1,000	\$3,750
Chabeli Arreola	Tillamook	Health	Providence Health & Services \$1,250, Oregon Lottery \$1,000, NW Natural Gas Co. \$1,000	\$3,250
Joaquin Peralta	Salem	Health	Providence Health & Services \$1,250, HMC \$2,000	\$3,250
Matias Anaya	Beaverton	Economics	Travel Portland \$2,000, State Farm Insurance \$1,000	\$3,000
Ainara Echanove	Hillsboro	Psychology	Oregon Lottery \$1,000, Jim & Jennifer Mark, Aguilar & Bobadilla P.C. \$1,000	\$3,000
Karina España	Vancouver	Biology	HMC Board of Directors \$1,100, HMC \$1,900	\$3,000
Allen Andrews	Portland	Public Health	Oregon Health & Science University \$1,000, HMC \$1,500	\$2,500
Sonia Contreras	Ontario	Interior Design/ Health & Human Sciences	Orcilia Zúñiga Forbes \$1,500, Don Geddes \$1,000	\$2,500
Miriam Cortez	Keizer	Education	Orcilia Zúñiga Forbes \$1,500, State Farm Insurance \$1,000	\$2,500
Luis Gonzalez	Wilsonville	Engineering	Bonneville Power Administration \$2,500	\$2,500
Sonia Lopez	Canby	Health	Legacy Health \$2,500	\$2,500
Flor Medina Torres	Aloha	Education	Rose E. Tucker Charitable Fund \$2,500	\$2,500
Monica Pleitez	Tualatin	Health	Legacy Health \$2,500	\$2,500
Abigail Reyes-Galeana	Tualatin	Health	Legacy Health \$2,500	\$2,500
Jorge Urzua	Woodburn	Business	Rose E. Tucker Charitable Fund \$2,500	\$2,500
Ryan Alcantara	Jacksonville	Music	Oregon Shakespeare Festival \$1,000, Lara Media Services, LLC \$1,250	\$2,250
Oscar Arana Ochoa	Portland	Business	Wells Fargo \$1,250, Enterprise Rent-A-Car \$1,000	\$2,250
Cindy Reyes	Gresham	Pre-law	Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt \$1,000, Oregon Hispanic Bar Association \$1,100	\$2,100
Kelli Alcantara	Jacksonville	Social Work	HMC \$2,000	\$2,000
Julie Badaracco	Clackamas	International Studies	Columbia Sportswear \$2,000	\$2,000
Leticia Barrera	Medford	Health	Oregon Health & Science University \$1,000, Regence BlueCross BlueShield \$1,000	\$2,000
Yesenia Castro Guzman	Parkdale	Health	Regence BlueCross BlueShield \$1,000, State Farm Insurance \$1,000	\$2,000

Rosa Diaz	Salem	Education	AT&T Services \$2,000	\$2,000
Cecilia Escobedo	Eugene	Counseling	Oregon Lottery \$1,000, RLJ Ericksen Family Charitable Fund \$500, Victor and Madonna Merced \$500	\$2,000
Aleida Fernandez	Salem	Communications	Champion of the Kids Committee \$1,000, KWBY La Pantera \$500, Estrella TV Portland \$500	\$2,000
Claudia Garcia	Hood River	Education	Sunrise Chiropractic, Inc. \$1,000, Chick Of All Trades \$500, Vigil Agrimis, Inc. \$500	\$2,000
Yuri Garcia	Madras	Engineering	Kadri Foundation \$1,000, NW Evaluation Association \$1,000	\$2,000
Miriam Hernandez-Zepeda	Brookings	Health	U.S. Bank \$2,000	\$2,000
Miriam Morales-Ayala	Oregon City	Public Health Education	Telefono Hispano \$1,250, HMC \$750	\$2,000
Angel Reyes	Battle Ground	Engineering	Walsh Construction \$1,000, Friends of Ladd's Addition Gardens \$1,000	\$2,000
Rafael Reynoso Hinojosa	Estacada	Social Work	Oregon Lottery \$1,000, Portland Gay Latino Pride \$1,000	\$2,000
Paulina Rodriguez	Newberg	Pre-law	Carol T. Rolph Memorial \$2,000	\$2,000
Julia Rodriguez	Beaverton	Health	Portland Timbers \$1,000, HMC \$1,000	\$2,000
Maria Sandoval-Perez	Dayton	Counseling	Regence BlueCross BlueShield \$1,000, Ken & Marta Thrasher \$1,000	\$2,000
Wendy Tacuba Chavelas	Portland	Health	Regence BlueCross BlueShield \$1,000, NW Plumbing Concepts \$1000	\$2,000
Maria Vargas	Mt. Angel	Education	Bank of the Cascades \$1,000, R. Brendan Dummigan \$1,000	\$2,000
Nancy Vazquez	Dayton	Education	HOLA, PGE Employee Group \$2,000	\$2,000
Anel Venegas	Independence	Business	State Farm Insurance \$1,000, Enterprise Rent-A-Car \$1,000	\$2,000
			<b>Total Amount:</b>	\$127,850

The cost for the luncheon is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. The luncheon will be held in the Portland Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

The public is welcome to attend this event. An RSVP is required as space is limited. Interested persons can RSVP by **calling 503-222-0280, or e-mailing [scervantes@hmccoregon.com](mailto:scervantes@hmccoregon.com)**