

## Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association Atlanta Tech Council Announce their 2010 "Campeones de Nuestra Comunidad" Awards

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Atlanta, GA – Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association's LISTA Atlanta Tech Council has announced the winners of its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tech-Latino Leadership Luncheon and "Campeones de Nuestra Comunidad" Awards, which recognizes the unsung hero of the Latino community in Atlanta. Recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony at the Loudermilk Center in downtown Atlanta on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:00 am. This will also kick off LISTA 2010 Season.

The LISTA Tech-Latino Leadership Luncheon will be hosted by CNN'S Rick Sanchez with welcoming remarks by **Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and Congressman Hank Johnson**. Special invited guest speaker, **Lourdes Diaz, Sr. Director Diversity Relations at Sodexo**. The event is sponsored by Aetna, Coca Cola, Comcast, CNN, CapitalPRWire, Macy's Foundation, MicroTech, Sodexo, Telemundo Atlanta, TargetLatino, Real Atlanta and Mundo Hispanico.

The LISTA Campeones de Nuestra Comunidad Awards acknowledge people who have given time and resources to make LISTA grow in the State of Georgia and who are unsung heroes of our community. Winners were selected by LISTA's local Board of Directors in an online vote. Selection of these awardees was based on individual contributions made to the Latino community in 2009.

**Businessperson of the Year Award** - Monica Maldonado President of Interprint Communications. **Government Beacon Award** - State Representative Tony Sellier **Chair's Award** - Johns Creek City Council and Founder Ivan Figueroa. **Humanitarian Award** - Leticia Pastrana- Gwinnett Village Community Alliance, Executive Director

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"Thanks to our partnership with Aetna, Coca Cola, Macy's Foundation, Comcast and Sodexo LISTA will be able to realized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tech-Latino Leadership Luncheon Series in Atlanta and Campeones de Nuestra Comunidad awards", said **Mariano Maluf, President, LISTA' Georgia Technology Council**. "It is through the commitment of corporation like these, that LISTA's Techno Centro in Norcross, Ga. is able to continue their mission to educate, motivate and empower the Latino community with technology and showcase the best of the Latino community in Georgia. I can think of no better way to kick off LISTA 2010 season.

It is people like our awardees who represents the very best that Georgia and America has to offer. They are the manifestation of dedication, integrity and intellect" said **Jose A Marquez-Leon, National President and CEO of Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association**. "It is precisely with the achievements of these winners in mind that our commitment to the Latino community of Georgia and the Techno Centro remains as strong as ever" stressed Marquez-Leon. "They are role models in the best possible sense of the word for our next generation of leaders."

**About Latino in Information Sciences and Technology Association (LISTA)**

LISTA ([www.a-lista.org](http://www.a-lista.org) and [www.technocentro.org](http://www.technocentro.org)) promotes the utilization of the technology sectors for the empowerment of the Latino community. We are an organization that is committed to bringing various elements of Technology under one central hub to facilitate our partners, members and the community with the leverage and education they need to succeed in a highly advanced technologically driven society. LISTA Mission is to educate, motivate and encourage the use of technology in the Latino community and empowering them to bridge the digital divide.

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