



# ¿Que Pasa?...

The Hispanic Community Affairs Council Newsletter

## Our Mission

The mission of the Hispanic Community Affairs Council (HCAC) is to promote the value of education, cultural diversity, and community involvement. We are a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to young Latinos, throughout Alameda County, who are interested in pursuing a college education. We unequivocally believe that investing in our future leaders is the key to a stronger community!

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HCAC cordially invites you to the

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Join us in celebrating our outstanding scholarship recipients as we honor them for their academic achievements and community involvement throughout Alameda County!

Friday, May 2, 2014  
 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
 Newark-Fremont Hilton Hotel  
 39900 Balentine Drive

**\$60 per person ♦ \$600 table for ten**  
 Tickets may be purchased at [www.hcac-ac.org/events](http://www.hcac-ac.org/events)  
 or by contacting Arnold Chavez at (510) 331-1438 or  
 Gene Calderon at (510) 708-4149

## Letter from the Co-Presidents

As we look at the history of HCAC, it is a true honor to be part of this wonderful organization. We are grateful to those past Presidents, Board of Directors, and Advisory Board Members who have devoted personal time and resources to continue the vision that makes HCAC the exceptional non-profit organization it is today. Since 1983, HCAC has awarded over \$1.6 Million in scholarships to young Latinos throughout Alameda County.

Thanks to the dedication and support from our loyal members, sponsors, friends, and volunteers, we are making a difference, creating a positive impact in our community, and achieving our mission, *“to promote the value of education, cultural diversity, and community involvement.”*

When you donate to HCAC, you are giving young Latinos an opportunity to pursue a college education and accomplish their academic goals. HCAC awards 100% of all donations to the scholarship fund directly to highly-motivated students with a great desire to pursue a higher education. These deserving scholars have been selected on the basis of academic excellence, leadership, service to their community, and economic need.

Join us in our efforts to make a difference... together we can build a better future. All donations to HCAC are tax deductible as allowed by law. Donations may be made online at [www.hcac-ac.org](http://www.hcac-ac.org).

Sincerely,

Gene Calderon & Aracelia Esparza  
Co-presidents



## STUDENT PROFILE

*Christopher Barrios*

This past December I graduated from one of the most prestigious public university's in the world, UC Berkeley. I remember visiting the campus as a sophomore in high school for Cal's annual Raza day, and I was amazed by the size of the institution and its reputation. From that point on I knew that one day I wanted to become a Cal bear. Luckily enough in August 2011, I transferred from Ohlone College to become a Berkeley student. Reflecting on my years as both an Ohlone and Berkeley graduate, I can attest to the fact that they have been filled with many rewarding experiences, giving me the chance to get involved in many aspects of university life such as becoming a board member for the co-op in which I lived, joining a Folklorico dance group so I could learn more about my Mexican heritage, but more importantly allowing me to witness the importance of being a Latino pursuing a higher education and how that can inspire our youth.

Through my years as a student I have explored several educational paths, at Ohlone I learned about Chicano culture and history and took courses in business administration, at Cal I majored in an environmental science-related field, and this past fall semester I had the opportunity to be the first in my family to study abroad and travel overseas to learn about French and European culture. As a recent graduate, I am now on a journey to explore different career paths that will lead me to my true calling. Just as HCAC has given back to their community by investing in our education, I plan on returning to graduate school to pursue a master's degree in public policy or business administration, so that I can become a voice for my Raza community, help Latino immigrant groups overcome hardship, and fight for justice and equality of all immigrant youth. The scholarship I have received from HCAC these past years are for me a reassurance and reminder that my educational achievements are seen as fruitful investments by the generous donors who rely on us to serve as the future's leaders, innovators, and teachers for tomorrow's youth. I know I have the support and mentoring of a network of Latino professionals who they like me were in my position applying to this scholarships in hopes of reaching their educational goals, I am honored to now be a part of that HCAC family.

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