



*Latino Social Work Coalition and Scholarship Fund*

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*Happy Holidays from the LSWC Staff and Board*

# UPDATE

The LSWC held a conference on October 26 2017, in collaboration with the National Association of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Social Workers and LIU Post which was deemed successful by all accounts.

The conference, drew area leaders, social workers, and other professionals to hear from our Distinguished speakers who presented on the issues of Immigration and Health Care Access and Strategies for Latino Community family and children. Our heartfelt congratulations is extended to all our presenters, participants and sponsors. Check our conference photos on far left.



Ruben Diaz, Bronx Borough President and Assemblyman Phil Ramos accepting certificate from Dr. Dilia Granville, LSWC Board President



Louis Medina, President, NAPRHSW and Dr. Dilia Granville, LSWC President



Christy Parque, CEO, Coalition for Behavioral Health accepting Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Granville



Maria Kercado, 1199, accepting certificate from Dr. Dilia Granville



Dr. Evan Senreich accepting certificate from Dr. Dilia Granville



Presenters: Dr. Laura Gonzalez-Murphy, NYS ONA Director; Dennis O. Romero, SAMHSA Regional Administrator and Dr. Luis Valenzuela, Exec. Dir, Long Island Immigrant Alliance, Healthcare Education Project

## **A Message from the New President The Latino Social Work Coalition**



**Greetings! It gives me a great pleasure to serve as the new president of the LSWC. As a founding member of this organization I am extremely proud to see the consistency and dedication of this organization that began as a task force and is now a beacon of hope for Latino social workers and for the Latino community. I feel honored and grateful to the past president and founding member, Maria Elena Girone. Her leadership and tenacity has taught us, “Yes, You Can! Si, Se Puede! Pa’lante!”**

**Gracias Maria Elena, you are our trailblazer and we will follow your footsteps in continuing to address the inequality of services to Latino families and the shortage of Latino social workers. My goals as President include: expanding our Training Institute, direct services, strengthening our advocacy, pushing our legislative agenda, and continue the collaborations with our stakeholders. Stay tuned also for our continuing education conferences.**



## Scholarship Awardees of 2017



Lauren Osoria and Luisa Lopez (New York University), Linel Salsedo and Cristina Farrera (Yeshiva University), Leidy de Leon and Inyeska Jimenez (Touro College), Jennifer Frias and Madeline Perez (Columbia University), Cristina Arbucias and Diane Veliz (Fordham University), Adriana Rosales, Catherine Elaine Valdez and Stephanie Ruiz (Hunter Silberman College), Nicole Rodriguez (Adelphi University), Karily Lantigua and Cristina Enriquez (Lehman College).

LSCW Leadership: Dr. Ivan Quervalu; Dr. Annecy Baez and Dr. Elaine Congress.

# ***RECENT NEWS***

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## ***The Latino Social Work Training Center***

*The Latino Social Work Coalition's Social Work Training Center recently convened the conference in Long Island (above) at LIU Post and will be conducting another with a tentative date of **March 7<sup>th</sup>**. The conference theme is: *The Consequences of the Social Worker Shortage on Opiate, Foster Care and Immigration Social Services for Latino Children and Families*". Continuing education credits will be available. More information to follow.*



## ***April 26<sup>th</sup>***

*On Thursday, April 26h 2018 the LSWC will be holding its Annual Gala Dinner; our major fundraiser for the scholarships we award every year, thanks to your support. It will be held at the Copacabana on 47<sup>th</sup> St. NYC. More information to follow. Please join us or send a donation for your 2017 taxes.*

## ***Join us by becoming a LSWC Member***

*As a result of receiving numerous inquiries from individuals about becoming members, the Latino Social Work Coalition is proud to state that it will now accept individuals interested in becoming individual members as well as member agencies. For more information go to our home page: [www.latinosocialwork.org](http://www.latinosocialwork.org)*



**The goal of our UNIDOS Program is clear: to serve the immediate and long-term needs of families and communities in Puerto Rico. To do so, the Federation has taken unprecedented action, helping to coordinate hundreds of donation drives in the U.S. mainland, distributing millions of pounds of food, water and essentials to those most affected by the storm, delivering emergency relief aid to over 40 hard-hit municipalities, and seeding an additional three million dollars to support emergency relief and recovery projects throughout Puerto Rico. For more information on how to help please go to link below**

**<https://hispanicfederation.org/unidos/>**

**Remember to make your donations to your favorite not for profit  
before the year ends.**

For Latino Social Work Coalition you can donate on our home page

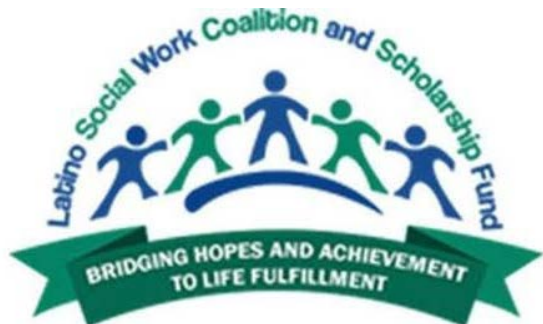
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