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Hispanic Youth to be Honored By QCC

WORCESTER, Ma. – Quinsigamond Community College will celebrate the 22nd annual Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (H.A.C.E.) awards reception and ceremony on Wednesday, October 3, at QCC's Harrington Learning Center at 5:30pm. Tickets for the celebration are \$10.00 and are available by calling 508-854-4368.

Thirty Hispanic youth will be honored this year from various Worcester Public Schools--Accelerated Learning Laboratory, Burncoat, Doherty, North, South, University Park Campus School, and Worcester Vocational. Students were chosen for their outstanding efforts in one of the following areas: academics, the arts, athletics, community service, and leadership. Students are nominated by their school principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and community leaders and/or agencies. In addition to being recognized, each will receive a monetary award to help defray the costs of future educational needs.

The evening will feature guest speaker Paul Hernandez of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Hernandez has done extensive work with youth in the city of Worcester. In 2005 he won the Telegram & Gazette's Community Visions Youth Leadership Award, and in 2007 he received the Latino Dollars For Scholars Community Leader Award. Hernandez is also a board member of the Regional Environmental Council, a member of the Common Pathways Leadership Team, a Co-Facilitator of the HOPE Coalition, the Worcester Youth Works Coalition, a member of United Way's Building Brighter Futures With Youth Initiative, and PTO President of Woodland Academy.

The H.A.C.E. was created in 1985 by faculty and staff at QCC, along with business and community leaders of Worcester, to raise community awareness of the richness of Hispanic culture. H.A.C.E. encourages youth to focus on education, recognizes achievements of young people of Hispanic heritage, and provides positive role models through inspirational speakers and exposure to community leaders.

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ACADEMICS

Maria Blanc _____ South High Community School
Jennifer Castro-Lainez _____ Claremont Academy
Viviana Chica _____ Doherty Memorial High School
Remy Daou _____ North High School
Ivanna Mercedes _____ Burncoat High School
Diego Rivera _____ A.L.L. School
Patricia Sanchez _____ University Park Campus School

ARTS

Ana Calderon _____ Doherty Memorial High School
Kayla Cortes _____ North High School
Luis Martinez _____ A.L.L. School
Jesus Moreta _____ South High Community School
Leidy Restrepo _____ University Park Campus School
Michael Rivera _____ Burncoat High School

ATHLETICS

Marie Barral _____ A.L.L. School
Jeify Betances _____ Burncoat High School
Miguel Echevarria _____ South High Community School
Norberto Rolon _____ Doherty Memorial High School
Charlyn Valencia _____ University Park Campus School

COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Liliana Herrera-Flores _____ South High Community School

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Betsy Jovel _____ University Park Campus School
Sayuri Kuratomi _____ A.L.L. School
Myrna Llanos _____ Burncoat High School
Anthony Morales _____ North High School
Nadeschka Nazario _____ Doherty Memorial High School
Jessica Rosado _____ Girls Inc of Worcester

LEADERSHIP

David Camilo _____ North High School

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