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Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan Recognized the 2018 Top 50 Latinas of Michigan from throughout the state in Honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

Lansing Michigan— October 8, 2018 — Today the Hispanic Latino Commission of announced the Michigan Latina’s to be recognized at the Statewide Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations to be held Friday, October 12, 2018, for the first time at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw, Michigan. For the first time ever, HLCOM will honor the Top 50 Latinas of Michigan. The purpose of the “2018 Top Latinas in Michigan” award is to recognize an individual woman who has distinguished herself in their organization, her profession, and her community.

The recipient of the Top Latinas in Michigan for 2018 award epitomizes the values for which HLCOM stands and represents the best of who we are as Latinas and as leaders. For their significant level of involvement in the activities, business, and professional growth with outstanding progress in their chosen career. These women have a demonstrated commitment to their community by sharing of their time and talent in ways that benefit the community. These women have also had a commitment to life-long learning and expansion of their own personal and professional resources. Nominations for this recognition came from individuals across the state.

The “2018 Top 50 Latinas of Michigan” are:

1	Ana Salazar	Workforce Programs Administrator	Taylor	SEMCA MIworks! (Southeast Michigan Community Alliance)
2	Kaleigh Doyen	Mellon Curatorial Fellow	Bay City	Art Institute of Chicago
3	Alma Crossley	Director, Corporate Diversity	Detroit	General Motors
4	Monica L. Martinez	Senior Vice President, External Affairs & National Hispanic Business Development Director	Detroit	Comerica Bank
5	Aurora Saucedo	Community Coordinator / Director Latinos United / Chairperson - HTCC	Flint & Genesee County	Latinos United for Flint
6	Mildred Silva - Zuccaro	Spanish Language and Culture Program Coordinator / Instructor	Flint & Genesee County	Hispanic Technology & Community Center
7	Rosanna Calma	Spanish Language and Culture Program Coordinator / Instructor	Flint & Genesee County	Hispanic Technology & Community Center
8	Alysia Trevino	Flint Hispanic Festival Event Coordinator/ Latina League Coordinator"	Flint & Genesee County	El Ballet Folklorico Estudiantil
9	Vanessa Alvarez	LatinX Leadership Academy Coordinator	Flint & Genesee County	Hispanic Technology & Community Center
10	Miroslava Mandujano	Translator/Interpreter / AmeriCorps- Flint Recovery Corps Service Member	Flint & Genesee County	AmeriCorps / Hispanic Technology & Community Center
11	Perlita Irish	Health Navigator	Flint & Genesee County	Genesee Health Plan
12	Iracema Garcia	Vice President/Branch Manager	Grand Rapids	PNC Bank
13	Paola Mendivil	Catering Coordinator	Grand Rapids	El Granjero Mexican Grill

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14	Reyna Orellana Masko	Friend of the Court Investigator	Grand Haven	Ottawa County
15	Liz De La Luz	Vice President of Community Impact	Holland	Greater Ottawa County United Way
16	Diana E. Hernandez	Director, Division of Multicultural Affairs	Kalamazoo	Western Michigan University
17	Dawn Garcia Ward	Senior Counsel	Grand Rapids	Warner NorCross & Judd
18	Kaylee Moreno	Executive Director Center for Latino Studies	Big Rapids	Ferris State University
19	Jessica LeDesma	Program Coordinator	Big Rapids	Ferris State University
20	Erica Soto	President Elect	Grand Rapids	BL ² END
21	Marisol Blanco	Associate Director of Student Success Center	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids Community College
22	Lupita Reyes	Founder-Counselor	Holland	LAUP Counseling Services
23	Pat VerDuin	Self Employed	Holland	Mobius Coaching
24	Erica M. Fiasy	Advising Director, South Neighborhood	Lansing	Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative-Michigan State University
25	Traci Ruiz	Ruiz Consultants	Lansing	Michigan Board of Medicine
26	Maria Serrato	Program Assistant, MAET Program MSU - Founder/Co-Director, CALY (Capital Area Latina Youth)	Lansing	MSU College of Education
27	Maria Starr-Van Core	President	Lansing	Labor Council for Latin American Advancement of Greater Lansing -UAW Local 652, Retired
28	Maria Erazo	Business Brand Trainer, Author & Speaker	Lansing	Maria Erazo Enterprises
29	Laura Martinez	Law Enforcement Officer	Mount Pleasant	Central Michigan University
30	Theresa Terri Hibbard	President	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Timothy Hibbard Memorial Foundations
31	Paula Espinoza	Health Systems Specialist	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center of Saginaw Michigan
32	Carmen Stricker	Assistant Director of Freshmen Operations	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Saginaw Valley State University
33	Tammy A. Medel	Project Manager	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Duperon Corporation
34	Staci Rosales	Director of Professional & Organizational Learning K-12	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools
35	Sara Lamblin	Event Coordinator	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Temple Theatre Foundation
36	Melissa M. Garcia	Member Service/Communication Center Supervisor	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Team One Credit Union
37	Marcella Mosqueda	Dean of Students	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Windover High School
38	Inez R. Perez	Manager – Billing Operations	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	AT&T
39	Dalia Smith	Cultural and Linguistics Competency Coordinator	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	SCCMHA - Saginaw Max System of Care
40	Anna Maria K. Flores, Ph.D.	Manager, Community Engagement	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	Wayne State University Irvin D. Reid Honors College
41	Leia Lopez Gamboa	General Manager	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	JC Penny
42	Lisa Moncado Wilson	Benefits Representative	Saginaw/Bay City/Midland	GM-UAW 659
43	Maria Olga Mier	Branch Sales Branch Service II	Wyoming	PNC Bank

44	Roxanna Duntley-Matos	President, Organization of Latino Social Workers-MI	Ann Arbor	MI Child Trust Fund Board Member for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
45	Keysha Camps	HLCOM Commissioner/Program Engineering Manager	Detroit	General Motors
46	Sonya Hernandez	HLCOM Commissioner/Adjunct Professor-ALAS Coordinator	Muskegon	Grand Rapids Community College
47	Juanita Bocanegra	HLCOM Commissioner/Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Holland	City of Holland
48	Angela Baldwin	HLCOM Commissioner/Litigation and Transactional Attorney	Detroit	The Miller Law Firm Detroit
49	Esperanza Cantu	HLCOM Commissioner/Director of Planning and Engagement	Detroit	City of Detroit Health Department
50	Yesenia Ramos	Associate Controller	Detroit	Ideal Group

The purpose of HLCOM is to develop a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Michigan's Hispanic and Latino people. Our focus is to develop a plan of action that serves the needs (economic, education, business) of the Hispanic/Latino community.

For more information on these awards visit our website at <https://www.michigan.gov/hlcom>

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