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Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. Announces 2024 Hispanic Woman and Man of the Year Honorees

Tampa, Fla. (July 17, 2024) – The Board of Directors of Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. is pleased to announce the selection of Andrea Gonzmart Williams as the 2024 Hispanic Woman of the Year and Rafael Gonzalez, Esq. as the 2024 Hispanic Man of the Year.

Andrea Gonzmart Williams



Andrea Gonzmart Williams, a 5th generation owner and operator of the Columbia Restaurant Group, is an extraordinary business owner, philanthropist, and community member. With over 30 decades of experience, Andrea has served on numerous boards and organizations including the USF Foundation, Hillsborough County Tourist and Development Council, Florida Aquarium, and the Humane Society. Her extensive list of accolades includes being named one of the "30 under 30" by the Tampa Bay Business Journal and the 2024 Leadership Award Winner by Working Woman of Tampa Bay. Andrea's commitment to preserving her family's legacy and her dedication to various causes makes her a deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

Rafael Gonzalez, Esq.



Rafael Gonzalez, Esq., partner at Cattie & Gonzalez, PLLC, has made significant contributions to the Hispanic community through his extensive legal career and community service. Rafael's professional journey includes roles such as corporate counsel for FCCI Insurance and Vice President of Medicare & Medicaid Compliance for Gould & Lamb. His dedication to the Latino community is evident in his active membership on the USF President's Latin Community Advisory Council and his efforts to support Latino student success and the University's HSI status. Rafael's leadership and advocacy have made a lasting impact on the community, earning him the title of Hispanic Man of the Year.

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. Gala

Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. will honor Andrea Gonzmart Williams and Rafael Gonzalez, Esq. for their outstanding contributions to our community at the 36th Annual Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. Gala on Saturday, September 21st, 2024, at the Hilton Tampa Downtown.

To purchase tickets and corporate tables for the Gala or to inquire about sponsorships, please visit www.tampahispanic.org or contact Maria Bermudez-Torres, or Maribel Garrett, Co-Chairs of the Gala Committee,

The Gala is one of Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc.'s signature events held during Hispanic Heritage Season, bringing people in the Tampa Bay area together to celebrate the region's rich Hispanic heritage while raising funds for higher education scholarships for deserving Hispanic students.

About Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc.

Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. (THHI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the Hispanic culture in Tampa Bay. Through various programs and events, THHI aims to enhance the quality of life for the Hispanic community by supporting education, cultural awareness, and community development.

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