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Nominations Open for Miami Beach 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards

— Recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony in October —

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee is seeking nominations for the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20. The committee will honor recipients at an awards ceremony in October.

The awards are intended to honor members of the Hispanic community who live or work in the City of Miami Beach and who have made a positive contribution to the community in their respective professions.

The committee will select individuals or businesses from the following categories:

> **Individual** — educator, public safety personnel, social service provider, artist, youth (under 18 involved in community service), adult contributing to the success of youth and any Hispanic Miami Beach community member.
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> **Business** — Business, business owner, or employee of a qualified business (must have at least 51% Hispanic ownership).

Each nomination must include the nominee's full name, address, phone number and a detailed explanation of the nominee's contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021. The awards will be presented during the Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Nomination forms are available by clicking here. Completed forms can be submitted via email to leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov or via mail to Leonor Hernandez, City of Miami Beach, Hispanic Affairs Committee Liaison, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33139.

The Hispanic Affairs Committee serves as an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the administration with respect to matters pertaining to the Hispanic community of the City of Miami Beach. For more information, send an email to leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Award Recipients 2002-2020

2002
Jorge M Gonzalez
David de la Espriella
Victor Diaz

2003
Eva Barreto
Liliam Lopez
Tanya Ludwig

2004
Raymond Adrian
Alfredo Gonzalez
Aida Marrero
Jorge Martinez

2005
Luis Alsina
Frank Carollo
Lupe Diaz
Marie Towers

2006
Maritza Ejenbaum
Michael Gongora
Daniel Morgalo
Kelly Villoch

2007
Kathy Abbate
Julio Blanco
Romero Britto
Nathalia Ramos
Dr. Karmenchu Santana-Vega
Diana Susi

2008
Goldie James Maldonado
Magaly Madrid
Rafael Oviedo
Daniel Veitia 2009
Armando Hernandez
Gabriel Paez
Howard Kaufman
Ines Flax
Pedro Martinez

2010
Elsa Urquiza
Luis Hernandez
Maria Acosta
Margarita Cepeda
Fernando Cid de Diego

2011
Ana Bolt
Becky Cohen
German Pena
Magnolia Martinez
Susan Riener

2012
Mark Causey
Bryant Del Toro
Adrian Gonzalez (withdrew)
Samuel Karkassoni
Richard Martinez
Mara Mignardi
Bea Pernia

2013
Tanya Diaz
Joe Gato
Karpawich Family
David King
Jose Rafael Martinez
Herb Sosa

2014
Jessica Fuentes
Alejandro Llaneras
Lourdes Lopez
Willie Priegues
Carlos Rodriguez

2015
Jorge Garcia
Leonor Hernandez
Jorge Garcia
Leonor Hernandez
Alexandra Oliva
Margueritte Ramos
Lawrence Rodriguez

2016
Elaine Soffer Siegel
Matti Herrera Bower
Gustavo Briand
Sylvia Carro
Zorilien Riveron
Juan Sanchez
Enrique Doce
Adonis Garcia
Unidad
The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald and Executive Team

2017
Dr. Rosa Lemas
Chief Virgil Fernandez MBFD
Kevin Cobas
Melina Almodovar
Sammy Gonzalez
Lisett Fernandez-Montero
Officer Mariana Garcia MBPD
Ayuda, Inc.

2018
Victor Pulido
Rudy Perez
Michelle Viera Henson MBFD
Ernesto Rodriguez MBPD
Marisela Silva Ramirez
Miguell del Campillo
Arnold Paisero
Dr. Ana Garoz – Ojunian
Arturo Fernandez
F1rst Surf Shop

2019
Reina Roffe
Marina Font
Havana 1957
Café Avanti
Felix Quesada
Iglesia Bautista El Poder De Dios
Sargent Jair Armatrading (MBPD)
Joh Paul Mejia

2020
Jorge Mazon
Michel Hausmann &
Miami New Drama
Ricardo Barboza & Snack Patrol
Paola Serrano
Alejandro “Alex” Fernandez
Carolina Cuadros
Officer Eric Dominguez (MBPD)
Abbott Florist
L’Artisane Creative Bakery

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