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Gala

XX ANNIVERSARY

*Celebrating, the past 20 years and
the next 20 years to come!!!*



FOUR
POINTS
BY SHERATON

GALA: XX Annual International Medical Congress. Saturday, October 29, 2022

- **4:30 p.m.**
Workshop techniques to overcome trauma caused by the COVID 19 pandemic, Instructor Dra. Leonor Tavarez.
- **6:30 p.m.**
Inicio cocktail & Musica instrumental de entrada.
- **Maestro de ceremonia**, (Master of ceremony) Mr. Cristian Javier
- **Asistente Maestra de ceremonia** (Assistant Master of Ceremonies) Dra. Diorca Jerez.
- **Música by los Diamantes Negros** (Mr. Hector Matos).
- **7:30 p.m.**
Maestro de de ceremonia, -Bienvenida,!! (Master of ceremony) Welcome!
- **Misión-Visión del CMD -Valle Delareme -Filadelfia & AHPSI, Institución gloriosa de 33 años** (Mission-vision, from the CMD -Delaware Valley -Philadelphia & AHPSI, a glorious 33-year-old institution).
- **Himnos USA, & Dominicano, USA & Dominican Anthems By Giselle Tavera.**
- **Invocation Pastor Carlos Garcia.**
- **Palabras Presidente del Colegio médico filial valle Delaware-Filadelfia**, Dr. Gustavo Pérez Méndez. (Remarks President of the Dominican medical College of Delaware-Philadelphia).
- **Palabras Presidente del Colegio Médico Dominicano sede central, Dr. Senen Rufino Caba.** (Remarks president of the Dominican Medical College headquarters, Dr. Senen Rufino Caba).
- **Salutaciones especiales Oficiales electos, consules, asambleistas** (Special greetings Elected officials, consuls, assembly members).
- **Ceremonia oficial reconocimientos especiales a profesionales, empresarios, líderes y periodistas** (Official ceremony special recognition to professionals, businessmen, leaders and journalists).

XX Anniversary. CMD-Delaware Legacy 20 Anniversary Award. Bio-Recognitions:

The Dominican Medical College, Delaware-philadelphia, branch, in conjunction with the Hispanic Association of Health Professionals, Inc NY, announce our official list of professionals, founders, entrepreneurs and leaders to be recognized at our 20th anniversary gala dinner to be held on Saturday October 29, 2022, 7:00 pm, at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel, 9461 Roosevelt Ave, Philadelphia, Our organizations with these recognitions are appreciating the support for the mission of our organizations, and above all the support for our community, both health professionals and the community at large, with your support we can continue our services for years to come.

See below for a brief biography & Photo of each, please run your computer key.



Dr. Rufino Senén Caba Plasencia. _____

Dr. Senen Caba, Born in Monsenor Nouel, Bonao, Dominican Republic, is the 7th of 9 siblings. He specialized in intensive care at the Hermanos Almeyeras hospital in Havana, Cuba, studied social security at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and also specialized in quality management in health services and modern health management.

In the renowned Dr. Francisco Moscoso Puello teaching hospital, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, he has worked for more than 25 years, and has held numerous positions, some of which include being the coordinator of the internal medicine program, and was the director of teaching at the same hospital. He has also been a professor at 3 different universities. At the Ibero-American University (UNIBE) he was a professor of cardiovascular pathophysiology, at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo [UASD] he was a postgraduate professor of intensive care for the nursing school, and at the Eugenio María de Hostos University, [UNIREMHOS] he gave classes on medical semiology.



Dr. Cesar valentin _____

Dr. Cesar Valentin Castillo, was born in the city of Castillo, province of Duarte, Dominican Republic, graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the Pontificia Catholic University, in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Dr. César Valentin, has been working in the pediatric clinics "Passaic Pediatrics", as head of the staff, for 15 years, in 3 different offices, located in Passaic, and in the city of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. From this position, Dr.Valentín, has contributed to the vocational development of the new immigrants who have ventured into the health area, offering them guidance, observational internships, to gain experience, and finally offering them jobs. Throughout these 15 years dozens of them have obtained different administrative and academic positions, which have allowed them to work in different institutions. **Dr. Valentin is the owner of "New Jersey supplies" and also of "CVC messenger"**, companies which offers automated services 24 hours a day, processing phone calls, medical appointments, customer service, and channeling emergency calls to medical offices, and this had led to offering dozens of jobs to members of our community. His community work has been recognized by several organizations in the Dominican Republic, and in New jersey. Dr.Valentín is an active member of various professional and community organizations.



Dr. Gustavo Pérez _____

Dr. Gustavo Pérez, married father of 2 daughters, graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He graduated as a doctor, in medicine, from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo UASD, Dominican Republic, trained in radiology through the Central University of Venezuela, has a master's degree in clinical counseling through the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, UASD.

Has a professional license in education from the State of New York, and also holds certification from the State of Pennsylvania in Chemical Dependency National Certification. He has resided in Philadelphia for more than 28 years, working in different mental health clinics, occupying different positions. He is currently the executive director of the Harmony Wellness Group mental health clinic.

He is co-founder of the Dominican medical college, Valley delaware-philadelphia branch, the first and only association of Dominican professionals in the state of Pennsylvania, specifically Philadelphia. Additionally, he is the co-founder of the cooperative of Dominican doctors. For 22 years, he has been an advisor to these institutions in several commissions, both in Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, and the Dominican Republic advocating for services for our immigrant health professionals. Gustavo Perez is currently president of the Dominican Medical Association, Valley Delaware-Philadelphia affiliate, and is also president of the organizing committee for the 20th anniversary celebration of its annual international medical congress of this institution, which represents medical professionals from the state of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

His work has been recognized by several institutions both in the United States and also in the Dominican Republic.



Gianna M Diaz

CEO Harmony Wellness Group Inc. Born and raised in the Dominican Republic and a proud mother of 3 she strives to create a legacy of service to others.

She immigrated to Philadelphia PA in her teenage years and now proudly serves the community by providing mental health services in 2 locations.

Harmony wellness Group Inc. was established in 2017 with the goal of providing accessible and quality mental health services. The organization proudly serves all demographics including Spanish speaking patients. **She is very proud of the staff members that make this all possible and serve with great dignity and respect.**



Leopoldo Sánchez

Born in the Dominican Republic, has lived in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania for 22 years. He started as a warehouse employee, from which he climbed to become the owner of supermarkets. He is the founder of supermarket chain SuperNatural Produces, his most recent project representing the development plan in the North Fourth Street area of Reading, Pennsylvania.

His entrepreneurship has been recognized by the Berks County Latino Chamber of Commerce, as business person of the year. Through his supermarket chain, he has been able to bring employment for hundreds of families, from the reading area, and other cities in Pennsylvania. Leopoldo has favored churches, sports organizations, with donations, which throughout the years have allowed these organizations to fulfill their mission. It is a great honor to recognize a humble businessman, symbol and example for new immigrants from the state of Pennsylvania. **This goes to show that anyone can fulfill their dreams by imitating this great example.**



Shaira Arias

Shaira Arias, born in the Dominican Republic, raised in the Bronx, abandoned her entire career and future in modeling, to dedicate herself to journalism. She graduated from California State University, with a bachelor's degree in Communications and a concentration in Broadcast Journalism.

Since her arrival at the Telemundo network in the city of Philadelphia, has set the standard in her dedication towards our Latino community, in this area. Her work during the covid 19 pandemic, was key to raising awareness and bringing calm to our community, our organization Valle delaware subsidiary Dominican medical school. We feel honored and grateful that Shaira Arias is with us today receiving this humble recognition.

She has been nominated numerous times for her work and in 2019, she was recognized with a Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Award in the Human-Interest category for "Cosecha Sin Frutos" (Fruitless Harvest), a story about the hardships that immigrant agriculture workers face in the fields picking crops.

Shaira joined NBC10 and Telemundo62 in February 2020 and enjoys connecting with her audience and sharing their stories. As a bilingual reporter, she is passionate about creating a bridge between the Spanish and English-speaking audiences. Shaira loves covering the culture, soul and history of Philadelphia and the surrounding area.

"I love the diversity in its residents; there are people from all over the country that live in Philadelphia," said Shaira. **"The stories in Philadelphia are constantly making national headlines which challenges me every day as a journalist."**



Melchor Antonio Martínez

Melchor Antonio Martinez was born in the Dominican Republic in a humble family that was rich in values. From an early age he showed his dedication to service and an extraordinary willingness to help others. This collaborative spirit led him to enroll in the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, a career from which graduated as a Medical Doctor in 1987. After completing residency, he traveled to the United States to attend a specialized course as a sonographer at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

In Philadelphia he was well known for paving the way for Latinos and promoting Latino culture, which led him to becoming co-founder of the first Dominican parade in Philadelphia, the Dominican House, as well as co-founder of the Casa de la Cultura and Dominican Chamber of Commerce in Philadelphia. To his outstanding cultural work he adds an active political and professional life. **Dr. Martinez was a founder of the Dominican Revolutionary Party in Philadelphia (PRD) and was the first president of this organization.** In addition he was the founder and first president of the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley branch of the Dominican Medical College. For his outstanding work on behalf of the Dominican health professionals in the United States, and for opening many doors for employment opportunities for these professionals, Dr. Martinez was awarded the National Prize for Medicine in 1997, making him one of the youngest individuals to receive this distinctive award. To all of these achievements, we add the outstanding work of Dr. Martinez in supporting various social, cultural, professional and commercial Latino organizations. **Without a doubt, Dr. Melchor Martinez has emerged as one of the most influential Latinos of his generation.**



Dr. Dante Sánchez

Dr. Dante Sánchez, was an expert professor in mental health. Graduated as a-Doctor in medicine in Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in April 1984. He also did a specialty in -Gyneco-obstetrics and graduated from IDSS and UASD. in 1992.

He was a Professor at UNPHU at New York of School Psychology where he taught Foundations of Psychology, Multicultural Competence and Neuroscience. He was also taught interns on how to master Psychology and prepared Dominicans to practice as professionals in the United States.

He held a degree in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy from the University of Washington, in 2013, a Certificate in Cognitive Therapy from the Beck Institute in 2011 , a certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, 2009 , a Certificate in Psychiatric Rehabilitation, 2009, Certificate in Multicultural Competence from Prime Institute/Drexel University, 2007. ,Certificate in Recovery/Train the Trainer from Yale Program, 2007, Certificate in Mental Health in Gerontes. Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, 2006. Additionally he completed a one year Postgraduate program in Psychiatry. University of Leon. Lion. Spain. -2006' He had a Drug and Alcohol. Behavioral Health Consulting Certificate from. NJ. in 2000 and was a Certified Hypnotherapist. Graduated from the Well-being Institute. Filadelfia PA, 1999. He worked for the International Visitor Program. United States Information Agency-USIA. Department of State. Washington, USA.

Dr. Dante Sánchez, was a professor in the Clinical master degree Psychology at the Pedro Henriquez Ureña University, co-founder of the Dominican Medical College of the Delaware Valley, with more than 300 members residing in the state of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Dr. Sanchez was a writer, painter, and folklorist, contributed to the development of Dominican arts and identity in the city of Philadelphia, through well-established institutions such as the Dominican House of Culture of Philadelphia, and the Dominican parade and festival of Philadelphia of which He has been its president.

He was Director of the COMHAR/Latino Treatment Program. Philadelphia, Pa. from 2000-July 15, 2013, where he employed more than 50 Dominicans. **He served over 3,000 Hispanics each year for 13 years.** He helped get work visas for Dominicans. He was also a Consultant-Citywide Comm. Counts. Services in June 2013.He trained Dominicans.-Official Executive Director. Cognitive Behavioral Services Inc. Philadelphia Pa. 2006-Present. It has employed Dominicans and provided services to about three thousand Hispanics every year for 10 years. He also collaborated with a work visa for Dominicans.

Dr. Dante is survived by his wife Deyanira Litka, current CEO of cognitive behavioral services clinic, their four children: Dante Samir, system engineering graduate, Dra. Dafni Sanchez, medical doctor graduate, Deyadira Glanowsky, nurse, Danny Sanchez , bachelor degree in business.

Dr. Dante Sanchez, deceased due to covid19, on December 25, 2020



Yudelka Tapia

Yudelka Tapia is serving her first term in the New York State Assembly representing the 86th Assembly District, which consists of the neighborhoods of University Heights, Morris Heights, Mount Eden, Kingsbridge, Tremont and Fordham in the Bronx.

Yudelka was born in the Dominican Republic and attended O&M University in Santo Domingo, where she organized her fellow students against domestic violence and political corruption and served as President of the Unión Democrática de Mujeres, a national organization that organized and educated women. She later obtained a Master's of Science in Urban Policy and Leadership from Hunter College.

Since immigrating to the West Bronx over 30 years ago, Yudelka has made the community her home, raising her four sons there and sending them to New York City public schools. For 23 years, she has worked as a Senior Auditor for the New York City Comptroller's Office.

Yudelka has been deeply involved in her community, serving as PTA President at Roosevelt High School and as an Executive Committee member for the local 1407-DC 37 union. **She has spent years fighting to make her community better for working families like hers.**

Yudelka is a persevering professional, a fighter for our community for more than 30 years, very sensitive to the cause of new immigrant health professionals, and the community in general. We are proud to have this opportunity to recognize her tonight , because we are sure that Yudelka, though her actions will transcend beyond the Bronx District.

ABOUT AHPSI

The Hispanic Health Professionals Association Inc, NY is an independent, non-political non-profit, professional organization serving Professionals of Latin American ethnicity from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New England, Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley.

Ahpsi, has a history of 33 years, has received more than 3,500 professionals from the health area: Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Laboratories, Psychologists, from Latin America, resident in all of New York County, especially in the county of the Bronx.

Our organization is a pioneer in community health fairs . We have organized more than 175 fairs, in more than 2 decades, and received more than 150,000 attendees offering different services in health prevention. Our slogan for the immigrant health professionals is ahpsi, your second home in New York!!

MISSION CMD - DELAWARE VALLEY

Dominican Medical College, Delaware Valley BRANCH, was founded in the city of Philadelphia 22 years ago. We represent the headquarters of the Dominican Medical College, in the state of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. Our headquarters grouped more than 40,000 doctors. Our organization's membership has more than 600 doctors, locally. **Our basic mission is to contribute to the preparation of our members, residents in these states so that they can practice their profession with different options of their specialty.** Our international annual medical congress gathers more than 150 professional members and collaborators, who always receive an update on different medical topics and psychology.