



**The Mission of Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc. 501(c3)**

**“We promote positive change, individual achievement and a united community.”**

**2020 NEWSLETTER**

# **ABOUT LATINOS UNIDOS OF IOWA**

**Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc., is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit, non-partisan and all-volunteer staff sponsored organization. For more than thirty years, we have provided hundreds of scholarships to Latino and non-traditional Latinos to attend Iowa colleges and universities.**

**This nonprofit organization demonstrates leadership to promote cultural diversity and highlights educational programs and social events. Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc. operates on the premise that to raise positive awareness of the Latino Culture; Education has to be its primary objective. We address the need to establish educational and diverse activities.**

**Latinos Unidos of Iowa, Inc. upholds the Iowa Civil Rights of Iowa protected classes: age, color, creed, familial status, gender expression, marital status, mental disability, national origin, physical disability, race, religion, retaliation, sex, sexual orientation, and the inclusion of all communities.**

**Latinos Unidos of Iowa does not accept nor receive any governmental grant funding.**

# 2020 Latinos Unidos of Iowa Officials

## 2020 Latinos Unidos Board of Directors

President and Founder: Lena Avila Robison

Vice President: Cheri Doane

Treasurer: Joseph McDonald

Secretary: Alejandro Konra

Scholarship Liaison: Katherine Tucker

## 2020 Latinos Unidos of Iowa Board Members

Betty Olivencia

Dr. Mary L. Chapman

Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel

Maria Bohorquez

Lilia Douglas

Oscar Reynaga

Omar Ordaz

Juan O. Rodriguez Aldo De Los Santo

Laura Lopez

Kassidy Arena

Michel Robison-Quick

Maria Jacobo

Christina Gonzalez

# 2020 Academic Scholarship Recipients

## **Drake University Graduate Program/College of Pharmacy**

Gustavo Flores

## **Iowa State University**

Yahriel Salinas-Reyes

Irma Yaneth Guzman

Caroly Coronado-Vargas

## **Central College**

Jenna-Marie Denali Hernandez

## **The University of Iowa**

Ashlynn Phongsavanh

Sabina Marie Reisz

Ariana Nicole Mendoza

Rita Alejandra

Ordaz-Varisce

## **Grand View University**

Jasmin Barroso

Karen Ruiz

## **Two-Year College**

### **Des Moines Area Community College**

Jayden Tyree Singleton

Anthony Calvache

Francisco Caballero



*Ashlynn Phongsavanb*



*Gustavo Flores*



*Caroly Coronado*



*Yabriel Salnias-Reyes*



*Karen Ruiz*



*Jenna Hernandez*



*Sabina Reisz*



*Rita Ordaz*



*Irma Guzman*



*\*Anthony Calvache*



*Jasmin Barroso*

*Ariana Nicole Mendoza*

*Jayden Tyree Singleton*

*\* Francisco Caballero*

# 2020 Accomplishments

**-Revised Latinos Unidos  
of Iowa's Constitution  
Handbook**

**-Traditional and  
Social Media  
Fundraisings**

**-Virtual Academic  
Scholarship Award  
Ceremony**

**-Awarded \$14,000 in  
Scholarships (12) Full  
Time Students and (2)  
Part Time Students**

**-Credits Were Given  
at End of our Virtual  
Sponsor Videos**

# **2021 Future Volunteers Opportunities New Committees and Planned Events**

**-New Alumni Committee**

**-Latino Resource Fair August  
TBA**

**-Lantin X Committee**

**-Academic Scholarship  
Awards Ceremony August  
TBA**

**-Theme Committee**

**-Virtual Fundraiser TBA (La  
Primavera)**

**-Membership Committee**

**-Silent Auction**

**-Voter Registration**

**-Schedule to be announced at a  
later date**

**Thank you for your years of service  
you will be greatly missed.**

**Jennifer Nostrala, Judge -14 years**

**Joseph McDonald, Treasurer -2.5 years**

**Katy Tucker, College Liaison -2.5 years**

**Christina Gonzalez, board -1 year**



# **Welcoming New 2021 Board Members, Volunteers and Committees**

**Laura Cesarco Eglin, PhD- New Co-Judge from Simpson College**

**Molly Tun, PhD- New Co-Judge from Simpson College**

**Jon Taber - New Board Member and Treasurer also a Former  
Scholarship Recipient**

**Joseph Quick - Joining the Marketing and Theme Committee**

## **Positions Currently Open:**

**\*Board member needed: COLLEGE LIAISON**

**\* Volunteers are always welcome and may join any committee or give your services in any way**

# **Congratulations to Our Exceptional Board Members**

**Alejandro Konrad** on his acceptance into the National Honor Society for his academic excellence and leadership. The letter was provided by Dowling Catholic School.

**Laura Lopez** presented the “We Love to See our Alumni Succeed” social media clip. Laura is a Latinos Unidos of Iowa scholarship recipient while attending DMACC and UNI. She is currently employed at Home Mortgage.

# **Paying It Forward**

**We provide many opportunities to pay it forward.  
You would be supporting and contributing to Latinos Unidos  
of Iowa INC for Latino students studying at Iowa colleges.**

**For donation and volunteer opportunities contact  
Lena Robison @515-979-0770 or  
Iowalatina12@live.com**

# Memberships

To join Latinos Unidos of Iowa, INC, 501c3  
contact Lena Avila Robison

Please complete and submit the membership form on our website.

Board ZOOM Meeting Dates:

The second Tuesday of each month from 6 pm – 7 pm

All memberships begin & renew on Jan. 1.

# **Pricing for Memberships**

**Individual Membership (yearly): \$35.00**

**Business Membership (yearly): \$100.00**

## **Sponsoring Memberships:**

**Silver: \$300.00**

**Gold: \$500.00**

**Platinum: \$1,000.00**

# Membership Registration

Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to volunteer at the events? Yes No

Country of origin \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and talents: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send a gift membership to your friend or relative:*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, state, & zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (day &

night): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Lena Robison at [iowalatina12@live.com](mailto:iowalatina12@live.com)

# **Recipient Success stories**

**If you are a former scholarship recipient, reach out and share your success. Latinos Unidos of Iowa would love to hear what you are doing now and your future plans.**

**Please send an email to [lowlatina12@live.com](mailto:lowlatina12@live.com)**

# 2020 Virtual Scholarship Award Ceremony

*[In the link below is a recap of our 2020 Virtual Scholarship Award Ceremony](#)*

[2020 Virtual Scholarship Award Ceremony Recap](#)

**In these unprecedented times, Latinos Unidos of Iowa is proud to have awarded \$14,000 in academic scholarships to Latino students. We look forward to continuing this success next year.**



