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LEADING MILWAUKEE HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION
ANNOUNCES 2008 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Aug. 20, 2008 – Milwaukee – Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM) will announce five scholarship recipients at its annual meeting Friday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn will be on hand to recognize these recipients. The scholarships are awarded to Hispanic professionals in the state of Wisconsin who are pursuing advanced degrees. HPGM will also announce this year's Hispanic Professional of the Year and Hispanic Young Professional of the Year.

The annual meeting, "Opening Pathways, Creating Success," is being held at the new Harley Davidson Museum in Canal Street and is sponsored by Northwestern Mutual Foundation.

"This event is really a celebration," said Gilbert Llanas, President of the HPGM Board of Directors. "It recognizes leading Hispanic professionals and celebrates the more than 750 people committed to elevating Hispanic professionals in greater Milwaukee"

This year's scholarship recipients include:

Yomarie Tejada - Yomarie is currently working on her Master's Degree in Counseling from Lakeland College.

Antonia Joy Rivera – Rivera is currently pursuing a PhD at University of Wisconsin – Madison in Industrial and Systems Engineering with an emphasis in Human Factors and Safety.

Irissol Arce – Arce is working towards completing her Masters of Business Administration at Alverno College.

Consuelo Bridgeman – Bridgeman is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Education, Major in Administrative Leadership with minors in Curriculum and Instruction and Business at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Socorro Gonzales - Gonzales is currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration from Concordia University.

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Hispanic Professional of the Year is being awarded to Juan Carrasquillo, Director of Administrative Services, at We Energies and Hispanic Young Professional of the Year is being awarded to Matt Crespin, Oral Health Project Manager for Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin.

To date, the organization has given 21 or \$52,500 in post-graduate scholarships to Hispanic professionals.

HPGM is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create a dynamic environment for Hispanic professionals to thrive by fostering leadership, mentoring, education, networking and new initiatives that support Hispanics.

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