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### **Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee Honors 2017 Award Winners**

Milwaukee, WI – Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM) is pleased to announce their 2017 leadership award winners. This year's recipients will be honored at the HPGM Annual Meeting on Friday, August 25, 2017 at the Pfister Hotel. The following individuals will be recognized:

- **Jonatan Zuñiga** of Layton Boulevard West Neighbors is the winner of the **Future Leader Award**, honoring an emerging, excelling young professional.
- **Fred Gutierrez** of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation will be honored with the **Executive Leadership Award** as a senior executive exemplifying inspiration, leadership and top performance.
- **Teresa Mercado** of Mexican Fiesta will receive the **Community Leader Award**, recognizing an inspirational leader whose work with a nonprofit organization is strengthening the Hispanic community.
- **Phil Chavez** of the Milwaukee Municipal Court will be recognized with the **Public Sector Award**, for his efforts to create a Hispanic community with greater voice and access, while inspiring others to serve.
- **Zecilia Alamillo Roman**, a student at Mount Mary University, was chosen as the winner of the **Student Leader Award**, in recognition of excellence in both education and volunteerism.
- **Mary Alice Tierney** of Right Management and MATierney Leadership Development will receive the **HPGM Ally Award** for her commitment to the promotion of diverse talent in her organization, industry, and community.
- **The Villarreal Family** of El Rey Foods will receive the **Entrepreneurial Excellence Award**, in appreciation of many years of strong vision, business growth and job creation for the region.

**EY** is the winner of the 2017 **Corporation of the Year Award**. "EY has been a long-time partner of HPGM and an ongoing supporter of our mission to advance diverse talent, specifically in fields where Hispanics are underrepresented, such as accounting and finance. We are thrilled to be able to honor them with an award this year." said Griselda Aldrete, President & CEO of HPGM.

Tony Mallinger, HPGM Board Chair says, "HPGM and the award selection committee continue to raise the bar with the caliber of winners in each award category. We could not be more pleased to shine the light on a fantastic group of individuals who are doing great things in our communities and region."

HPGM is a 501(c)3 organization founded in Milwaukee in 2001. HPGM's mission is to connect and unite Hispanic professionals, students and the community with rich heritage, strong leadership, and impactful initiatives. They currently have over 2,000 members. For more information, visit [www.hpgm.org](http://www.hpgm.org).