



16th Annual Conference on Dominican Affairs

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 8:30 to 4pm
Rutgers Paul Robeson Campus Center
350 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Newark, NJ 07102

8:00AM - 9:00AM **Breakfast/Registration**

9:00AM - 10:00AM **Plenary Session**

Essex Room

Empowering the next generation of leaders /

Apoderando la próxima generación de líderes

Guest Speaker: Dr. Alberto Correa, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto

10:00AM - 12:30PM **Concurrent Workshops**

Leadership Styles / Tipos de Liderazgo

Mommouth Room

Panelists:

Dr. Alberto Correa, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto

Dr. María Teresa Montilla, President of Institute for Latino Studies

Doors / Puertas

Panelist: Dr. Theresa Rodríguez

Moderators: Bergen Community College Student Augusto Suarez

Coordinator/Reporter: Janna Rodriguez, DANR Youth President & Angelica Cruz

10:00AM - 12:30PM

Advances in Women Leadership in the past decade /

Avances en Liderazgo Femenino en la ultima decada

Passaic Room

Panelists:

Daisy Baez, Candidate Florida House of Representatives

Mayor Wilda Díaz, Perth Amboy, NJ

Congresswoman Minou Tàvarez Mirabal, Acción Democrática

Ariagna Perello, President Newark Board of Education

America Tàvarez-Schroh, DANR VP FL

Moderator: Amiris Pérez, CODA Executive Director

10:00AM - 11:30AM **Consecutive Workshops**

Puerto Rico: Today and Tomorrow/Puerto Rico: Hoy y Mañana

Somerset Room

Panelists:

Juan Cartagena, Esq., President and General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF

Dennis Gonzalez, U.S. Department of Health

PR Representative Claribel Martínez-Marmolejos, DANR President

NJ Senator Teresa Ruiz

Lydia Valencia, Puerto Rican Congress of NJ

Moderator: Nestor Montilla, Director of Government Relations, Lehman College

Coordinator/Reporter: David Jimenez, DANR VP NY and Josue Bonilla

11:35AM - 12:35PM

Somerset Room

Latinos and the Presidential Race 2016 / Latinos y la Elección Presidencial 2016

Panelists:

Fernando Alonso, Chairman Bergen County Republican Hispanic Association

Juan Cartagena, Esq., President and General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF

New York Assemblyman Guillermo Linares

Julio Marengo, Finance and Revenue Commissioner, North Bergen

Antonio Martinez II, Esq., DANR VP NY

Milly Silva, Executive Vice President 1199 SEIU

10:00AM - 12:30PM

Strategic Assembly of Health Professionals

Dance Theater-2nd Floor

**Mentoring the Next Generation of Health Professionals/
Capacitando la Próxima Generación de Profesionales de la Salud**

Coordinator/Moderator:

Dr. Miguel R. Hernandez, DANR VP and Chairman, Dominican Medical Association (DMA)
Dr. Aritmedes Restituyo, Asociación Hispana de Profesionales de la Salud (APHPSI)

Speakers:

Dr. Leonardo Paula, Dominican Medical Association (DMA)
George A. Zeppenfeldt, Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives (AHHE), and
Roundtable of Hispanic Professional Health Associations
Dr. Jose Goris, Dominican Medical Dental Society, and Corinthian IPA
Dr. Fidelina Santiago Alvarez, Colegio Médico New England, Boston
Dr. Tagliony Pacheco, Colegio Médico Valle Delaware, Philadelphia
Dr. Marcelino Amezcua, Colegio Médico Dominicano of Florida
Dr. Pedro Ciprian, Colegio Médico de Puerto Rico
Dr. Pedro Nicasio, Colegio Médico Dominicano
Rev. Alejandro Benjamin, DANR Vice President (Collaboration agreement)

1:00PM - 3:30PM

Lunch/Plenary Session

Essex Room

Welcome / Introduction of Program, Amiris Perez-Bonilla
Acknowledgements

Remarks by Dr. Maria Teresa Montilla, President, Institute for Latino Studies

Pep-Talk Plenary. Moderator, Nestor Montilla, Sr.

Speakers:

Raúl Acosta, Oro Solido
Daisy Báez, Candidate Florida House of Representatives, DANR FL Vice President
Angélica Cruz, Sr. High School Student
Wilda Díaz, Mayor, Perth Amboy, NJ
NYS Assemblyman Guillermo Linares
Tony Ibarria, Publisher, *El Especial*
Abraham López, Center for Hispanic Policy, Research & Development
Dr. Rigoberto Perez, “*Salud Para Todos*” A founder of APHPSI
Others

Introduction of keynote Speaker by Dr. Maria Teresa Montilla

Conversation with Congresswoman Minou Tavarez Mirabal

*Program subject to change