



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. Teresa Rodríguez
Moderators: Bergen Community College Student Augusto Suarez, and 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 Tavarez Mirabal, Acción Democrática
Ariagna Perello, President Newark Board of Education
Moderator: Amiris Pérez

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

11:35AM - 12:35PM

Latinos and the Presidential Race 2016 / Latinos y la Elección Presidencial 2016 Somerset Room
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
Milly Silva, Executive Vice President 1199 SEIU

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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**

Speakers:

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

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
Tony Ibarria, Publisher, *El Especial*
Abraham López, Center for Hispanic Policy, Research & Development
Others

Introduction of keynote Speaker by Dr. Maria Teresa Montilla

Conversation with Congresswoman Minou Tavarez Mirabal

*Program subject to change

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