

## HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION AND SPONSORS TO HONOR DISNEY/PIXAR'S "COCO" STAR ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 7 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NATIONALLY, AND A PARENT AT 19th NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS ON CAPITOL HILL FEBRUARY 7TH

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**WASHINGTON, DC** The Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF), their sponsors, Members of Congress, community and business leaders, and national Latino leaders will honor Disney/Pixar's "Coco" star Anthony Gonzalez for serving as a source of inspiration for youth, seven high school seniors from across the United States – including from DC – and a parent at the 19th Annual National Youth Awards. Singer/Actress Catie Waters will perform a special version of God Bless America at the ceremony on Capitol Hill, which is being filmed for broadcast on Vme TV. Details are:

- Φεβρουάριος 7<sup>η</sup>, Πρεμιστρατιον/Περεπτιον 9:30 – 10:30 αμ, Χερεμονη 10:30 αμ – 12:00 πμ
- Σενατε Διρκσεν Βυλδινγ, Ροομ 215, Χονστιτυτιον Αφει ανδ Φιρστ Στ, ΝΕ, Ωασηινγτον, ΔΧ

HHF will promote the recipients of the Youth Awards and the parents as role models through a national multi-media campaign (visit <http://hispanicheritage.org/> and #NationalYA on HHF's social media platforms).

The **National Youth Awardees** and **Parent Award** include (see [www.rsvpya.com](http://www.rsvpya.com) for full bios):

- Βυσινεσσ & Εντρεπρενευρσηπ, πρεσεντεδ βη ΒΒζΑ Χομπασσ Ψανικ Αριστε, Μιαμι, ΦΛ
- Χομμυνιτη Σερωιχε, πρεσεντεδ βη Χολγατε-Παλμολιωε Χομπανη Ρηαν θαμεσ Σολισ,Ελ Πασο, ΤΞ
- Εδυχατιον, πρεσεντεδ βη Σουτηωεστ Αιρλινεσ Αδριανα Μαριε Ροσαριο, Δαχυλα, ΓΑ
- Ενγινεερινγ & Μαθηματιχσ Λυισ Γονζαλεσ, Πηαρρ, ΤΞ
- Ηεαλτηχαρε & Σχιενχε, πρεσεντεδ βη ΧζΣ Ηεαλτη Ισαβελλα Λορενχε, Βετηεσδα, ΜΔ
- Μεδια & Εντερταινμεντ, πρεσεντεδ βη ΝΒΧ Υνιωερσαλ | Τελεμυνδο Λυνα Ραιν Γαρχια, Λοσ Ανγελεσ, ΧΑ
- Τεχνηολογη, πρεσεντεδ βη Γοογλε Χαταλινα Ραφαελα Σανχηεζ- Μαεσ, Λασ Χρυχεσ, ΝΜ
- Παρεντ Αωαρδ, πρεσεντεδ βη Πεαρσον Παρεντ οφ ονε οφ τηε ρεχιπιεντς ωιλλ βε αννουνηεδ ατ τηε χερεμονη

The seven National Youth Awardees were selected from more than 200 Regional Awardees and more than 10,000 applicants. Students were chosen for their leadership in the classroom and community and for their focus on the categories. The recipients boast high GPAs along with countless hours of community service. In addition, the youth received grants for their education or a project/idea and are being flown to Washington, DC, by Southwest Airlines for the ceremony with a parent, and will receive personalized styling from Macy's.

"We are proud to honor Anthony Gonzalez who has brought together families through his work in 'Coco' as well as

another class of outstanding young Latino leaders who are already making an impact on our classrooms, communities and soon workforce,” said Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO of Hispanic Heritage Foundation. “We will also recognize the critical role of parents in the success of a child. for their impact on their children. We are grateful to our sponsors for their shared vision and support as we focus on moving America forward.”

Αχτορ/Σινγκερ Αντηονη Γονζαλεζ ις α 13-ψεαρ-ολδ Λοσ Ανγελες νατιωε ωηο ωας χαστ ιν τηε Δισνεψ/Πιξαρ μοωιε Χοχο βψ σερωινγ ασ τηε ποιχε οφ Μιγυελ, α ψουνγ βοψ ωηο δρεαμς οφ βεχομινγ αν αχχομπλισηεδ μυσιχιαν λικε ηις ιδολ Ερνεστο δε λα Χρυζ δεσπιτε ηις φαμιλψ σ βαφφλινγ γενερατιονς-ολδ βαν ον μυσιχ. Χοχο, ηας βρουγητ ιν οωερ Ξ680 μιλλιον ωορλδωιδε ατ τηε βοξ οφφιχε, ις τηε βιγγεστ φιλμ ιν Μεξιχαν βοξ οφφιχε ηιστορψ ανδ ρεχεντλψ ρεχειωεδ α 2018 Γολδεν Γλοβε Αωαρδς® Ωιν φορ Βεστ Ανιματεδ Φεατυρε Φιλμ.

Prior to his work on ‘Coco,’ Anthony started singing at the age of four when he started doing street performances on Olvera Street in LA with his brothers and sisters. Anthony performed on the legendary variety show Sabado Gigante, auditioned for Telemundo’s La Voz Kids (The Voice for kids) and acted in Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders and FX’s The Bridge.

Twenty-year-old Catie Waters is a hot up-and-coming singer, songwriters, and actor. From a very young age, she has trained to be a leading force in the arts with a strong conscious and sense of responsibility to give back to her community. She grew up in a small town in Arkansas, moved to Dallas, and now resides in Los Angeles. Catie is an old soul when it comes to her influences which include Marvin Gaye, Amy Winehouse, Stevie Wonder, but also newer artists such as Adele, Lianne La Havas, Janelle Mon  e, and Solange. She has a penchant for R&B, Soul, Jazz and Funk— which she infuses with a modern touch that brings us a unique vocal, poetic, and musical style. Her freshman album is the critically acclaimed Stone Child— a fantastical collaboration with super-producer, Caleb Sean and she’s currently working on a new EP set to release in the fall of this year.

Additional sponsors of the Youth Awards include NASCAR, IndieDesk, Macy’s, Crowell & Moring, UPS, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), STEM Connector, YWCA, The Raben Group, Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino, and Es Tiempo. The Youth Awards serve as the main feeder to HHF’s “eco-system” of talent through Latinos On Fast Track (LOFT) by tracking, preparing and positioning more than 100,000 vetted youth as they transition from high school, college and graduate school and into their careers.

### About the Hispanic Heritage Foundation

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation – a nonprofit established in 1987 – inspires, prepares, and connects innovative Latino leaders in the classroom, community, and workforce to meet America’s priorities. HHF also promotes cultural pride, accomplishment, and the great promise of the community through public awareness campaigns seen by millions. HHF is headquartered in Washington, DC, and Los Angeles with satellite workspaces in New York, Silicon Valley, San Antonio, and Miami. (Visit <http://hispanicheritage.org/>. Follow HHF on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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