

## National Hispana Leadership Institute Kicks-Off Hispanic Heritage Month With Event Honoring Latina Leaders in Public Service & Dialogues on Latina, Jobs and the Economy

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**Washington, DC** – As part of its Hispanic Heritage month festivities, the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), the nation's premier leadership organization for Latina Leaders, will hold two important events on Thursday, September 16, to honor Latina leaders in public service and discuss pressing issues affecting Latinas.

The **Latina Leaders Breakfast** Honoring Latinas in Public Service will take place from **8:30 to 10:30 am** at the Department of Labor, Frances Perking Building, Visitors Entrance 3rd & C streets, 200 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20210.

These year's honorees include:

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis

United States Treasurer Rosie Rios

Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, (NY 12th)

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL 18th)

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA 34th)

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA 47th)

Sara Manzano-Diaz, **Director** of the U.S. Department of Labor's **Women's Bureau**

**Barbara J. DesMarteau (NHLI 2004 alumna) U.S. Department of Labor's Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration**

**Media wishing to cover the event must register by clicking here <**

<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=nhli&formId=86990>> or sending an email to [cheryl@nhli.org](mailto:cheryl@nhli.org) <<mailto:cheryl@nhli.org>>

Later that day, NHLI is partnering with AARP to hold dialogues on **Latinas, Jobs & The Economy** from **2:00 to 3:00 pm** and **Wealth Building & The Wealth Gap for Women of Color** from **4:30 to 5:30 pm**.

Both events will take place at AARP headquarters, Brickfield Room, 610 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049. The panels are free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged for media wishing to attend the panels. For more information on panels and to register visit [www.nhli.org/dialogue](http://www.nhli.org/dialogue).

These activities are organized as part NHLI's Executive Leadership Program (ELP) Washington, DC week. The 2010 program ends on **September 17** with the graduation of 22 Latina leaders from the public and private sector.

ELP is held in conjunction with the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Center for Creative Leadership, and consists of a four-week training curriculum that spans nine months and is implemented in four cities. The learning experience provides training in cross-cultural communication, strategic management, public policy, and leadership skills building. Upon graduation each participant mentors two young Latinas and completes a leadership

project in her community. ELP fellows will gather at NHLI's 2010 Executive Leadership Training Conference and *Mujer Awards* in Miami on November 4-5, a gathering of hundreds of Latina leaders open to the public.

## **NHLI**

Founded in 1987, NHLI has trained and empowered more than 10,000 Latina leaders from the public and private sectors who have been appointed to leadership positions in government, corporate America, nonprofits, foundations or have started their own businesses. NHLI's mission is to develop Hispanas as ethical leaders through training, professional development, relationship building, and community activism. [www.nhli.org](http://www.nhli.org)

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