

CHCI TO HOST ALL VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND 43rd ANNUAL AWARDS GALA IN SEPTEMBER

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Washington, DC – The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) will host its Leadership Conference on September 14-18 and 43rd Annual Awards Gala on September 21 in an all virtual setting. In consideration of the pandemic, the nation's premier Washington-based Hispanic nonprofit leadership development organization will offer its signature events that traditionally kick off Hispanic Heritage Month in Washington, DC via interactive programs, discussions and special events online.

"The health, safety and well-being of our constituents during this pandemic is our priority. The best solution is to host an all virtual event that will still provide our participants a unique setting to engage with influential Latinos leaders and decision-makers," said Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-7), CHCI Chair. "Our country is at a critical crossroads so I look forward to welcoming participants from coast-to-coast to what will be an engaging virtual gathering where we will address and talk about solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing the country," he said.

In alignment with the theme *Our Voice, Nuestro Poder*, the CHCI Leadership Conference will include a lineup of national leaders, elected officials, policymakers, and influencers recognized for their vision, expertise, and influence in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The agenda will include interactive discussions and plenaries as well as access to resources, and professional and leadership development opportunities for attendees.

"As a nation adjusting to new realities in light of the global coronavirus pandemic, we will leverage the latest advances in technology to bring a powerful, engaging experience to our participants at the Leadership Conference," said Marco Davis, CHCI President and CEO. "At our virtual Awards Gala, we'll pay tribute to some of our community's most distinguished leaders, and recognize the contributions of essential workers on the front lines this year. The Gala will also highlight Hispanic Caucus Members in Congress, and showcase the emerging leaders in CHCI's leadership programs. Through our events, we will raise our collective voice and demonstrate nuestro poder [our power]."

More details about CHCI's Hispanic Heritage Month signature events will be forthcoming.

In April, CHCI launched the [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) to provide economic relief to Hispanics who are among the hardest hit and most vulnerable communities impacted by the deadly Coronavirus outbreak.

The COVID-19 Response Fund will provide much needed relief to Hispanics experiencing severe financial hardships and who are without adequate access or means to medical, economic, or job protection during this unprecedented global crisis. A list of [COVID-19 resources](#) is also available.

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