

## **Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano [D-CA-32] to Address Welcoming Remarks at the 17th Annual LATINA Style 50 Awards & Diversity Leaders Conference**

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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Napolitano has a reputation as a caretaker. She prides herself on being highly responsive to the needs of her constituents and fiercely protective of federal resources used by those under her watch. "I'm focused on rendering service to the people who elected me to be here," she said. "I'm their voice.

Congresswoman Napolitano treasures her work with local officials and has fought throughout her career for funding for her district. She believes earmarks are appropriate when the projects are "based on need"; in 2012, California State Polytechnic University named an aerospace lab in her honor after she helped secure more than \$5 million in federal funding for wind tunnels and lap equipment. Water is always a pressing concern for California, and Napolitano is the top Democrat on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. She chaired the panel during the 111th Congress (2009-10).

From her seat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congresswoman Napolitano pays a lot of attention to railroad safety, spurred by a series of derailments in or near her district. She co-chairs the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and has proposed creating a competitive grant program for schools that partner with community groups to increase student access to mental-health resources. Do Not Miss this one-of-a-kind gathering of Corporate Diversity Leaders

The unique LS50 program, launched in 1998, recognizes the top 50 companies that provide the best career opportunities for professional Latinas in the workplace. The annual LATINA Style Diversity Leaders Conference sets the standard for identifying corporations that are providing the best career opportunities for Latinas in the U.S. The LATINA Style 50 Report is the most respected evaluation of corporate America's career advancement opportunities for Latinas. This year, a myriad of the most prominent corporations in the United States were included in the extensive search and Accenture came out on top as the 2014 LATINA Style Company of the Year.

Speakers include: Calline Sanchez, Vice President, IBM Enterprise Systems Storage; Sonia Perez, State President AT&T Louisiana, AT&T; Silvina Salazar, SVP, Process Quality Executive Consumer Operations, Bank of America, Hispanic/Latino Organization for Leadership and Advancement (HOLA), Bank of America; Christiane Brocky, Vice President and General Manager Marie Callender's Brand, ConAgra Foods; Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Executive Vice President for Multicultural Markets & Engagement, AARP; Emily Cacciapaglia, Bilingual Sales and Service Representative for Home Solutions San Diego, HACEMOS, AT&T; Douglas Bowles, Senior Group Manager Global Affairs, Hispanic Business Council, Target; Antoinette Fox, GM Hispanic Initiative Team (HIT), General Motors; Anne-Marie Azzi, Marketing Manager, CONEXION, Cisco; Nellie Borrero, Managing Director, Global Inclusion & Diversity, Accenture; Deborah Rosado Shaw, Senior Vice President, Chief Global Diversity and Engagement Officer, PepsiCo; Michele C. Green, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Prudential; Jorge Quezada, Chief Diversity Officer, Kraft; Dantaya Williams, Director, Talent, Inclusion & Engagement, UT; Mia Hairston, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Nationwide; Lupita Colmenero, President & CEO, Parents Step Ahead; Jose (Pepe) Estrada, Director, Corporate Affairs, Walmart; Lenora Green, Senior Director, ETS; Patricia Riddlebarger, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, Entergy Corporation; and Sarah Colamarino, Vice President, Corporate Equity Programs, Johnson & Johnson.

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