HAPPY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

Hispanic Americans have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to society that impact our daily lives through innovation, leadership, food, music, entertainment, and more! Check out this guide to learn more about some of the Hispanic heroes who have made a difference in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia has a large Latino population. Out of the United States Bureau’s estimate of 60 million Latino residents in the United States, a quarter of a million live in Philadelphia. This makes us the city with the second most Puerto Rican population after New York. Immigrants from Central American countries also make up our Latino population. The Philadelphia School District is 21 percent Hispanic. There are numerous programs in the Philadelphia area that empower Latino leaders and professionals across the city.

Some notable programs include the Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals, the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and many more!
DIANA CORTES
SHE/HER/ELLA
is the City Solicitor, the City of Philadelphia’s chief legal officer.
Cortes was appointed by the Mayor on December 11, 2020. She serves as general counsel to the Mayor and his Administration, City Council, and all City departments, agencies, boards, and commissions.
She manages the City’s Law Department, which employs over 215 lawyers and over 100 professional staff. The Law Department’s diverse legal practice covers federal, state, and local agency litigation, commercial and real estate transactions, tax, regulatory law, social services, and legislation.
DANILO BURGOS
was elected to serve his first term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in November 2018, representing neighborhoods in North Philadelphia—including Kensington, Hunting Park, Glenwood, and Feltonville. He is the first Dominican elected to serve in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

MARIA D. QUIÑONES SÁNCHEZ SHE/HER
is a veteran activist with over 30 years of service to the City of Philadelphia, currently serving her fourth four-year term representing eastern North Philadelphia’s 7th Council District. She made history in November 2007 when she rallied grassroots support becoming the first Latina elected to City Council, and quickly became a rising star for her hard work and commitment to government reform.
CLAUDIA PEREGRINIA

is a Philadelphia-based community organizer, advocate, and art therapist. Being a fighter for community advancement, Peregrina has worked with notable organizations like Women Against Rape and Bring Your Own Project. As an artist who uses her gift to inspire the generations of today and tomorrow, she is known for facilitating workshops for Latinx youth and adults.

Her efforts to showcase Latinx youth resulted in an exhibition displaying their artwork at the Providence Center in North Philadelphia. Through her artwork and voice, she continues to inspire and make a difference in our community!
AL HORFORD is an NBA basketball player from the Dominican Republic. While Horford played for the Philadelphia 76ers, he led a basketball clinic for a group of 30 Philadelphia middle and high school students. This was part of Thomas Edison High and El Concilio's after-school program. Horford founded the program to give back to the community and to get Latino youth involved in basketball. Being a true community advocate, Horford also is part of Basketball Without Borders and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
JUAN FRANCISCO MEDRANO is the president and co-founder of the Dominican-American Chamber of Commerce. The Dominican-American Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization that serves small business owners in the Latino community in Philadelphia. During the pandemic, Medrano provided technical and language support to small businesses in Philadelphia and South Jersey. His services helped those businesses secure more than $4 million in funding. Under his leadership, the Chamber serves more than 500 business owners.

DR. CARMEN FEBO-SAN MIGUEL is a lauded leader in the Latino community. She has won numerous awards, including one from the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania’s La Justicia Award for her work at Taller Puertorriqueño—a local art institution. Dr. Miguel believes the arts are integral to strengthening communities. In addition to her work in the arts, she has served as Medical Director of the Spring Garden Family Health Center. The Center gives back to disenfranchised Puerto Rican and African Americans.
GET INVOLVED!

EXPERIENCE CULTURE
Visit Hispanic communities and support Latinx-owned businesses!
Check out El Centro de Oro, centered at 5th and Lehigh Avenue in North Philadelphia. The neighborhood is a community made up of residents from almost every Latin American country. A variety of non profit organizations and Latinx-owned businesses can be found here!

LEARN HISTORY
Visit local museums to learn more about Hispanic culture, view public art + more!
Visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art where Philly’s Latin American art is housed. Philly’s Latin American art is the combined art of South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico and Latin Americas. Check out Mural Arts Philadelphia to view a variety of Latino artist's artwork.
TALLER PUERTORRIQUEÑO

2600 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19133

Taller Puertorriqueño is a cultural epicenter of Philadelphia’s Latino Community. They are currently hosting an exhibit until October 2, 2021. This exhibit shows work from Jonny Irizarry, here you will see photos, paintings, collages and sculptures about violence, folk tales, and the impact of humans regarding nature.

DINE LATINO RESTAURANT WEEK

www.philahispanicchamber.org/restaurant-week.html

From October 11-15- restaurants are offering deals for five full days! Receive a free dessert when you buy two dinner entrees- all while supporting local latino owned restaurants. Check out the link above to see what restaurants are participating!
CONTRAFUERTE

Cuthbert Street near North 12th Street

Coming late September 2021, check out Artist and Philadelphia native Miguel Antonio Horn as he unveils a public piece of art turning a nondescript Philadelphia alley into a meeting spot! Check it out on Cuthbert Street!

HOW TO SUPPORT

Donate and give back to local hispanic organizations to keep our community strong. Check out the organizations below to see how you can make an impact!

EL CONCILIO

www.elconcilio.net

CONGRESO

www.congreso.net