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Latino leadership banquet to draw top LULAC officials

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DES MOINES – The annual Iowa Latino Leadership Awards Banquet on Saturday will draw the top officials from the national League of United Latin American Citizens.

LULAC National President Margaret Moran will attend the event, along with LULAC Executive Director Brent Wilkes.

"We are honored that President Moran and Executive Director Wilkes will be present to help us celebrate the great achievements of our community and honor those who fight every day to make our state a better place for Latinos," said Joe Enriquez Henry, state director of LULAC of Iowa.

The annual awards banquet recognizes Latinos who have made a key difference in the community. LULAC Council 307 will host the event, where a scholarship also will be awarded to a promising young member of the Latino community.

"The achievements of these individuals have made a tremendous difference to the Latino community," said Jorge Valencia, chairman of the Iowa Latino Leadership Awards Banquet. "These individuals have been pioneers in providing support to the growing Latino community and have empowered them to make a greater difference in Iowa."

Moran will join state and local elected leaders at a 4 p.m. press conference Saturday to discuss immigration reform, voters' rights and other issues. In addition, Enriquez Henry will discuss LULAC of Iowa's efforts in a large voter identification and "get out the vote" effort in the Third Congressional District. The press conference will take place in Iowa Hall B at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines.

The Iowa Latino Leadership Awards Banquet will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in Iowa Hall A at the Holiday Inn-Airport. Dinner and the awards program will follow. This is a formal event. Black tie is optional.

Table sponsorships are available for \$500; advertising sponsorships for \$1,000; and event sponsorships for \$2,000. Each sponsor will receive 10 dinner tickets and their name printed in the event program. Event sponsors also will be verbally acknowledged during the awards ceremony and will receive a booth during the reception.

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Individual dinner tickets are \$50. Seniors and youth, 18 and younger, pay \$20. Purchase tickets online through our website: www.LULACIowa.org, or mail checks made payable to LULAC #307 Leadership Banquet, 2463 E. Highview Drive, Des Moines, IA 50320.

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights, volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic-Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Its headquarters are in Washington, D.C., and there are 1,000 councils across the United States and Puerto Rico. LULAC's programs, services and advocacy efforts address the most important issues for Latinos, and meet the critical needs of today and the future.

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