CRAIN’S NEW YORK BUSINESS, CUSTOM DIVISION, ANNOUNCES FINALISTS OF HISPANIC EXECUTIVE AND ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

New York, New York—September 19, 2016—Crain’s Custom, a division of Crain’s New York Business, today announced the finalists for the Hispanic Executive and Entrepreneur Awards. As Hispanic leaders continue rising to the top of their fields they are having a transformative effect on New York City. This fall, during Hispanic Heritage Month, Crain’s Custom will celebrate those Hispanic executives and entrepreneurs making a tremendous impact in New York and showcase their achievements.

“This is our inaugural year conducting this awards program and we had a record number of nominations representing a wide array of industries throughout the five boroughs. We look forward to lauding these talented Hispanic leaders who are executing innovative business ideas and solutions as well as demonstrating a deep commitment to the NYC business community,” said Jill Kaplan, VP Publisher of Crain’s New York Business.

Finalists:

EXECUTIVES:
Nanette Cocero
Regional President Latin America
Global Innovative Pharma at Pfizer

Cesar Conde
Chairman, NBCUniversal International Group and NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises

Julio A. Portalatin
CEO, Mercer LLC

ENTREPRENEURS:
Daisy Exposito-Ulla
CEO, d exposito & partners

Marcos Rodriguez
Managing Member, Palladium Equity Partners, LLC

Phil Suarez
Owner, Suarez Restaurant Group LLC

VISIONARIES:
Sergio Fernández de Córdova
Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation, Co-Founder of Fuel Outdoor
Gonzalo Del Fa  
President, GroupM Multicultural

Maria Hinojosa  
President, The Futuro Media Group

COMMUNITY LEADERS:  
Plinio Ayala  
President and CEO, Per Scholas

Hector Batista  
Executive Director and CEO,  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC

Felix Matos Rodriguez  
President, Queens College

HEALTHCARE PIONEERS:  
Dr. Rosa Gil  
Founder, President and CEO of Comunilife

Paloma Hernandez  
CEO, Urban Health Plan

Ramon Rodriguez  
President & CEO, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

LATINOS TO WATCH:  
Keith Hernandez  
President, The Slate Group

Gustavo Lauria  
We Believers Co-Founder and  
President of the US Hispanic Creative Circle

Tanya Menendez  
Co-Founder and COO @ Maker’s Row

TASTEMAKERS:  
Rosario Dawson  
Actress, Co-Founder and  
Chairwoman of Voto Latino

Nina Garcia  
Creative Director
Marie Claire

**Lin-Manuel Miranda**  
Actor, Composer,  
Rapper and Writer

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The exclusive private reception celebrating the 21 finalists will be hosted by Chivas.

Winners will be selected/revealed at a celebratory luncheon at The New York Athletic Club located at 180 central Park South on October 14th.

Tickets can be purchased at [crainsnewyork.com/events](http://crainsnewyork.com/events)

Finalists and honorees will be selected by Crain’s Custom judging panel which is independent of the Crain’s New York Business newsroom.

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