



# Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.

*"Preserving Tampa Bay's Hispanic Heritage through the promotion of art, education, and unity"*

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **Presenting the THHI Leadership Awards Class of 2015**

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. (THHI), is a non profit organization founded in 1979. THHI promotes, preserves and celebrates Spanish language, culture and traditions with the community during Tampa Hispanic Heritage season.

THHI is focused in instilling a desire for higher education and leadership vocations among the youth in addition to the love for our Hispanic culture.

THHI supports and promotes leadership by recognizing annually Hispanic leaders nominated by the community in the following categories: Arts, Business, Civic Involvement, Education, Media, Public Service, Health, and the "Orgullo" category; where a non-hispanic individual or organization are recognized for their service to the Hispanic community. THHI received nominations up to August 17, 2015. A committee formed by a panel of judges representing high standards of integrity and community service selected the following individuals for their excellence in their respective fields of work and community service:

- Manuel Portales, in Arts.
- Ray Rose, in Business.
- Maria Asunción López-Jimeno, in Civic Involvement.
- Melissa Morgado, in Education.
- Clara Tavares, in Media.
- Cielo Gómez, Public Service.
- Dr. Miguel Pro-Landazuri, Health
- Dr. Shawn Robinson, Orgullo.

The recipients will be recognized on September 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. during a reception at the Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport Westshore, located at 4400 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida, 33607.

The community is invited to meet the leaders and support them with their assistance. Individual tickets are \$45 and corporate tables (of 8) at \$600. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.tampahispanic.org](http://www.tampahispanic.org) until September 12, 2015. Tickets will not be sold at the door. The proceeds from this event will help fund scholarship for deserving students of Hispanic descent.

THHI thanks all of this event's sponsors, Univisión, Unimás, BB&T, CENTRO, The Tampa Tribune, MDS Graphics Studio, Partners in Printing, for making this event possible.

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