

THE GREATER TULSA AREA HISPANIC/LATINX AFFAIRS COMMISSION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Diversity & Inclusion | This year we took a step to be a more inclusive commission by adding the word "Latinx" to our name.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

✓ Committed in letter of support to the African American Affairs Commission to **be allies in the fight for equality** by (1) making equal justice under the law a reality by holding our city officials and local law enforcement accountable for their actions; (2) helping to facilitate conversations that include all voices, to better elevate stories from our communities that frequently go unheard; (3) advocating for and participating on an Office of Independent Monitor (OIM) for law enforcement; and (4) supporting reparation efforts.

✓ Organized the **Tomas Rivera Awards** to recognize outstanding students and community members (heroes) that are actively working on improving and advocating for the education of Latinx/Hispanic students. This year's virtual ceremony was on May 14, 2020 and recognized 23 students and 8 heroes in education from throughout the Tulsa area.

✓ Helped lead the formation of and participate in the efforts of the **Latinx COVID-19 Outreach Committee**. Seeing how gravely and disproportionately affected the Hispanic/Latinx population of Tulsa is due to the coronavirus pandemic, a strategic and targeted response was needed.

Engagement | Continuing to engage with our constituents through social media. The commission Facebook page "Asuntos Hispanos En Tulsa" continues to grow - Follow us!

LOOKING FORWARD

(1) Immigration Committee plans to engage with the TU Law School's Immigration Law Society to help with research and advocacy on issues related to immigration.

(2) Communications Committee is tasked with building credibility of the commission Facebook page by sharing profiles of each commissioner to our "followers."

(3) Education Committee is focused on engaging with other Title V Commissions on topics related to education to better serve all students in the city and county

(4) Employment Advocacy Committee is working on gathering resources for employers/employees and making them available in Spanish to improve employee-employer relationships.

(5) Public Safety Committee members continue to serve their important roles as frontline workers and provide relevant information to the community focused on health and safety.