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### Purpose of The OEA Hispanic Caucus

- ▶ To promote and protect the professional rights, welfare, and human rights of Hispanics.
- ▶ To assist Hispanics to assume leadership positions at all levels of the OEA.
- ▶ To assist and monitor the OEA with its decision-making policies concerning Hispanics.
- ▶ To continually educate and sensitize the OEA about the needs of Hispanics in Ohio.
- ▶ To advocate excellence in the education of Hispanics in Ohio.
- ▶ To promote the contributions and achievements of Hispanics in Ohio.

# OEA Hispanic Caucus

“Trataron de enterrarnos,  
no sabían que éramos semillas”

Bienvenidos a nuestro grupo! Continuamos con nuestro boletín. If you have an article, information on PD or links you would like included in our future newsletters, please contact me at [Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com](mailto:Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com) As our capacity grows, we will offer more depth of material as we look at the state of education and educators around Ohio.

## En honor de Jorge Gonzalez

Recently, we suffered the loss of our treasurer, Jorge Gonzalez. Jorge was one of our founding members and a huge proponent of diversity, equity, and education. He was proud of his heritage and of sharing what he could about his family and culture. His loss is felt by many around the state: those he worked with, those he mentored, those he taught, those he loved. To honor him and keep him in our daily work as a caucus, we will be naming our scholarship for him. The Jorge Gonzalez Scholarship will allow Hispanic educators in the state to attend professional development or district/OEA/NEA events who might otherwise not be able to. This scholarship is funded by our raffle items when we are able to meet in person. If you would like to contribute to this fund, contact Linna Jordan at [Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com](mailto:Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com)

## Celebremos juntos

Dec. 8 – La Inmaculada Concepción de María (The Immaculate Conception). Nicaragua  
Dec. 12: [Virgen de Guadalupe Celebrations](#) in honor of the patron saint of the country  
Dec. 16-24: [Las Posadas](#): a nine-day, pre-Christmas celebration most popular in Guatemala, Mexico, and areas of the southwest United States of America. Puerto Rico has something similar called [La Parranda](#)  
December 24 – Nochebuena (Christmas Eve)  
Dec. 25: Navidad (Christmas Day)  
Dec. 31: La noche de Fin de Año  
Jan 1: *Año Nuevo*, New Year’s Day.  
Jan 6: [Día de los Reyes Magos](#) or *Día de los Santos Reyes*, Epiphany. Traditionally the children receive gifts on this day rather than on Christmas. Since the Three Kings brought gifts, people exchange presents and children put out their shoes for the magi to leave the presents inside.



## In the Know

### Consider following

**Esperanza...**an organization that works with Hispanic students to improve academic achievement (based in Cleveland)

<https://esperanzainc.org/>

### National Hispanic Media Coalition

<https://www.nhmc.org/>

**Ohio Hispanic Coalition...**community-based organization serving different needs of Hispanic families in the area (based in Columbus)

<http://www.ohiohispaniccoalition.org/>

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## Caucus Officers

*Chair: Linna Santamaria*

*Jordan (Central/ Hilliard  
EA President)*

*Vice-chair: Julie Garcia  
(NEOEA/ Lorain President)*

*Treasurer:*

*Secretary: Sandra Peloquin  
(NEOEA)*

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### Consider Sharing

If you have resources or links, you think would be valuable for caucus members, please consider sharing with us.

OEA Hispanic Caucus Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/OEA-Hispanic-Caucus-369866226863893/>

Email [Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com](mailto:Oeahispaniccaucus2017@gmail.com)

## Training/ Conferences/ PD

### Media

In 2010, the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC) created the Latino Scene Showcase, a program that uplifts and promotes Latinx talent in the entertainment industry. Within the past few years, our program has evolved from onstage performances to full on-set productions. This is how Latinx Stream Showcase was born: a series of six scenes written by, starred in, and directed by Latinos both in front and behind the camera.

<https://www.nhmshowcase.org/>

Consider checking out “10 Latinx Films to Add to Your Watch List in 2021”. I can’t wait to watch Encanto, of course. But the documentaries on Afro-Latinos are important to watch as we think about the impact of colorism in our diversity work. Hope you find one to enjoy.

<https://hiplatina.com/latinx-films-watchlist-2021/>