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Four Rochester Latinas Recognized for Their Achievements

Rochester, New York—Latinas Unidas will host its annual Reconocimiento Awards and Scholarship Awards event on Monday, November 18, 2019 with a luncheon that begins at noon, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Jefferson Road, Rochester. The annual event recognizes the achievements of outstanding Latinas in the Rochester metropolitan area who have made significant contributions to the Rochester community. City councilmember Jacklyn Ortiz, cofounder of La Cumbre and long-time member and supporter of Latinas Unidas, will serve as the emcee. The theme of this year’s program is “In Her Footsteps.”

The Reconocimiento Award Winners for 2019:

- Professional Achievement: **Maritza C. Buitrago**, support magistrate, New York State Unified Court System
- Inspirational Leadership: **Lisa Martínez De Vinney**, enrollment outreach manager, Adult & Graduate Enrollment at Roberts Wesleyan College
- Volunteer Service: **Annette Jiménez Gleason**, program officer, Vitality, Rochester Area Community Foundation
- Youth Leadership: **Ariely Cortés**, a senior at Webster Schroeder High School

The mission of Latinas Unidas is to foster opportunities that promote unity, cultural identity and the presence of Latinas in the community. The Rochester organization encourages and motivates women to be proud of themselves and to assume active and positive roles in society.

The group, which began as a small group in 1993, has grown over the years to support women through scholarships and special programming that includes mentoring opportunities, the ¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! Girls Rally, educational, and networking events. Since 2002, the non-profit organization has awarded more than \$80,000 in scholarships to non-traditional college-age Latinas enrolled in higher education or in formal training.

For more information and tickets, visit <http://latinasunidas.org>

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