

# National Latino Organizations



Although the following list was compiled by PowerfulLatinas.com, the descriptions of the organizations below come mainly from the organizations' own websites.

**Note:** Many of the below organizations have LOCAL chapters. Check out their websites and contact them to find out if they have a chapter in your area.

Remember: Networking is part of your key to success!!!

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## Advancing Hispanic Excellence in Technology, Engineering, Math and Science (AHETEMS)

[www.ahetems.org](http://www.ahetems.org)

“Advancing Hispanic Excellence in Technology, Engineering, Math and Science (AHETEMS) Foundation (pronounced a-teams) is an independent 501(c)(3) working exclusively to develop educational enrichment and academic outreach initiatives, for Latinos/as, that extend throughout the pre-college to PhD pathway.”

## American GI Forum of the United States

[www.americangiforum.org](http://www.americangiforum.org)

The founding philosophy was to fight against systemic discrimination and inequities that bureaucracies imposed on Hispanic veterans.

## ASPIRA Association, Inc.

[www.aspira.org](http://www.aspira.org)

“The ASPIRA Association, Inc. is the only national nonprofit organization devoted solely to the education and leadership development of Puerto Rican and other Latino youth.”

## **Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies (AHAA)**

[www.ahaa.org](http://www.ahaa.org)

“The mission of AHAA is ‘to grow, strengthen and protect the Hispanic marketing and advertising industry by providing leadership in raising awareness of the value of the Hispanic market opportunities and enhancing the professionalism of the industry.’”

## **Association of Hispanic Arts (AHA)**

[www.latinoarts.org](http://www.latinoarts.org)

“The Association of Hispanic Arts, Inc. (AHA) is a nonprofit arts service organization serving the Latino arts and cultural community. Founded in 1975, AHA was established out of the need to create funding and presenting opportunities for individual Latino artists and cultural organizations whose contributions were unrecognized and whose efforts were underserved by mainstream public and private institutions.”

## **Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives (AHHE)**

[www.ahhe.org](http://www.ahhe.org)

“The Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives (AHHE) was founded in 1988 as a national voluntary organization seeking to foster programs and policies to increase the presence of Hispanics in health administration professions. AHHE is the first organization devoted exclusively to Hispanic healthcare executives and to the education of the healthcare industry about the Hispanic healthcare marketplace.”

## **Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)**

[www.alpfa.org](http://www.alpfa.org)

“The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) is the leading professional association dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos in the accounting, finance and related professions.”

## **Cesar E. Chavez Foundation**

[www.chavezfoundation.org](http://www.chavezfoundation.org)

“The mission of the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, a (501(c)(3)) non-profit charitable organization, is to maximize human potential to improve communities by preserving, promoting and applying the legacy and universal values of civil rights leader Cesar E. Chavez.”

## **Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)**

[http://www.house.gov/baca/meetjoe/cau\\_hisp.htm](http://www.house.gov/baca/meetjoe/cau_hisp.htm)

“The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is an informal group of 21 Members of Congress of Hispanic descent. The Caucus is dedicated to voicing and advancing issues affecting Hispanic Americans in the United States and the insular areas. The CHC was founded in December 1976 as a legislative service organization of the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, the CHC is organized as a congressional member organization, governed under the Rules of Congress and comprised solely of Members of the United States Congress. Congressman Baca currently serves as First Vice Chair of the CHC and Chair of the CHC’s Corporate America Task Force.”

## **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI)**

[www.chci.org](http://www.chci.org)

“The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is one of the leading Hispanic non-profit and non-partisan 501(c) (3) organizations in the country. CHCI was established to help increase opportunities for Hispanics to participate in and contribute to the American policy making process. Their vision is an educated and civically active Hispanic community participating at the local, state and federal policy decision-making levels. CHCI seeks to accomplish its mission by offering educational and leadership development programs, services and activities that promote the growth of participants as effective professionals and strong leaders.”

## **Cuban American National Council (CNC)**

[www.cnc.org](http://www.cnc.org)

“The Cuban American National Council (CNC) is a non-profit organization providing human services to persons in need from all racial and ethnic groups.”

## **The Cuban American National Foundation (CANF)**

[www.canf.org](http://www.canf.org)

“The Cuban American National Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing freedom and democracy in Cuba. Established in Florida in 1981, CANF is the largest Cuban organization in exile, with thousands of members across the United States and other countries, representing a cross section of the Cuban exile community as well as friends of Cuban freedom from around the world.”

## **Dominican American National Roundtable (DANR)**

[www.danr.org](http://www.danr.org)

“The Dominican-American National Roundtable (DANR) is a non-partisan, non-profit corporation seeking to bring together the different voices of all people of Dominican origin in the United States.”

## **Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)**

[www.latinas.org](http://www.latinas.org)

“For 18 years, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) has been working to provide a critical voice to Latinas to develop their personal growth, prosperity, and political clout. Throughout the years, HOPE has served the Latina community with innovative programming that provides leadership development, statewide networking opportunities, experiential learning, and one on one interaction with local, state, and federal officials and agencies.”

## **Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA)**

[www.hapcoa.com](http://www.hapcoa.com)

“HAPCOA is composed of command-level officers from local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.”

## **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)**

[www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net)

“HACU represents more than 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Although their member institutions in the U. S. represent less than 10% of all higher education institutions nationwide, together they are home to more than two-thirds of all Hispanic college students. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).”

## **Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR)**

[www.hacr.org](http://www.hacr.org)

“Founded in 1986, the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR) is one of the most influential advocacy organizations in the nation representing 14 national Hispanic organizations in the United States and Puerto Rico. Their mission is to advance the inclusion of Hispanics in Corporate America at a level commensurate with their economic contributions. To that end, HACR focuses on four areas of corporate responsibility and community reciprocity: employment, procurement, philanthropy, and governance.”

## Hispanic Dental Association

[www.hdassoc.org](http://www.hdassoc.org)

“The Hispanic Dental Association is the only national organization of dental professionals dedicated to promoting and improving the oral health of the Hispanic community and providing advocacy for Hispanic oral health professionals across the United States.”

## Hispanic Educational Telecommunications Systems (HETS)

[www.hets.org](http://www.hets.org)

HETS’ goal is “promoting the access of Hispanics to higher education and training opportunities through educational telecommunications and distance learning.”

## Hispanic Heritage Foundation

[www.hispanicheritage.org](http://www.hispanicheritage.org)

“The Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF) identifies, inspires, promotes and prepares Latino role models through national leadership, cultural, educational and workforce programs. HHF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all sponsorships facilitate its year-round programs including the Hispanic Heritage Awards, Youth Awards, LOFT (Latinos on Fast Track) Network, Speakers Bureau, and HispanicHeritage.org.”

## Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)

[www.hnba.com](http://www.hnba.com)

“The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, non-profit, national association representing the interest of over 33,000 Hispanic American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students in the United States and Puerto Rico.”

## Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors (HOLA)

[www.hellohola.org](http://www.hellohola.org)

The organization is a network of actors and assists them with issues regarding agents, unions, Spanish language opportunities, Latino images in media, career opportunities and offers other member benefits.

## **Hispanic Scholarship /Fund (HSF)**

[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

“HSF's vision is to strengthen the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country.”

## **The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)**

[www.lclaa.org](http://www.lclaa.org)

“The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) is a national organization representing the interests of approximately 1.7 million Latino/a trade unionist throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.”

## **Latino Medical Student Association**

[www.lmsa.net](http://www.lmsa.net)

“Celebrating more than 23 years of serving the Latino community, the Latino Medical Student Association has nearly 1,400 alumni, making it one of the largest organizations that support Latino health professional students in the nation.”

## **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)**

[www.lulac.org](http://www.lulac.org)

“LULAC is the largest and oldest Hispanic Organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide. The organization involves and serves all Hispanic nationality groups.”

## **Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)**

[www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)

“Founded in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) is the leading nonprofit Latino litigation, advocacy and educational outreach institution in the United States.”

## **MANA: A National Latina Organization**

[www.hermana.org](http://www.hermana.org)

“MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit, advocacy organization established in 1974. It's mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. “

## **Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA)**

[www.nationalmecha.org](http://www.nationalmecha.org)

“Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) is a student organization that promotes higher education, cultura, and historia. MEChA was founded on the principles of self-determination for the liberation of [our] people. They believe that political involvement and education is the avenue for change in our society.”

## **National Alliance for Hispanic Health (NAHH)**

[www.hispanichealth.org](http://www.hispanichealth.org)

“The National Alliance for Hispanic Health is the premier organization focusing on Hispanic Health.”

## **National Association for Chicano Chicana Studies (NACCS)**

[www.naccs.org](http://www.naccs.org)

“NACCS is the academic organization that serves academic programs, departments and research centers that focus on issues pertaining to Mexican Americans, Chicana/os, and Latina/os.”

## **National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ)**

[www.nahj.org](http://www.nahj.org)

“The National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) is dedicated to the recognition and professional advancement of Hispanics in the news industry. Established in April 1984, NAHJ created a national voice and unified vision for all Hispanic journalists.”

## **National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP)**

[www.nahp.org](http://www.nahp.org)

“NAHP’s primary objective is to promote Hispanic print as the most effective means of reaching the Hispanic community.”

## **National Association for Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP)**

[www.nahrep.org](http://www.nahrep.org)

“NAHREP members are real estate agents, brokers, loan officers, mortgage brokers, title officers, escrow officers, appraisers, insurance agents and more. Their mission is to increase the sustainable Hispanic homeownership rate by empowering the real estate professionals that serve the community.”

## **National Association for Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC)**

[www.nalac.org](http://www.nalac.org)

“The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture (NALAC) is dedicated to the preservation, development and promotion of the cultural and artistic expressions of the diverse Latino populations of the United States. Through this effort, NALAC is committed to the continuing struggle for the elimination of racism, sexism, ageism and discrimination against gay, lesbian and physically challenged populations. The objective is to recognize and support the varied standards of excellence grounded in the aesthetics and traditions of our root cultures.”

## **National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)**

[www.naleo.org](http://www.naleo.org)

“As a national non-partisan organization, NALEO utilizes its network of more than 6,000 governmental, political, and business leaders to conduct civic engagement projects, training and technical assistance, and information dissemination on behalf of the Latino community. NALEO members represent all political parties, all levels of government, and diverse constituencies from metropolitan cities to rural communities.”

## **National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations**

[www.nalfo.org](http://www.nalfo.org)

“NALFO (National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations) is an umbrella council for Latino Greek Letter Organizations. The purpose of NALFO is to promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of all Latino Fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism and education.”

## **National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP)**

[www.nalip.org](http://www.nalip.org)

“NALIP promotes the advancement, development, and funding of Latino/a films and media arts.”

## **National Community for Latino Leadership, Inc.**

[www.latinoleadership.org](http://www.latinoleadership.org)

“Since 1989, the National Community for Latino Leadership, Inc. (NCLL), formerly known as the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program (HLOP), has existed as a network of national leadership organizations. This network supported leadership development activities for Latino youth, professionals, and community leaders that remain engaged today in efforts to advance the Latino community.”

## **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**

[www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)

“The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) – the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States – works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations (CBOs), NCLR reaches millions of Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas – assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its Affiliates who work at the state and local level to advance opportunities for individuals and families.”

## **National Hispanic Corporate Council (NHCC)**

[www.nhcc-hq.org](http://www.nhcc-hq.org)

“NHCC is a clearinghouse of Hispanic information on Human Resources, diversity, marketing, supplier diversity and community relations and their impact on corporate objectives. It offers training, expertise and counsel in these areas, for its membership, comprised of FORTUNE 1000 and S&P 500 companies. NHCC strives to be corporate America’s premiere resource on effectively maximizing the diversity of the Hispanic Market opportunity through marketing, community relations, human resources, and procurement.”

## **National Latino Officers Association**

[www.nloaus.org](http://www.nloaus.org)

“The National Latino Officers Association (NLOA) is an acknowledged fraternal and advocacy organization. The mission of the National Latino Officers Association is to create a coordinated network of support without limitations or boundaries. The National strives to create LOA chapters in the wide array of law enforcement agencies and companies. The National strives to create affiliations with other organizations that provide representation and services equivalent to those offered by the National or LOA chapters. The mission of all LOA chapters is to promote tolerance toward and understanding of the Latino culture in all public and private agencies, especially in the law enforcement communities.”

**National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc,**

[www.bateylink.org](http://www.bateylink.org)

“NPRC's mission is to systematically strengthen and enhance the social, political, and economic well-being of Puerto Ricans throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico with a special focus on the most vulnerable.”

**National Puerto Rican Forum, Inc.**

[www.nprf.org](http://www.nprf.org)

“The NPRF provides education, training, advocacy and information to prepare individuals for meaningful employment that pays a living wage and leads to self-sufficiency and dignity. Their vision is to be the premier Latino organization working to strengthen democracy by building communities of economically self-sufficient and independent individuals and families.”

**National Society for Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA)**

[www.nshmba.org](http://www.nshmba.org)

“NSHMBA exists to foster Hispanic leadership through graduate management education and professional development. NSHMBA works to prepare Hispanics for leadership positions throughout the U.S., so that they can provide the cultural awareness and sensitivity vital in the management of the nation's diverse workforce. Their vision is to be the premier Hispanic MBA professional business network for economic and philanthropic advancement.”

**Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)**

[www.prldef.org](http://www.prldef.org)

“PRLDEF champions an equitable society. Using the power of the law together with advocacy and education, PRLDEF protects opportunities for all Latinos to succeed in school and work, fulfill their dreams, and sustain their families and communities. In 1972 the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund was built to establish an organization that could challenge the nation's barriers and provide Latinos with the legal resources to overcome the obstacles that frustrated their dreams and limited their lives.”

**Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)**

[www.sacnas.org](http://www.sacnas.org)

“The mission of SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) is to encourage Chicano/Latino and Native American students to pursue graduate education and obtain the advanced degrees necessary for science research, leadership, and teaching careers at all levels.”

## **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)**

[www.shpe.org](http://www.shpe.org)

“The specific and primary purposes of SHPE are: (a) To advance Hispanic scientists and engineers in employment, education, and economic and social welfare; (b) To improve the quality of education and training programs preparing Hispanic students to become professional engineers and scientists; (c) To implement programs benefiting Hispanics seeking to become engineers and scientists; and (d) To increase the number of Hispanics entering the field of engineering and science.”

## **Southwest Voter Education Project (SVEP)**

[www.svrep.org](http://www.svrep.org)

“SVREP’s mission is to empower Latinos and other minorities by increasing their participation in the American democratic process. They do this by strengthening the capacity, experience and skills of Latino leaders, networks, and organizations through programs that consistently train, organize, finance, development, expand and mobilize Latino leaders and voters around an agenda that reflects their values. Thus, SVREP’s motto: ‘Su Voto Es Su Voz’ (Your Vote is Your Voice).”

## **United Farm Workers (UFW)**

[www.ufw.org](http://www.ufw.org)

“Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers of America is the nation’s first successful and largest farm workers union currently active in 10 states. The UFW continues to organize and represent farm workers, including 27,000 farm workers who labor under union contracts at least one day out of the year.”

## **United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC)**

[www.ushcc.com](http://www.ushcc.com)

“The USHCC is a national organization founded to represent the Hispanic business community’s interests before the public and private sectors. Its mission statement: To advocate, promote and facilitate the success of Hispanic businesses.”

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