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Noche de Estrellas

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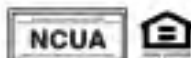
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Suncoast ha donado más de \$36 millones para apoyar a niños en las comunidades que servimos, gracias a miembros como usted. ¡Conviértase en miembro hoy y ayude a crear un futuro mejor con nosotros!

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IN HONOR



Dr. Anh-Kay Pizano dedicated her career and passion to lifting students to reach their college dreams, both in the community and at her alma mater. As a member of the Mayor’s Hispanic Advisory Council she co-chaired the Latinos Unidos Luncheon, supported the DALE project and countless other MHAC initiatives. The Dr. Anh-Kay Pizano Scholarship Memorial Fund was created in her honor in 2022 and in 2023 Latinos Ascend Noche de Estrella was founded to honor her legacy and raise funds to support Latino students in graduate and professional programs.

Pizano arrived in the United States as a child with her parents as Cuban exiles — her father, Roberto, had been a political prisoner in Cuba after leading a local movement against the country’s communist government. Though she spoke no English and her family had limited financial means, she dreamed of furthering her education. With help from the USF Latino Scholarship Program (LSP), she would become a first-generation college student and rare “triple Bull,” earning bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees from USF.

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ENTERTAINMENT: CUBAN SON ✨

ESTRELLA PROGRAM

MAYOR JANE CASTOR
ESTRELLA AWARD

EL CIERRE

ENTERTAINMENT: GRUPO FOLKLORICO MAHETZI ✨

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ENTERTAINMENT: DJ FELIX EVENT PRODUCTIONS ✨



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& GET READY TO *MAKE WAVES!*



ESTRELLA AWARD RECIPIENT



Diana Walker is a dedicated professional known for her dynamic contributions in civic involvement. With a strong commitment to promoting diversity and community engagement, Diana oversees the compliance of construction contracts, focusing on Minority Business Enterprise participation. She's a key figure in educational training sessions, guiding businesses on successful bidding with the County, and offers invaluable assistance with MBE/SBE certification applications.

Diana's leadership prowess shines through her involvement with prestigious organizations, including the Hispanic Professional Women's Association and Foundation Board of Directors, as Vice-President at the Tampa Bay Latin Chamber of Commerce (volunteer), and a valued member of the University of South Florida's Status of Latinos (SOL) committee

Diana's accomplishments include graduating from the Leadership Hillsborough program, where she played a lead role in their class project, "Wimauma Empoderada." Her dedication has been recognized by the University of South Florida, Status of Latino Award in 2021, the Emerging Leader-Issue award in 2012 and the Latino Leader Institute Award in 2011 and was the recipient this year of the Civic Engagement Award by Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Diana is a passionate volunteer. She dedicates her time to Empowering Latinas through workshops at Enterprising Latinas a non profit located in Wimauma, FL and community events, engages in mission trips to the Dominican Republic, and takes the lead in disaster relief efforts, particularly in the aftermath of hurricanes like Irma and Ian. Diana Walker embodies a spirit of community empowerment, entrepreneurship, and leadership, leaving an indelible mark on the organizations she's part of and the causes she champions.

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OUR WORK

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813 CAFECITO

The 813 Cafecito is a monthly event that advocates, educate, and inform the general public on major topics that impact our Hispanic community.

CANASTAS DE AMOR

The "Canastas de Amor" (Baskets of Love) project supports our Tampa Latino senior population.

DALE

The Development Acceleration for Latinos Education (DALE) initiative exposes Hispanic students to role models in civic, corporate, and professional fields.

LATINOS ASCEND

This event will help raise funds to support graduate level college dreams for Latino students.

LATINOS UNIDOS

This event is dedicated to raising scholarship dollars to remove critical barriers to postsecondary education for Latino youth.



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