

# para mi

2006 september's newsletter

Dear *para mi* reader:

This month is Hispanic Heritage Month. The celebration which kicked off on September 15<sup>th</sup> also celebrates the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Besides independence, as Latinos we also need to celebrate our people, our culture, our accomplishments and the difference we each make within our communities.

One of those people who are making a difference in our community this month is Sandra Duque – who along with the New York Association for New Americans and her own production company, La Negrita Productions will present “Truth, Faith, Justice: Serving the Latino Migrant Community in New York City,” a two-days event beginning Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts in the Bronx.

The event, according to Ms. Duque, it's about creating a positive image for the Latino immigrant and all Latinos in New York City and the United States. The vision for the event is to create awareness about the abuses Latino immigrants face. The goal is to convey the message that no human being should suffer any type of abuse in search of their God given rights and that any human being given access to the right resources can prosper and have a positive impact on the economy and social conditions of the United States.

The first day, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dr. Guillermo Linares, Commissioner for the Mayors Office of Immigrant Affairs, will be presented with this year's Life Time Achievement Award.

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m., the Puerto Rican/Latin American Studies Department at John Jay College will present “El Día de la Feria.” The fair will offer employment opportunities, financial assistant, and immigration assistant. In addition, different organizations that cater their services to the end results of the event's goal will be there to offer one on one dialogue with Latino migrants, with the purpose of offering them information about their services.

The event sponsored by Latcom Communications, Inc., the Puerto Rican/Latin American Studies Department at John Jay College, the Association of Hispanic Arts, Chica Luna Productions and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials will also have Latin music, food and much more!

So please join the New York Association for New Americans & La Negrita Productions for this wonderful event!

## Event Information

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts

250 Bedford Park Boulevard

Bronx, New York

For more information, visit [www.lanegritaproductions.com](http://www.lanegritaproductions.com)

So this month let's take pride in our heritage and look to the past for strength to help build a common future.

## Submission

Visit us at [www.para-mi.net](http://www.para-mi.net) and submit your stories, essays and articles to any of our departments. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Opinions

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## para mi – celebrating the Latina experience

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