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(Pictured: Radames Carlo and NY Senator Charles Schumer at the 40 under 40 Award Reception)

Staff Member Named One of New York's Top 40 Rising Latino Stars

Bronx, NY – The Hispanic Coalition of New York recently named Bronx Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Radames Carlo, as one of their “40 under 40 Rising Latino Stars.” The prestigious recognition came as a result of the Bronx native’s considerable professional and volunteer achievements and culminated in a lavish recognition reception at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Albany, NY, earlier this Spring.

The Hispanic Coalition of New York exists to empower Latino’s through education and by serving as a forum for engaging the public in a cultural exchange of ideas. Their focus is to develop and promote views on social, civic, educational and economic issues.

Carlo, a 5-year employee of the James J. Peters VA Medical Center, is a PhD Candidate whose professional and volunteer activities came to the attention of Hispanic Coalition.

Early in his college career, while attending SUNY New Paltz, Carlo observed that there was very little Latino representation at his college, or on his college TV station. In response, he co-founded and served as Vice President of the Latino American Student Organization (LASO). Furthermore, he worked with others to develop "Fiebre Latina" Cable TV show, a Latino-focused TV show featuring cooking and other segments, as well as interviews with famous Latino figures which included Marc Anthony, Placido Domingo and the late Tito Puente. Carlo wrote, produced, directed and co-hosted the show, which aired in more than 100,000 homes in the mid Hudson Valley region.

Carlo obtained a BA in Psychology from SUNY New Paltz, in 1995 and an MS in Human Services Administration from Boricua College in 2005. He holds a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner Certification from the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and is a Board Certified Human Services Practitioner. Recently, Carlo completed his doctoral coursework requirements and has achieved Doctoral Candidacy (ABD) at Northcentral University for a PhD in Business Administration. In addition to his work at the Medical Center, Carlo volunteers with the Police Athletic League and serves on the Board of Directors for the Mary Walton Children's Center.

At the recognition reception, attended by numerous prominent community leaders and politicians, Carlo expressed his appreciation. "I am both honored and humbled to accept this special recognition in the midst of so many accomplished and community-minded individuals," said Carlo, "I am grateful to the Hispanic Coalition for your efforts to promote cultural diversity in our community, and want you to know that I am committed to joining you in that effort."

Kudos to Radames Carlo, for his continuing efforts to improve and promote cultural diversity. For more information related to this story or the James J. Peters VA Medical Center, please contact Jim Connell, Public Affairs Officer, at 718.584.9000, Ext. 6620.

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