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Joseph Maldonado, MD
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Dear Dr. Maldonado,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHMF) and the Foundation of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), I am proud to announce that you have been selected to receive the **Hispanic Health Leadership Award** at the **12th Annual Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala** to be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2015** at the New York Academy of Medicine in New York, NY. The Hispanic Health Leadership Award is presented to outstanding individuals who have served in significant leadership roles and have improved the health of Hispanics and other underserved populations. We would like to recognize you as a top leader and would be honored if you would join us at the reception starting at 6:30 pm and the Awards Gala at 7:30 pm.

Health policymakers and experts agree that Hispanic health professionals in the United States are few in numbers, yet they play an invaluable role in caring for our communities. The vision of the NHMF was to develop this scholarship as the nation's premier fund to encourage Hispanic health professional students complete their career goals. Since 2005, the NHMF has awarded \$585,000 to 175 outstanding Hispanic health professional students throughout the United States for exceptional academic performance, leadership, and commitment to the Hispanic community.

The goals of both the NHMF and NHMA are to improve the health of Hispanics and the underserved, to eliminate health disparities, to support Hispanic researchers and Hispanic health services research, and to advance culturally competent quality health care and diversity in the workforce. We are proud to acknowledge your leadership and vision, and we hope that you can join us at the Scholarship Gala.

Our administrative assistant, Kessia Cruz, will contact you to verify your availability to join us and accept the award. Additionally, should you have any questions, please contact me or Kessia at (202) 628-5895 or by e-mail at kcruz@nhmamd.org.

Sincerely,

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH
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