



## Illinois Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents

# Quarterly Newsletter

Dear IALAS members,

We pretty much hit 2017 running! Between the state affiliate conference in Utah and planning for our very first statewide conference in May, we are excited to report that 2017 looks promising.

A survey went out to all IALAS members on behalf of the national Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS). Thank you to all that took the time to complete this survey. It will help ALAS identify its priorities at the federal level toward education policy and advocacy. To learn more about ALAS, its growing influence, its upcoming Superintendent Academy and job opportunities, please visit the [ALAS](#) website.

If you have not heard, IALAS will be hosting its first state conference on **May 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Northern Illinois University, Naperville campus located at 1120 E. Diehl Road in Naperville.** The conference theme: [Building Bridges One Student at a Time](#) will feature resource exhibits, keynote speaker, [Dr. Kim Potowski](#), student performances and a network mixer. Professional development sessions offered will focus on: Leadership and Community, Entering and Advancing in Leadership, Ways to Close the Opportunity Gap, Classroom Instruction through Data Collection, Improving Performance for Diverse Learners through Data Analysis, Building Strong School Culture and Cultural Awareness, and much more. Breakout sessions from our five [Founding Partners](#) will also be presented.

There are five executive Board seats available July 1, 2017 for *two consecutive years*. A fifth seat (Historian) is also available due to current Board member not continuing. Please review below to learn more about these opportunities:

Term Expiration	Term to be filled	Will current member run again?
President	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	No
Treasurer	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	No
Secretary II	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	Yes
Members-At-Large	July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	No

The below Board position will be available for *one year*.

Historian	July 1, 2017 – June 20, 2018	No
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During the month of March, we will organize all Board candidate applications and make available for membership voting. Voting is open to [IALAS members only](#). New Board members will be announced in April and sworn in at our statewide conference on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

As always, thank you for all that you do!



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### FOUNDING PARTNERS

- Achieve3000
- Curriculum Associates
- Imagine Learning
- Lexia
- Matific

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- First IALAS State  
Conference

# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Over the past year, IALAS has been able to recognize a variety of administrators and teachers for their hard work and dedication. Like IALAS, our national organization ALAS recognizes exemplar educators on a yearly basis. We are proud to have nominated 4 of our own Illinois administrators for the ALAS prestigious awards in the areas of **Hispanic Serving School District Superintendent, Latino Administrator of the Year, and Latino Superintendent of the Year**. It is with great pleasure that we provide you a glimpse of the nominated candidates .



## **Dr. Rodolfo Hernandez** **Superintendent, Cicero School District 99**

*IALAS Nominee for Latino Superintendent of the Year*

Dr. Hernandez has lead strategic planning initiatives that have increased Reading and Math student performance for the past three years. Through his work, Dr. Hernandez implemented a new process for instructional improvements called *Focused Learning Walk Cycle*, which has resulted in recognition from the Center of School Improvement. He recently received recognition from the State of Illinois in 2016 for his district's exemplar work.

## **Dr. Charles Johns** **Superintendent, West Chicago 33**

*IALAS Nominee for Hispanic Service School District Superintendent*

Dr. Johns has led the expansion of the Dual Language Program in West Chicago 33, which has shown significant student achievement and academic growth. His commitment to the community is evidenced with the *Latino Parent Leadership and Development* program, which trains parents to become community leaders and organizers. Additionally, Dr. Johns' efforts towards Key District Performance Indicators, data dashboards and protocols for SMART Goals and Improvement Plans continue to raise the bar.



# NATIONAL RECOGNITION



## **Gloria Trejo**

**Principal, Pioneer Elementary, West Chicago 33**

*IALAS Nominee for Latino Administrator of the Year*

Over the years, Mrs. Trejo has established a strong rapport with students, families and staff at her school. She has worked diligently with all stakeholders to increase literacy for all students. Mrs. Trejo has helped increase parent leadership in her building by collaborating with her staff. They have worked to encourage, assist and develop parent leaders. The hard work of recruiting and educating parents continues today.

## **Dr. Lazaro Lopez**

**Associate Superintendent, High School District 214**

*Hispanic Serving Administrator of the Year*

Dr. Lopez led the passage of HB3428 AP Equity (2016) in Illinois which guarantees that all students, regardless of zip code, receive credit for their AP Exams, with score of 3 or more, towards degree completion at all public institutions. Expanding on the concept that students are more than a single test score, Dr. Lopez was instrumental in the research development team for the College and Career Readiness Indicators that were adopted in AASA's ReDefining Readiness Framework. Beyond statewide and national contributions, in his community, Dr. Lazaro founded the Center for Career Discovery, which facilitates 2,000 workplace learning experiences annually, providing internship experiences for his students across all career pathway areas.



## State Affiliate Meeting

Board members, Beatriz Maldonado and Luis Narváez, attended the 3rd Annual ALAS State Affiliate Leaders Conference, in Lehi, Utah last month. They were instrumental stakeholders actively participating in the national conversation with national ALAS (Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents) in advancing policy and advocacy legislation, critical insight for the purpose of supporting Latino students and sharing of best practices with other state affiliates. Beatriz and Luis also had the pleasure of touring the new state of the art *Imagine Learning* (one of IALAS' Founding Partners) facilities.



## Thank you for your service!

A big thank you to our outgoing Executive Board Members. These individuals have dedicated hard work to our organization since its inception and we greatly appreciate their efforts!



### **Ivette Dubiel**

Ivette was the pioneer behind initiating the IALAS organization and has served as our first Board President. Ivette has truly led our Association, from its inception to its current involvement. Her hours of recruitment, working tirelessly with sponsors and colleagues throughout the state, advancing IALAS and networking to get this organization running will forever be appreciated.



### **Eulalia Valdez**

Eulalia served as one of the original organizers of this Association. She has worked to coordinate our financial systems in her role as Treasurer, and Chair for the Sponsorship Committee. Her contributions and thoughtful foresight have impacted the success of IALAS.



### **Gloria Trejo**

Gloria has wonderfully committed to serving as the Members-at-Large Executive Board member while also participating in the ALAS Superintendent Leadership Academy. Through her exhaustive efforts, Gloria has maintained the membership database and served as a liaison to members. Her work as the Chair for the Mentoring Committee continues to research and design a future recruitment and leadership opportunity for members.



## Board Meeting & Committee Workshops

On Sunday, March 5th, IALAS hosted it's quarterly Board Meeting at Pioneer Elementary School in West Chicago. The morning covered committee breakout sessions, a General Assembly and the Board Meeting. Among the highlights of the event were the recognition of our outgoing Board members, updates to Board candidate applications, decision-making on new Board transition and the upcoming IALAS Conference.



IALAS EVENTS

## ATTENTION COMMITTEES

All committees will meet twice more this calendar year. Information about upcoming Committee and Board meetings will be determined with new, incoming Board. New Board is effective July 1, 2017 with transitioning beginning in May 2017.

For more information, please email [idubiel@ialas.org](mailto:idubiel@ialas.org)

Thank you Founding Partners for your continued support!



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## Upcoming IALAS Events

### First IALAS State Conference

*Building Bridges One Student At A Time*

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Northern Illinois University (Naperville campus)  
1120 E. Diehl Road in Naperville

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Kim Potowski  
University of Illinois in Chicago



To register or more information, visit:

**[www.ialas.org/events](http://www.ialas.org/events)**

