



# PA'LANTE IX

MetroLALSA's 9th Annual Conference

Si No Tú, Quién?



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



## IRENE CASTRO

Dear Familia,

My name is Irene Castro. I am honored to serve as MetroLALSA President for the 2018-2019 term. I look forward to adding to the legacy of this incredible organization. I am appreciative to be a part of an organization whose work is an exemplary example of the great things that can be accomplished when people come together for a wonderful cause. In leading MetroLALSA, I have learned more about the needs of our community and the significance of engaging, energizing, and empowering our members. The executive board is regularly developing ways to better serve our legal community - law students, alumni, and lawyers - and that is only made possible through our familia's financial support. Your decision to see something special in our work and to partner with us is what will keep us around for many decades to come.

In this sponsorship packet, you will find information about our membership and successful projects and programs. This year, we have had many new ideas, goals, and developments which were brought to life through the dedication and commitment of the MetroLALSA Familia. Each year we advance our mission by empowering our community, increasing diversity in the legal profession, and creating Latina/o leaders.

This spring we will host our ninth annual Pa'lante Conference. A conference that brings the legal community together for CLEs, a full-day pipeline program, workshops, networking, and presentation of our academic scholarship award. Moreover, this is another moment to look back at our history and to be proud of the future we are building. Through unity, we know that anything is possible and we call upon our members to act with this year's theme Si No Tú, Quién? (If not you, who?).

Thank you for supporting MetroLALSA, Inc. Your contribution is what continues to make our work possible as a nonprofit organization committed to supporting law students in their law school journey. We warmly welcome your organization as a partner and member of our familia.

Siempre Pa'lante,

Irene Castro



# About MetroLALSA

MetroLALSA was founded in 2010 by a group of twelve Latina/o law students from nine different law schools in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. With one goal in mind, uniting Latina/o students, MetroLALSA came to be.

MetroLALSA strives to empower our communities, to increase diversity in the legal profession, and to develop Latina/o leaders.

Every year, MetroLALSA holds a conference that serves to educate and connect the Latina/o community.

MetroLALSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organized and coordinated entirely by students from the thirteen law schools in the New York and New Jersey Metropolitan area, with the help and guidance of our alumni.







# MetroLALSA Programming

For the past seven years, we have unified Latina/o law students in the NY and NJ metropolitan area to educate our communities, to establish a professional network, and to make a meaningful and positive impact in the legal profession.

## Annual Conference

Every year, MetroLALSA hosts the Pa'lante Conference that gathered hundreds of attendees. Attendees include pre-law students, attorneys and local community organizations.

## Awards

Recognized as the 2014 Students Organization of the Year by the Hispanic National Bar Association

Awarded the Hispanic Heritage Award by District Attorney Brown of the Queens District Attorney's office

Awarded the Unity Award from Brooklyn Law School's LALSA in 2017

## Community Outreach

Participated in community service events such as food drives, Priority Dockets, voter registration, and raised money for several organizations including hurricane relief.

## Pipeline Program

MetroLALSA established the Pipeline Program to introduce pre-law students and working professionals to the legal field and assist participants with the law school application process.

## Scholarships

Sponsored over 50 students to attend other national conferences and awarded the annual Pa'lante Scholarship to law students for academic excellence.



# MetroLALSA Scholarships

MetroLALSA strives to empower Latina/o law students and provide the resources to pursue their legal careers.

The central concern for many students is securing their financial security while pursuing a legal education spanning thousands of dollars.

MetroLALSA offers scholarships to pipeline students, current law students and alums to attend professional conferences that will benefit their future career.

Over the years, MetroLALSA has sponsored students to attend the National Latina/o Law School Association's conference, Hispanic National Bar Association's convention, Proud To Be Latina's annual conferences and other national and local conferences. Thus far, MetroLALSA has sponsored over 50 law students, Pipeline students, and Alums.

MetroLALSA annually awards scholarships to eligible law students who demonstrate community service involvement, commitment to the Latina/o community, academic achievement and financial need.



Your generous donations allow us to offer numerous opportunities to underrepresented law students in the NY and NJ Metro area.





# PA'LANTE IX

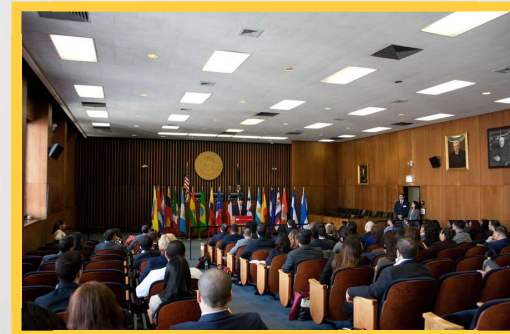
## MetroLALSA's Annual Conference

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At the conference, our keynote and panelist speakers discuss and analyze contemporary issues affecting our communities, as well as provide invaluable insight to those in the legal profession.

Over the years, we have been fortunate to host notable and inspirational Keynote speakers such as the Honorable Rolando T. Acosta, Associate Justice of New York Appellate Division, First Department; and the Honorable Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals.



This year's Pa'lante conference will be held in St. John's University School of Law and will feature several educational panels and CLEs. At the conference, we will also present our Liderazgo Award for outstanding leadership and the annual Pa'lante Student Scholarship.

This year's Pa'lante theme is : Si No Tu, Quien?



# SPONSORSHIP

## Become our Partner

We thank you for your consideration to sponsor our 9th Annual Pa'lante Conference ("Pa'lante IX"). Your support and commitment to our conference and organization is much appreciated and will make a difference to the Latina/o law student community.

Our organization is an entirely student-run consortium of the thirteen law schools in the New York/New Jersey area. Representatives from these schools are working together to organize and plan Pa'lante IX to ensure its success. However, the success of our conference is not possible without the support of firms, organizations, and businesses like yours. It is through your support that we can continue to unite the Latina/o legal community in New York and New Jersey, offer several scholarships and have a successful conference.

Since MetroLALSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, every donation you make is tax-deductible.

Your contribution will go towards giving law students, and those seeking to become legal professionals, an opportunity to attend conferences, alleviate the costs of attending school, and participate in social causes.

We hope to have your support this year as we celebrate Pa'lante IX!



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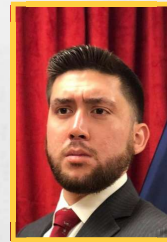
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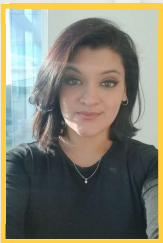
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Your contribution helps our familia to continue  
supporting law students during their law school  
experience. Your support affords every one of  
our law students the opportunity to be a leader.**

**Muchísima Gracias.**

**Siempre Pa'lante!**