

# THE ASPIRANTE

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## BROWARD STUDENTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS



ASPIRANTES CELEBRATE AWARDS

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc, Broward Division, conducted their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 29, 2009, at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. The Awards Ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of our Aspirantes (students) and the honoring of the community leaders and organizations that have supported the ASPIRA mission throughout the year.

This year's theme, "Reaching New Heights" was engendered by the many accomplishments of the Aspirantes, the magnificent Local Advisory Council (an elite force of 8 committed and energetic community leaders) and a dedicated staff that produced beyond expectations.

Our Leadership Program increased 25% extending our outreach to 360 youth and their families. We awarded close to \$5,500 in scholarship funds to nine students: Ana Y. Herazo, Ashley M. De Leon, Danielle A. Plummer, Jennifer Persaud, Jonathan P. Vega, Ramon Canto, Melody M. Hernandez, Shirley J. Acosta, and Shirley M. Perez.

The ceremony highlighted the signature painting of artist Elizabeth Erazo-Baez who illustrated the ASPIRA spirit, an inspirational piece that will endure for generations and that marks off the year in which ASPIRA Broward begins soaring to New Heights.

This year, community groups e.g. The Latin Chamber, and the Miramar Pembroke/Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce, partnered to sponsor community events plus a very successful Youth summit. Awarded the Golden Pitirre: C. Kennon Hetlage, Richard Schwartz, Elaine Miceli-Vazquez, Honorable Lori Moseley, Julio C. Torres, and Dr. Lourdes Oroza.

Congratulations Aspirante of the Year, Ramon Canto, Torch Award Winner, Oseluese Omigie, Antonia Pantoja Award winner, Danielle Plummer and Most Academically Improved Christopher Romero, Jimmy Nerette, and Anna Kay Burks.



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