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WELCOME TO  
THE JOSEPH A. UNANUE  
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*El  
Caribe*  
2018

Annual Dinner, Dance, &  
Fundraising Gala

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# *Program*

Cocktail Hour

Welcome Remarks

**Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute  
Executive Director**  
Stephanie Macias-Arlington, M.P.A.

**Seton Hall University President**  
Mary J. Meehan, Ph.D.

**Blessing of Dinner**  
Fr. Joe O'Brien

Dinner

Presentation of Awards

**Unanue Scholar Testimonial**  
Jimmy Bedoya c/o 2021

**Scholarship Appeal**  
Juan Rios, D.S.W., L.C.S.W.  
Assistant Professor of Social Work  
Seton Hall University

Dancing/Close of Program

## *Our Mission*

Inspired by the legacy of Joseph A. Unanue, the Latino Institute at Seton Hall University advances, educates, and transforms students into the next generation of servant leaders in our ever-changing global society.

## *Our Legacy*

The Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute was created through a generous gift from our benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Carmen Ana Unanue. Built on a rich legacy of service to the Seton Hall Latino community, the Joseph A. Latino Institute first had its genesis as the Puerto Rican Institute, founded in the early 1970s.

Back then and now, our Catholic faith leads us as we aim to fulfill two intertwined missions, that of service and scholarship. Through cultural programming, financial aid, mentorship, and professional development, our *Unanue Scholars* transform into leaders prepared for the workforce, compassionate in their service for others, and proud of their Latino American heritage.

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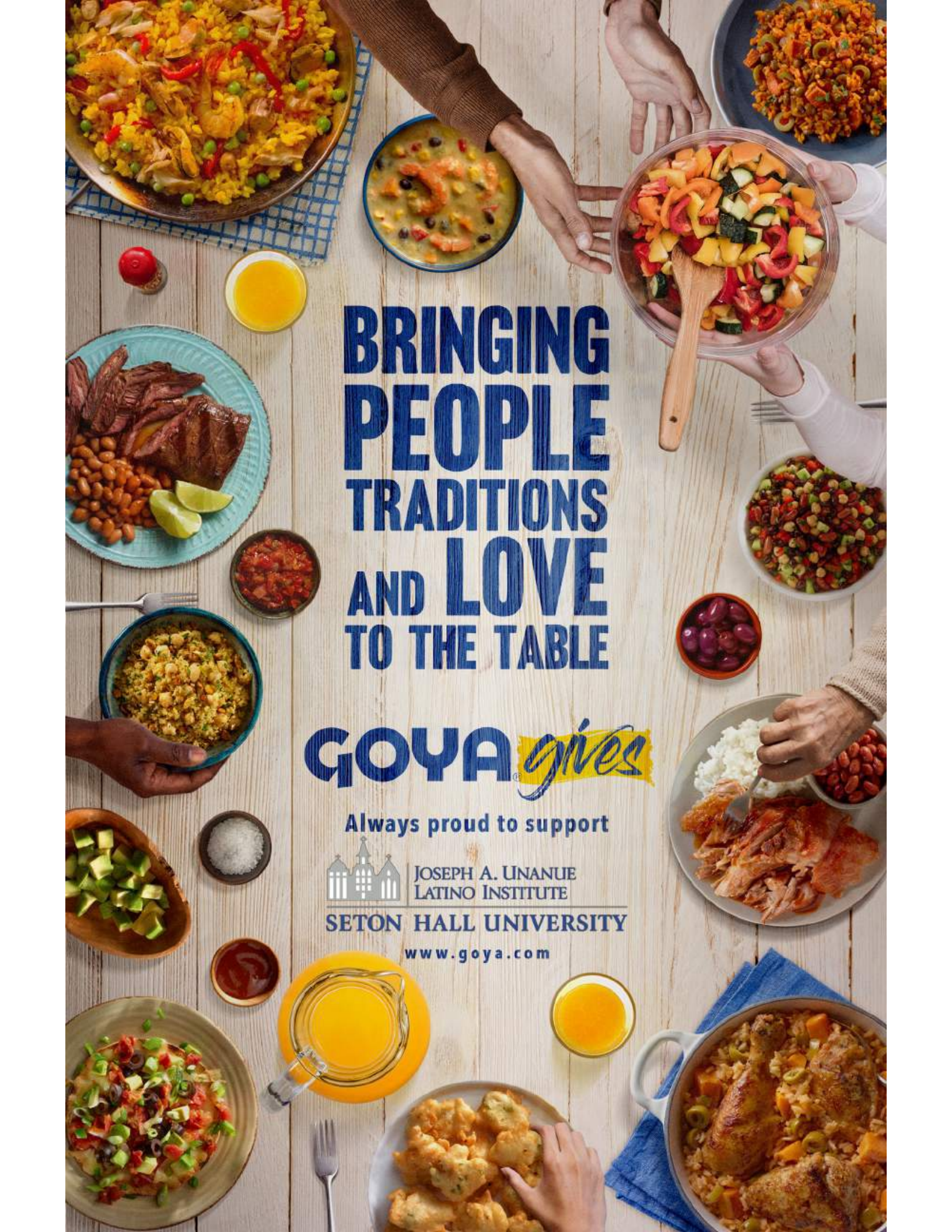
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# ¡Saludos!

On behalf of the Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute, its distinguished Advisory Board, and our dedicated work-study staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to El Caribe 2018!

Tonight is an auspicious occasion as it marks the 44th anniversary of the Puerto Rican Institute's inauguration at Seton Hall University on October 17, 1974. Bolstered by the generosity of our benefactors, the late Joseph Unanue and Carmen Ana Unanue, the Institute endures today as a beacon for Latino student achievement, scholarship, and programs aimed at first-generation college students.

Since the inception of the J.A. Unanue Latino Institute in 2005, we have provided over \$1 million in scholarship aid and hosted nearly 200 lectures, educational programs, field trips, and professional development workshops to our students.

All of these opportunities, including tonight's festivities, would not be possible without the ongoing support of community members serving as sounding boards, connectors, cheerleaders, mentors, volunteers, and donors. To our supporters, thanks for all you do!

# ¡Saludos!

To our closest allies, Gala Co-Chairs Mrs. Maribel Unanue and the Honorable Caridad Rigo, and Janrae Fernandez Belostok, we extend a special thanks for your dedication to El Caribe's success.

To our sponsors, your contributions are invaluable to the growth and sustainability of the Institute. Thank you for investing in our scholars and the future of the Unanue Latino Institute.

Finally, to our gathered friends, family, and talented co-Master of Ceremonies David Novarro and Adriana Vargas, we are grateful for your presence here tonight.

Once again, it brings me great joy to welcome you to El Caribe as we celebrate our past, present, and future impact serving Latino/a students at Seton Hall University. As some say, coincidences mean you're on the right path. I hope you'll agree with me that tonight is a symbolic sign that the J.A. Unanue Latino Institute continues to be on the right path forward.

With deep appreciation,

Stephanie Macias-Arlington, MPA  
Executive Director, J.A. Unanue Latino Institute

# Pirate President

Mary Meehan, Ph.D.  
President, Seton Hall University



Mary Meehan, Ph.D., was appointed interim president of Seton Hall University on March 23, 2017. She is a nationally respected higher education and healthcare leader, as well as a former Seton Hall administrator and University alumna.

Meehan has spent more than 30 years in executive positions at higher education and healthcare institutions, including more than a decade as the first lay president of Alverno College, a leading Catholic women's college in Milwaukee, Wis.

Meehan earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. at Seton Hall, as well as an M.S. in Health Policy and Management from New York Medical College. At Seton Hall, she served as Vice President and Assistant to the President from 1996 to 2001 and as Executive Vice President for Administration from 2001 to 2004.

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She also has an extensive professional healthcare background, having previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, N.J. and as Administrator and CEO of St. Vincent's Medical Center in Harrison, N.Y.

Meehan is a life fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, and is a licensed professional mental health counselor.

Meehan has also served on national boards, most recently the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (Vice Chair), NCAA Presidents Council, Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (Chair), Women's College Coalition and Froedtert Health System.

In addition, she has provided extensive service to the Catholic Church. She chaired the board of the Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology and served on the Review Board for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. She also chaired the Meehan Commission, a national survey of Catholic dioceses' policies regarding allegations of clergy misconduct.

Meehan has been honored with numerous awards, including the prestigious Sacagawea Award from Professional Dimensions, the Thomas More Faithful Servant Award, the Ben Franklin Award, Woman of the Year from Seton Hall University and the Outstanding Professional of the Year by both the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association and the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association.



# Masters of Ceremony

David Novarro  
News Anchor WABC



Emmy Award-winning journalist David Novarro is one of New York's most trusted television news anchors. A native of Manhattan's Lower East Side and Queens, Novarro started his career with Eyewitness News as a college intern and rose through the ranks to become a reporter. During his career, Novarro has covered many notable news stories including the racial profiling case that led to the overhaul of the New Jersey State Police Department and the World Trade Center attack, landing a rare interview with Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, convicted mastermind of the bombing.

Novarro helped launch the Eyewitness News community affairs show "Tiempo," the first public affairs program dedicated to issues of interest to the Hispanic community to air in New York City. He is very proud of his Latino roots and works hard to better his community. Novarro is a graduate of New York University. He is married and is the proud father of son Daniel.

# Masters of Ceremony

Adriana Vargas  
News Anchor Univision 41 Nueva York



Adriana Vargas is an Emmy award-winning Colombian journalist and news anchor for New York's WXTV Univision 41 Nueva York with over 20 years of experience covering major worldwide events and breaking news stories.

From a young age, while still studying Social Communication and Journalism at the Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá (Colombia), she started her career as a journalist and presenter of short news sections for regional channels in Colombia. Adriana's career would go onto include roles at Señal Colombia, Caracol TV news magazine Séptimo Día, RCN TV, Noticias RCN, and opinion news magazine La noche. After briefly serving as spokeswoman and International Media Director for Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, Vargas joined the Univision station. Today she continues to be one of the most recognized and celebrated news anchors in the New York Tri-State area for her nightly role on Noticias Univision 41 at 6pm and 11pm.

# Excelencia Award

Arlene Quiñones Perez  
Partner, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin

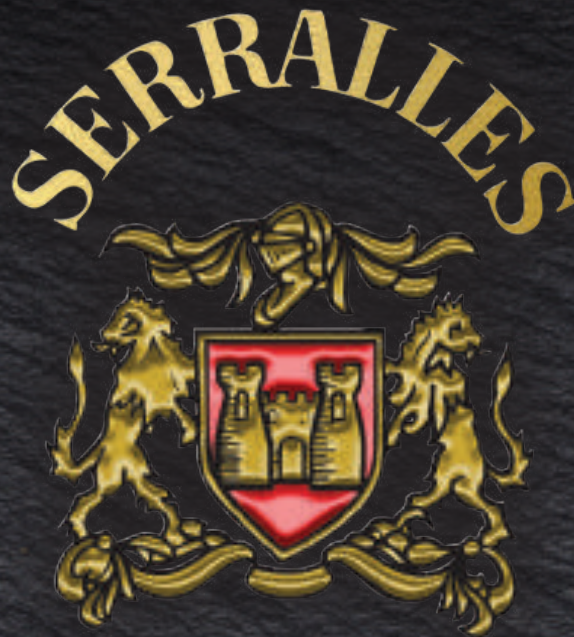


A legal stalwart and dedicated public servant, Arlene concentrates her practice at DeCotiis on Labor & Employment and Education Law.

She also provides her clients with Governmental Affairs services to ensure that they receive adequate guidance on new regulations. Arlene is the Immediate Past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey. She previously served as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Judiciary and the Board of Directors for the Girls Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Arlene was recently featured in the Hispanic Executive Magazine, listed by PoliticsNJ on the 40 Under 40 Power List, as one of New Jersey's top 50 rising stars, and featured in the Star-Ledger as a Person of Interest. In 2009, Arlene received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award.

While in law school, she completed a judicial externship with the Hon. Jose L. Linares, a United States District Judge. After graduating, she served as a Law Clerk in the Appellate Division of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and a Judicial Term Law Clerk to the Hon. Lisa P. Thornton in the Superior Court of New Jersey. A Rutgers graduate, Arlene has served as an Adjunct Professor at New Jersey City University.





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# Magno Award

Ernie Diaz  
EVP, Head of Distribution, TD Bank



An executive with more than 33 years of business acumen in the banking industry, Ernie is responsible for leading consumer distribution network across the footprint - in stores, online, mobile, and ATM.

He also leads TD Wealth in the U.S and was most recently Regional President for TD Bank in Florida. In that role, he was responsible for providing strategic direction and sales leadership to TD Bank's Florida retail, small business, commercial and specialty banking operations and lending services throughout a network of more than 155 stores. Under his leadership, the Florida Market took home J.D. Power trophies for Retail Banking Satisfaction in 2013 and 2016 and Small Business Banking (in the South Region) in 2017.

A long time South Florida resident, Ernie serves on the Orange Bowl Committee; He is immediate past Chair for The Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County's Economic Development partnership and a past chair of the Florida International University School of Business Dean's Council. Ernie has also served as an Executive Board Member of the Latin Builder's Association, and as Regional Judge for The White House Fellowship Program.





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# Humanitario Award

The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Newark



Often said to be the key to the Hispanic Catholic community in Northern NJ, Bishop "Manny," as he is affectionately known, is a prominent spiritual leader and proud Seton Hall "Pirate" alumnus.

Born in Havana, Cuba to the late Juan and Caridad Cruz, Bishop Cruz came to the U.S. in 1966 with his parents, settling in Union City, NJ. Bishop Cruz, a graduate of Seton Hall University, studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, NJ. He was ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Newark on May 31, 1980 -- the first Cuban-born priest ordained in the Archdiocese.

He has served as a member of the Institutional Review Board of several hospitals, as a member of the Ethics Committee of Saint Michael's Medical Center, and as a member of the NJ Catholic Conference's Committee on Ethics, and is a lecturer in neuropathology at UMDNJ. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Cruz Titular Bishop of Gaguari and an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. His episcopal ordination was held on September 8, 2008. Today he serves in the Archdiocese as Regional Bishop of Union County, Vicar for the Archdiocese's Hispanic Apostolate, and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.





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and Lay Faithful  
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*Congratulate*

*Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz.*

AND

*Arlene Quiñones Perez*

*Ernie Diaz*

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