

## **OAS Secretary General awarded 10 influential Hispanics Canadians**

**Winners from nine countries and five provinces, over 300 attendees**  
*Past winners to meet PM Trudeau next year*

**Toronto, December 16, 2016** –His Excellency Luis Almagro Lemes, Secretary General of the Organization States, presented last night the awards at TD Bank’s “10 most influential Hispanic Canadians” 2016. The Hon. Michael Levitt is securing a meeting between past winners and Prime Minister Trudeau sometime between May 1 and July 31, 2017.

TD’s “10 most” is presented by TD Bank with sponsorship from Copa Airlines, the International Language School of Canada, Ryerson University, Seneca College, PwC Canada as social media partner and Telelatino Network Inc. as official media partner. The program is run by the Canadian Hispanic Business Alliance, this year in cooperation with the Canadian Hispanic Congress. The 300+ attendees included 12 ambassadors and consuls, media, entrepreneurs as well as nominees from five provinces representing nine countries of origin. The winners by first name are:

- Dr. Adrian Baranchuk (Arg) President of the International Society of Electrocardiology (2015)
- Dr. Alicia Vilorio-Petit (Ven) Cancer researcher and professor, University of Guelph
- Ana Dominguez (Col) President, Campbell Company of Canada
- Dr. Andres Lozano (Spain) World authority in deep brain stimulation, University of Toronto
- Dr. Antonio Caycedo (Col) Colorectal surgery innovator, HSN scientist
- Eva Martinez (Spa) Vice President, Women in Aerospace Canada
- Dr. Guillermo Rocha (Mex) President, Canadian Ophthalmological Society
- Fr. Hernan Astudillo (Ecu) Priest, musician and humanist, San Lorenzo community Center
- Hon. Joseph Bovard (El S) First and only Hispanic member of the Ontario Court of Justice
- Dr. Julio Montaner (Arg) Director, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

*“At TD, our commitment to diversity is why we invest in the communities we serve. It is also the reason why we are so proud to support these awards that celebrate the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to our social, economic and multicultural fabric”* said **Cecilia Mendez**, Chair of TD Latinos in Leadership. *“Seneca College believes in great examples of success, congratulations to all the winners of the 2016 Hispanic awards”*, said **Renata Freitas**, Regional Manager at Seneca College. **Aldo Di Felice**, Telelatino Network Inc. President noted *“as part of Canada’s most influential multilingual media company, TLN Television and Univision Canada are committed to showcasing the vibrant Latino culture and celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Canadians”*. **Mauricio Ospina**, program creator and real estate professional pointed out: *“The OAS pays homage to our community across the country. Hispanics are Canada’s Creative Class”*.

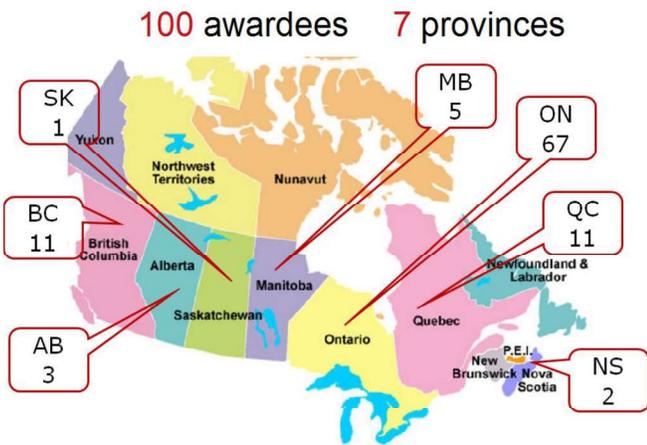
Since 2007, the “10 most influential Hispanic Canadians” recognizes outstanding community members from across Canada. The program, which has been personally recognized by a Prime Minister, has now 100 winners in 7 provinces with a presence in Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Calgary and Toronto. Judges include past winners as well as executives and journalists from the Calgary’s Canada West Foundation, Globe & Mail, National Post, Toronto Star, CBC, Toronto 2015 Pan American Games, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Canadian Council for the Americas, Canadian Aboriginal & Minority Supplier Council, and the North American Association of Asian Professionals.

Over one million Hispanics live in Canada, are five years younger and more likely to be university educated than other Canadians. More than 70 per cent had arrived in the previous 25 years – this according to a Statistics Canada study based on the 2006 census. Spanish is the third most widely spoken language in the country as indicated on a study from the Canadian Foundation for the Americas.

# 10 most influential Hispanics Canadians 2017

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Dr. Adrian Baranchuk, Dr. Alicia Vilorio-Petit, Ana Dominguez, Dr. Andres Lozano, Dr. Antonio Caycedo, Eldy Ampuero (for Dr. Guillermo Rocha, absent), His Excellency Almagro Lemes - OAS, Eva Martinez, Father Hernan Astudillo, Hon. Joseph Bovard and Mauricio Ospina (for Dr. Julio Montaner, absent).



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## Secretario General de la OEA premió a 10 hispanos

### Galardonados de nueve países y cinco provincias, más de 300 asistentes

*Ganadores anteriores se reunirán con Primer Ministro Trudeau en 2017*

**Toronto, Diciembre 16, 2016** – Su Excelencia Luis Almagro Lemes, Secretario General de la Organización de Estados Americanos, presentó anoche los premios TD Bank “10 hispanos de mayor influencia en Canadá” - décima edición. El Hon. Michael Levitt está asegurando reunión entre ganadores anteriores con el Primer Ministro Trudeau entre Mayo 1 and Julio 31 del 2017.

Los premios son presentados por TD Bank bajo el patrocinio de Copa Airlines, International Language School of Canada, Universidad Ryerson, Seneca College, PwC Canada como socio de redes sociales y Teletatino Network Inc. como socio oficial de medios. El programa es manejado por Canadian Hispanic Business Alliance, este año en cooperación con el Congreso Hispano Canadiense. Los 300+ asistentes incluyeron a 12 embajadores y cónsules, prensa, líderes comunitarios y nominados de cinco provincias representando nueve países de origen. Los ganadores por primer nombre son:

- Dr. Adrian Baranchuk (Arg)      Presidente de la Sociedad Internacional de Electro cardiología (2015)
- Dr. Alicia Vilorio-Petit (Ven)      Investigadora de cáncer y profesora, Univerdad de Guelph
- Ana Dominguez (Col)      Presidente, Campbell Company of Canada
- Dr. Andres Lozano (Esp)      Autoridad mundial en estimulación profunda cerebral, U. de Toronto
- Dr. Antonio Caycedo (Col)      Innovador de cirugía colo-rectal, Investigador con HSNT
- Eva Martinez (Esp)      Vice-presidente, Women in Aerospace Canada
- Dr. Guillermo Rocha (Mex)      Presidente, Sociedad Canadiense de Oftalmología
- Fr. Hernan Astudillo (Ecu)      Sacerdote, músico y humanista, Centro Comunitario San Lorenzo
- Hon. Joseph Bovard (El S)      Primer y único hispano en una Corte Suprema de Justicia
- Dr. Julio Montaner (Arg)      Director, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

**Cecilia Méndez**, jefe de TD Latinos in Leadership, afirmó *“en TD, nuestro compromiso con la diversidad es la razón por la cual invertimos en las comunidades a las que servimos. Estamos orgullosos de apoyar estos premios que celebran las ricas contribuciones de hispano-canadienses a nuestro tejido social, económico y multicultural”*. Según **Renata Freitas**, Gerente regional *“Seneca College creer en grandiosos ejemplos de éxito, felicidades a todos los galardonados es estos premios nacionales del 2016”*. **Aldo Di Felice**, presidente de Teletatino Network Inc., anotó *«como parte de la compañía de medios multilingües más influyente de Canadá, TLN Television y Univision Canadá están comprometidos a mostrar la vibrante cultura latina y celebrar las contribuciones de los hispanos canadienses”*. **Mauricio Ospina**, creador del programa y profesional en bienes raíces puntualizó: *“La OEA le ha rendido homenaje a la comunidad en todo el país. Los hispano-parlantes somos la Clase Creativa de Canadá”*.

Desde 2009, el programa “10 hispanos de mayor influencia en Canadá” reconoce a miembros de la comunidad a lo largo y ancho del país. Con 100 galardonados representando 17 países de origen y siete provincias, el programa ha sido reconocido en persona por un Primer Ministro de Canadá teniendo presencia en Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Calgary y Toronto. Jurados incluyen a ganadores anteriores así como ejecutivos y periodistas del Canada West Foundation en Calgary, Globe & Mail, National Post, Toronto Star, CBC, Juegos Panamericanos, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Canadian Aboriginal & Minority Supplier Council, Universidad de Ottawa y la Asociación Norteamericana de Profesionales Asiáticos.

Mas de un millón de hispano-parlantes viven en Canadá, son cinco años más jóvenes y más propensos a tener educación universitaria que otros canadienses. Más del 70% llegaron al país durante los últimos 25 años – esto según un estudio de Estadísticas Canadá basado en el censo del 2006. Español es el tercer idioma más popular en el país de acuerdo a la Fundación Canadiense para las Américas.

## Le Secrétaire général de l'OEA a décerné 10 Hispaniques Canadiens

Récipiendaires de neuf pays et de cinq provinces, plus de 300 participants

*Anciens gagnants pour rencontrer le Premier ministre Trudeau l'année prochaine*

16 Décembre 2016 - Son Excellence Luis Almagro Lemes, Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation des États Américains, a présenté hier soir les prix aux "10 plus influents Canadiens d'origine hispanique" de la Banque TD - 10<sup>ème</sup> édition 2016. L'hon. Michael Levitt assure une rencontre entre les gagnants du passé et le premier ministre Trudeau entre le 1er mai et le 31 juillet 2017.

Les "10 plus" est présenté par la Banque TD en collaboration avec Copa Airlines, l'École internationale de langues du Canada, l'Université Ryerson, le Collège Seneca, PcW Canada en tant que partenaire des médias sociaux et TLN à titre de commanditaire national des médias. Cette année, le programme est géré par l'Alliance commerciale canadienne, en collaboration avec le Congrès hispanique canadien. Les 300+ participants comprenaient 12 ambassadeurs et consuls, des médias, des entrepreneurs, ainsi que des candidats de cinq provinces représentant neuf pays d'origine. Les gagnants par prénom sont:

Dr. Adrian Baranchuk (Arg)	Président de la Société Internationale d'Electrocardiologie (2015)
Dr. Alicia Viloria-Petit (Ven)	Chercheur et professeur de cancer, Université de Guelph
Ana Dominguez (Col)	Président, Compagnie Campbell du Canada
Dr. Andres Lozano (Spa)	L'autorité mondiale dans la stimulation cérébrale profonde, U. de Toronto
Dr. Antonio Caycedo (Col)	Innovateur en chirurgie colorectale, scientifique HSN
Eva Martinez (Spain)	Vice-présidente, Femmes dans l'aérospatiale Canada
Dr. Guillermo Rocha (Mex)	Président, Société canadienne d'ophtalmologie
Fr. Hernan Astudillo (Ecu)	Prêtre, musicien et humaniste, Centre communautaire San Lorenzo
Hon. Joseph Bovard (El S)	Premier et unique membre hispanique de la Cour de justice de l'Ontario
Dr. Julio Montaner (Arg)	Directeur, Centre d'excellence de la Colombie-Britannique pour le VIH/sida

**Cecilia Mendez**, présidente de « TD Latinos in Leadership a déclaré «*Chez TD, notre engagement envers la diversité est la raison pour laquelle nous investissons dans les collectivités que nous desservons. C'est aussi la raison pour laquelle nous sommes fiers de soutenir ces prix qui célèbrent les riches contributions des Hispano-Canadiens à notre tissu social, économique et multiculturel*». **Renata Freitas**, directrice régionale de Seneca College dit «*Seneca College croit en de grands exemples de succès; félicitations à tous les lauréats des prix hispaniques de 2016*». **Aldo Di Felice**, président de Teletatino Network Inc., a noté «Dans le cadre de la société de presse multilingue la plus influente au Canada, TLN Television et Univision Canada sont déterminés à mettre en valeur la culture latino-américaine et à célébrer les contributions des Canadiens hispaniques ». **Mauricio Ospina**, créateur du programme et professionnel immobilier du centre-ville a ajouté: «*L'OEA rend hommage à notre communauté à travers le pays. Les Hispaniques sont la classe créatrice du Canada*».

Depuis 2007, le «10 plus influents Canadiens d'origine hispanique» reconnaît des membres de la communauté qui démontrent l'influence des traditions canadiennes, l'éducation, les réalisations, le bénévolat et / ou l'esprit d'entreprise. Les juges comprennent les 90 derniers gagnants ainsi que les cadres et les journalistes du Globe & Mail, National Post, Toronto Star, CBC, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Conseil canadien pour les Amériques, Canadian Aboriginal & Minority Supplier Council, Diversity Business Network Calgary West Foundation et l'Association nord-américaine des professionnels asiatiques.

Plus d'un million d'Hispaniques vivent au Canada, ont cinq ans de moins et sont plus susceptibles d'avoir des études universitaires que les autres Canadiens. Plus de 70 p. 100 étaient arrivés au cours des 25 dernières années, selon une étude de Statistique Canada fondée sur le recensement de 2006. L'espagnol est la troisième langue la plus parlée dans le pays, comme l'indique une étude de la Fondation canadienne pour les Amériques.

**Dr. Adrian Baranchuk, Expert in sleep apnea and cardiovascular diseases**

Argentina, ON

Argentinian-born and trained Dr. Adrian Baranchuk is an expert in sleep apnea and cardiovascular diseases. He came to Canada in 2003 after spending one year in Spain learning research techniques, and since 2010, has been Associate Professor and Program Director in Electrophysiology at Queen's University.

Adrian has published more than 200 articles, 20 book chapters and presented over 150 abstracts all around the world. His first book, "Atlas of Advanced ECG Interpretation" (2013-UK), represents a large collaboration effort from well-recognized global electrophysiologists.

Volunteerism: At Queen's he has designed several new modalities to get students involved in cardiovascular diseases. In 2007, he created the Electrophysiology Program training; more than 60 doctors and students from Canada, UK, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, Emirates, Pakistan and Ireland have participated.

Adrian founded the Broadcasting ECG Rounds to South-eastern Ontario project (BESO) to allow Ontario physicians to join training sessions in Electrocardiology at Queen's. He is the Director of the Interamerican Society of Cardiology and the International Society of Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology's (ISHNE) University Project. In 2015, he was named President Elect of the International Society of Electrocardiology.

Awards: Faculty of Health Sciences Education Award 2014, one of the most prestigious awards offered by Queen's; Golden Caliper Award in 2014 for his role as educator in Latin American countries; Junior Investigator Award (YEAR) from ISHNE; Clinical Fellow in Electrophysiology at McMaster University (2003), first prize at the 5th Annual EP Fellows Course 2004, Chinchona Award and a grant from MAPFRE Medicina Foundation (Spain 2002).

**Dr. Alicia Vilorio-Petit: Cancer researcher and professor, University of Guelph**

Venezuela, ON

A Guelph University professor since 2009, Dr. Alicia Vilorio-Petit has dedicated 25 years of her life to cancer research and her findings have been cited over 2,000 times. She obtained both her Licentiate in Biology and her Masters in Immunology in her native country of Venezuela. After an internship at the laboratory of Dr. Robert Kerbel -- where she ultimately developed her PhD -- she was recruited to the University of Toronto in 1997. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Institute in Toronto.

Her first publication (1997) is among the American Journal of Pathology's 10 most cited papers (896 citations). It was the first to show that drugs known as EGFR-type kinase inhibitors indirectly inhibit the formation of new blood vessels necessary for solid tumours to grow. This influenced the clinical approval of the HER2-targeting antibody Herceptin, currently used to treat a subset of worldwide breast cancer patients. She was also the first to show the development of acquired resistance against Herceptin-like drugs (350 citations), a phenomenon that was subsequently observed in patients.

Alicia's postdoctoral studies (PNAS, 90 citations) and Cell (302 citations), contributed greatly to our current understanding of how the way cells organize within organs driven by molecules produced by the tumours themselves lead to metastatic tumor dissemination. Her current work pioneers the use of comparative oncology between dogs and humans, as a strategy to accelerate the discovery of new therapeutic targets for metastatic disease, the main cause of death by cancer.

**Ana Dominguez: President, Campbell Company of Canada**

Colombia, ON

As President, Campbell Company Canada (a subsidiary of Campbell Soup Company) Ana Dominguez is likely the only Hispanic leading a multinational brand and a workforce of over 700 employees. Campbell's has been in Canada for 85 years.

She represents her company with the Food and Consumer Products of Canada Board of Governors, is on the Board of Advisors for Catalyst Canada and on the Board of Directors of The Grocery Foundation, focused on addressing child hunger in Ontario. Ana is taking Campbell Canada to a greater level leading a shift with its new marketing campaign, "We All Soup," and successful restaurant pop-up activation "The Cantina by Campbell's" in Toronto.

Ana is an industrial engineer (Los Andes, Colombia) and has an MBA (Schiller University, France). She began her career with Procter & Gamble in Colombia then spent 17 years with SC Johnson Colombia starting out as brand manager for Insect and Floor Care, and most recently as general manager in Canada. Prior to becoming GM in 2011, she led SC Johnson's Puerto Rico and Caribbean operations.

Ana oversees Campbell Canada's community projects including its Help Hunger Disappear® program, where every year Campbell Canada encourages fellow Canadians to donate to food banks. She helps drive Campbell Canada's environmental sustainability initiatives in support of the company's global goal to cut its environmental footprint in half by 2020.

She mentors Hispanics and women, is an active participant in Women of Campbell advising younger leaders and was a judge in Walmart's Green Student Challenge 2013.

**Dr. Andres Lozano: World expert in deep brain stimulation**

Spain, ON

Dr. Andres Lozano is a neurosurgeon-scientist born in Seville, Spain and world expert in deep brain stimulation (DBS), a technique that uses mild electrical current to reset malfunctioning circuits in the brain. He has over 500 manuscripts published and is the most cited neurosurgeon in the world for the 11-year-period from 2002 to 2012 (Thompson Reuters). Andres has trained over 60 international fellows in Functional Neurosurgery, many who have become leaders in their field.

His research team has mapped out previously unexplored areas in the human brain, and these discoveries have led to pioneering new treatments for Parkinson's disease, depression, anorexia and Alzheimer's disease.

Andres received his MD at the University of Ottawa (1983) and neurosurgical training and PhD in Neurobiology at McGill (1990). He received post-doctoral training at Queen Square, UK and in cell and molecular biology in Toronto. He came to Canada at the age of three.

Andres has given nearly 600 lectures around the world. He serves on the board of several international organizations and is a founding member of the scientific advisory board of the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Weston Brain Institute. He has served as President of both the American and World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

Awards: Margolese National Brain Award, Olivecrona medal, Pioneer in Medicine Award, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, Order of Merit of Spain, and the European Academy of Sciences.

**Dr. Antonio Caycedo: Colorectal surgery innovator, HSN scientist**

Colombia, ON

Born in Colombia, Dr. Antonio Caycedo came to Canada in 2004 to impact lives. He is recognized by Canada's medical community and media as a surgery innovator who also volunteers his advanced surgery skills in countries such as Tanzania and Colombia, and still finds time to coach soccer to kids at the district league in Sudbury.

Antonio introduced a now widely used medical technique (TAMIS) to Canada that detects early tumours in the rectum. He was the first to perform advanced colorectal surgery in Northern Ontario (J-pouch reconstruction) for patients with ulcerative colitis. He is one of the few pioneering surgeons performing the transanal mesorectal excision for advanced rectal cancer.

Currently finishing a Masters in Clinical Research, Antonio is actively involved in research and education. He is assistant professor at Northern Ontario School of Medicine, affiliate scientist at HSN Research Institute, and was appointed surgical oncology lead for Cancer Care Ontario in the northeast of the province. He has also developed quality initiatives such as the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery.

Antonio started in Montreal and moved to Ottawa to repeat his general surgery training, followed by a fellowship in colorectal surgery at London's University of Western Ontario. In 2011 he relocated to Sudbury rather than relocating to a larger centre following his dream to help make HSN a top research facility.

He is a fellow at Canada's most important medical institutions and member of the Colombian Society of Surgery.

**Eva Martinez: VP, Women in Aerospace Canada; former Major, Canadian military**

Spain, NS

Born in Spain, Eva Martinez is Vice President of non-profit Women in Aerospace Canada, that expands women's opportunities in the aerospace sector in Canada and globally. She's likely the first Hispanic woman to achieve the rank of Major within the Canadian military (retired 2002).

Eva worked with the militaries in the Americas, and helped with the integration of women into the Chilean and Guatemalan armies. She was Canada's first female military observer as part of a UN mission to Guatemala responsible for overseeing a ceasefire following the 36-year-old civil war.

Eva graduated from the Royal Military College (1993) and the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace (1994). She worked for 11 years at UTC Aerospace Systems Landing Systems, one of the world's largest aerospace suppliers with 42,000 people and \$14 billion in annual sales. Eva also worked as an Aeronautical Engineer in the Royal Canadian Air Force leading the Aircrew Life Support Equipment group.

Eva mentors youth in the Region of Halton, the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and the St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School all-girls FIRST Robotics Team. She has acted as a special advisor to the Spanish-Speaking Education Network helping to represent the interests of the Hispanic community.

Featured in "Esprit de Corps" magazine as one of 20 prominent women in defence (2016) and in Women in Science and Engineering Ontario (2015); Northern Lights award from Canada's most important aerospace companies (2014), Recipient of Halton Industry Education Council Partnership award (2014), named a Canadian Diversity Champion by Women of Influence (2012).

**Dr. Guillermo Rocha: President, Canadian Ophthalmological Society**

Mexico, MB

After 18 years in Canada, Dr. Guillermo Rocha is one of the most influential doctors in the country. He is President Elect of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society representing more than 1,100 ophthalmologists. He is also Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, past President of the Canadian Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery Society and past Head of the Department of Surgery at the Brandon Hospital (2004-2009).

He is past Associate Editor for the international journal Techniques in Ophthalmology and co-Editor of four medical books, along with 60 citations including book chapters, review articles and published studies. Dr. Rocha obtained his Medical Degree at the Universidad Anáhuac (Mexico City), followed by training in microvascular surgery (Mexico and Houston).

He trained in Ophthalmology at Montreal's McGill University with subspecialty training in Ocular Immunology and Inflammation, and Cornea and External Diseases (University of South Florida).

Awards: 1995 Recipient, Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation & Medical Research Council of Canada Resident Research Award; 2001 American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS - San Diego, CA); 2014 Recipient, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba iCare Award; 2015, Top 10 Most Successful Mexicans in Canada, Latinos Magazine.

He has been nationally involved with corneal transplantation efforts and internationally with educational exchange programs with the Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología, Querétaro.

Guillermo currently resides in Brandon, Manitoba. He has been a pioneer in Canada's health care sector with specialized surgeries related to astigmatism, keratoconus, cross-linking, advanced cataract surgery, presbyopia, corneal transplantation, artificial iris and glaucoma.

**Father Hernan Astudillo: Priest, musician, philosopher and humanist**

Ecuador, ON

Ecuadorian-born Father Hernán Astudillo's humanitarian work has impacted the Americas and other parts of the world. He studied philosophy/theology (San Leon Magno, Ecuador) and has a Masters in Theology (University of Toronto, 2015).

In 1992, he fled to Canada as a refugee. Surviving as a subway musician, he was ordained as Canada's first Hispanic Anglican priest and opened San Lorenzo parish in 2000. He founded the San Lorenzo Latin American Community Centre and CHHA 1610 AM, Radio Voces Latinas -- Canada's first ethnic community radio station.

In 2001 Hernán created the Caravan of Hope in response to earthquakes that struck El Salvador, leaving 1.3 million homeless. The caravan drove 6,500 km with five school buses packed with supplies; with \$99,000 raised, the "community of San Lorenzo de Toronto" was built in El Salvador -- and one street was named after him.

For 15 years the Caravan has driven over 90,000 km, donated over 70 school buses and 40 ambulances to Central and South America which are used as health clinics/libraries; donated over \$5 million worth of aid to 18 countries (including Pakistan and Canada) and sponsored two Syrian families.

This year Hernán survived the earthquake in Ecuador and is supporting rebuilding efforts. He is the only Hispanic in the 100 personalities featured in the Toronto Museum Project. He's also been featured in documentaries showcased at Toronto's Hot Docs and in Vancouver and Philadelphia.

Awards include one from the current president of El Salvador and from former Toronto Mayor David Miller.

**Justice Joseph Bovard: First and only Hispanic member of the Ontario Court of Justice**

El Salvador, ON

Hon. Joseph Bovard is the only Hispanic judge ever appointed to a Court of Justice (Ontario, 1989). He sits in Criminal and Family Court in Brampton.

His mother was Salvadorian of Mayan and Spanish descent. Born in Florida, Joseph lived in El Salvador and the US, immigrating to Canada in 1969. He speaks English, Spanish and French.

After his call to the bar (1978), he practiced in Toronto. In 1982, he moved to Baffin Island to work as Director of an Inuit legal services centre in Iqaluit.

From 1987 to 1989, as counsel in the Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario), he developed legal education programs to improve the delivery of legal services to First Nations communities. He was one of the founders of the Gladue Aboriginal Persons Court in Toronto (2001). The Ontario Native Justices of the Peace presented him with an Eagle Feather in recognition of his work (2015).

Joseph received an award from the Kids' Internet Safety Alliance for his work in the area of child pornography (2008). He helped found Toronto's Integrated Domestic Violence Court (2011). He "adopted" a Chilean refugee family, helping them to adjust to life in Toronto (1987) and taught judges in Peru and Chile as part of the National Judicial Institute's international judicial education program. He is an advisor for the NJI's online education programs for the Canadian judiciary.

He was keynote at the Canadian Hispanic Bar Association's Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration (2016) and is frequently interviewed by Canada's mainstream media.

**Dr. Julio S. G. Montaner, world authority on AIDS research and prevention**

Argentina, BC

Julio S. G. Montaner is an Argentinean-Canadian researcher and world authority on AIDS. He is the Director of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Chair in AIDS Research and Head of the Division of AIDS at the University of British Columbia, Director of the John Ruedy Immunodeficiency Clinic, and Program Director for HIV/AIDS PHC, and past-president of the International AIDS Society.

He is known for his work on the discovery of triple therapy as an effective HIV treatment and the creation of the "Treatment as Prevention" strategy.

Julio is the Editor of the BC Centre Therapeutic Guidelines and oversees its Drug Distribution Program. In 2002, he was awarded the \$1 million Distinguished Researcher Award in HIV-1.

In 2010, he received the Avant-Garde Award of \$2.5 million over five years, from the US National Institute on Drug Abuse in support of the "STOP HIV/AIDS" prevention strategy. Julio has authored over 450 publications on HIV/AIDS since the late 1980s.

Awards: Royal Society of Canada Inductee (2009); Order of British Columbia, Doctor of Science Honoris causa - Simon Fraser University, Albert Einstein World Award of Science, Inaugural Aubrey J. Tingle Prize from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Prix Galien Research Award I (all in 2010); UBC Jacob Biely Prize (2011); Grand Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria (2012); Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012); HRF Medal of Honour (2013); Frederic Newton Gibson - Canadian Medical Association (2013); and Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (2015).