

TLN 10 most influential Hispanic Canadians 2025

Keynote and top-notch artistic performance

Toronto, October 24, 2025 – The TLN 10 most Influential Hispanic Canadians were announced last night during a program with amazing food, drinks, and top-notch entertainment at the historic Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery at the Columbus Centre. Since 2007, this program has celebrated over 170 professionals from 18 countries. Presented by TLN Media Group with the Canadian Hispanic Business Alliance, the program has received national recognition from the Globe & Mail, National Post, Toronto Star, and CBC, as it spotlights minority achievements and fosters multiculturalism and unity.

Claudio Rojas, past awardee and President of National Angel Capital Organization (NACO) was the keynote speaker; Sonia Rodriguez, past awardee and Principal Ballerina with the National Ballet of Canada offered a special performance with flamenco/world/rock music guitarist Juan Dino Toledo. Canadian soccer star Jonathan Osorio received a Special Community & Sports Award.

The event was attended by over 200 people including past awardees and Consuls from Spanish speaking countries. Sponsors included Deloitte, Copa Airlines, Connect Education, Grace Foods, Treasure Hills, Villa Charities, Amico Bakery, Bevi Birra, Real Empanada, Halo, Chile Unido, chef Luciano, Agua con Harina, Kasa Frida, Salsa in Toronto, and Univision Canada. The awardees are listed below - bios and pictures follow.

- Ana Santana (Dom Rep/NB): Director, HOLA New Brunswick
- Carlos Paz-Soldan (Peru/ON): President, Techmien Corp., President Emeritus, Hispanotech
- Constanza Safatle (Chile, NF): CEO, Newbornlander
- Eliana Cuevas (Venezuela, ON): Multiple award winner jazz and Latin singer
- Fernanda Vallejo (Ecuador/MB): Founder & Executive Director, Latinas MB
- Dr. Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (Chile/ QC): Canada Research Chair in Observational Astrophysics
- Dr. Marcela Carena (Argentina/ON): Executive Director, Perimeter Institute
- Marilyn Solano (El Salvador/ON): CEO & Founder, ConnectEducation
- Monica Flores (El Salvador, QC): Government Relations & Communications Executive
- Pablo Godoy (Guatemala/ON): Ontario Director, United Food & Commercial Workers union
- * Jonathan Osorio (Colombia/ON): Professional Soccer Player - Community & Sports Champion Award

Melissa Rosado and Paola Marino, National Co-leaders of Deloitte Latin American Community said *"at Deloitte, we believe our strength lies in our people and the diverse perspectives they bring. Our mission is to contribute and continue supporting the commitment to attracting, developing, and empowering exceptional talent from all backgrounds. By fostering an inclusive culture and enhancing cultural awareness where Latin professionals can thrive, we not only enrich our own teams but also drive greater innovation and value for our clients and Canada's Latin American community at large"*

Laura Marin, Sales Manager Canada for **Copa Airlines** added: *"Copa Airlines, celebrating over 77 years as a leader in the Americas, proudly congratulates this year's winners and honors its daily connection between the vibrant Hispanic communities of Toronto and Montreal and 55+ destinations across Latin America and the Caribbean"*.

TLN 10 most influential Hispanic Canadians now boasts 170 awardees from 18 countries in 6 provinces. The program has been personally recognized by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Prime and Cabinet Ministers, and the Parliament of Canada – among others. It raised \$230,000 in scholarships for the community, and locked in business and housing opportunities during the 2015 Pan American Games. For more information, please visit www.tln.ca/top10/ and/or www.HispanicBusiness.ca

10 hispano-canadienses más influyentes de TLN 2025

Intervención y actuación artística de primera clase

Toronto, 24 de octubre de 2025 – Los 10 hispanos canadienses más influyentes de TLN fueron anunciados anoche durante un programa con entretenimiento de primer nivel en la histórica Galería de Arte Joseph D. Carrier en el Columbus Centre. Desde 2007, este programa ha galardonado a más de 170 profesionales de 18 países. Presentado por TLN Media Group con la Alianza Empresarial Hispana Canadiense, el programa ha recibido reconocimiento nacional de Globe & Mail, National Post, Toronto Star y CBC, destacando logros de las minorías, y fomentando el multiculturalismo y la unidad.

Claudio Rojas, ex premiado y presidente de la Organización Nacional Angel Capital (NACO), fue el orador principal; Sonia Rodríguez, ex premiada y bailarina principal del Ballet Nacional de Canadá, ofreció una actuación especial con el guitarrista de flamenco/música mundial/rock Juan Dino Toledo. La estrella del fútbol canadiense Jonathan Osorio recibió un Premio Especial de Deportes.

El evento fue atendido por más de 200 personas. Los patrocinadores incluyeron a Deloitte, Copa Airlines, Connect Education, Grace Foods, Treasure Hills, Villa Charities, Amico Bakery, Bevi Birra, Real Empanada, Halo, Chile Unido, chef Luciano, Agua con Harina, Kasa Frida, Salsa in Toronto y Univision Canadá. Los galardonados van a continuación - biografías e imágenes más adelante.

- Ana Santana (Dom Rep/NB): Director, HOLA New Brunswick
- Carlos Paz-Soldan (Peru/ON): Presidente, Techmien Corp., President Emeritus, Hispanotech
- Constanza Safatle (Chile, NF): CEO, Newbornlander
- Eliana Cuevas (Venezuela, ON): Cantante de jazz y música latina con múltiples premios
- Fernanda Vallejo (Ecuador/MB): Fundadora y directora ejecutiva, Latinas MB
- Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (Chile/ QC): Catedrática de Investigación para Canadá en Astrofísica
- Dr. Marcela Carena (Argentina/ON): Directora ejecutiva, Perimeter Institute
- Marilyn Solano (El Salvador/ON): CEO & Founder, ConnectEducation
- Monica Flores (El Salvador, QC): Ejecutiva de relaciones gubernamentales
- Pablo Godoy (Guatemala/ON): Director de Ontario, United Food & Commercial Workers union
- ***Jonathan Osorio (Colombia/ON): Jugador del equipo de fútbol de Canadá – campeón deportivo

Melissa Rosado y Paola Marino, colíderes nacionales, comunidad Latinoamericana de **Deloitte**, dijeron. *"En Deloitte, creemos que nuestra fortaleza radica en nuestra gente y sus diversas perspectivas. Nuestra misión es fomentar una cultura inclusiva, mejorar la conciencia cultural donde los profesionales latinos pueden prosperar, enriquecer nuestros propios equipos e impulsar innovación y valor para nuestros clientes y la comunidad latinoamericana".*

Laura Marín, Gerente de Ventas de **Copa Airlines** en Canadá, añadió: *"Copa Airlines, que celebra más de 77 años como líder en las Américas, felicita con orgullo a los ganadores de este año y honra su conexión diaria entre las vibrantes comunidades hispanas de Toronto y Montreal y más de 55 destinos en América Latina y el Caribe".*

Los '10 hispanos de mayor influencia en Canadá' cuenta con más de 170 galardonados de 18 países de origen en 6 provincias. El programa ha sido reconocido personalmente por el secretario general de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, primeros ministros, ministros del gabinete, alcaldes y el Parlamento de Canadá. también ha recaudado \$230,000 en becas para la comunidad, elevando al tiempo el perfil de la comunidad, y asegurando oportunidades comerciales y de vivienda durante los Juegos Panamericanos de 2015. Mas información en www.tln.ca/top10/ y www.HispanicBusiness.ca.

10 Hispaniques les plus influents au Canada TLN 2025

Keynote et performance artistique de premier ordre

Toronto, le 24 octobre 2025 – Les 10 Canadiens hispaniques les plus influents du TLN ont été annoncés hier soir lors d'un programme comprenant de la nourriture, des boissons et des divertissements de premier ordre à la galerie d'art historique Joseph D. Carrier du Columbus Centre. Depuis 2007, ce programme a célébré plus de 170 professionnels de 18 pays. Présenté par TLN Media Group en collaboration avec la Canadian Hispanic Business Alliance, le programme a reçu une reconnaissance nationale du Globe & Mail, du National Post, du Toronto Star et de CBC, car il met en lumière les réalisations des minorités et favorise le multiculturalisme et l'unité.

Claudio Rojas, ancien lauréat et président de la National Angel Capital Organization (NACO) était le conférencier principal; Sonia Rodriguez, ancienne lauréate et ballerine principale du Ballet national du Canada, a offert une performance spéciale avec le guitariste flamenco/world/rock Juan Dino Toledo. La star canadienne du football Jonathan Osorio a reçu un prix spécial pour les sports. L'événement a réuni plus de 200 personnes. Les sponsors comprennent Deloitte, Copa Airlines, Connect Education, Grace Foods, Treasure Hills, Villa Charities, Amico Bakery, Bevi Birra, Real Empanada, Halo, Chile Unidos, le chef Luciano, Agua con Harina, Kasa Frida, Salsa à Toronto et Univision Canada. Les lauréats suivent - biographies et images ci-dessous.

- Ana Santana (Représentante nationale/NB) : directrice, HOLA Nouveau-Brunswick
- Carlos Paz-Soldan (Pérou/ON) : Président, Techmien Corp., Président émérite, Hispanotech
- Constanza Safatle (Chili, NF) : PDG de Newbornlander
- Eliana Cuevas (Venezuela, ON) : chanteuse de jazz et latine plusieurs fois primée
- Fernanda Vallejo (Équateur/MB) : fondatrice et directrice exécutive, Latinas MB
- Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo (Chili/QC) : Chaire de recherche du Canada en astrophysique
- Dre Marcela Carena (Argentine/ON) : directrice exécutive, Perimeter Institute
- Marilyn Solano (El Salvador/ON) : PDG et fondatrice, ConnectEducation
- Monica Flores (El Salvador, QC) : responsable des relations gouvernementales
- Pablo Godoy (Guatemala/ON) : directeur ontarien du syndicat United Food & Commercial Workers
- *Jonathan Osorio (Colombie/ON) : Joueur de football - Prix du champion communautaire et sportif

« Chez **Deloitte**, nous croyons que notre force réside dans nos gens et dans les diverses perspectives qu'ils apportent. Notre mission est de favoriser une culture inclusive, d'améliorer la sensibilisation culturelle là où les professionnels latino-américains peuvent s'épanouir, d'enrichir nos propres équipes, et également de générer plus d'innovation et de valeur pour nos clients et la communauté latino-américaine du Canada dans son ensemble. » Melissa Rosado et Paola Marino, co-leaders nationaux, Communauté latino-américaine de Deloitte.

Laura Marín, directrice des ventes de **Copa Airlines** au Canada, a ajouté : « *Copa Airlines, qui célèbre plus de 77 ans en tant que dirigeant des Amériques, est heureuse d'organiser les gangs de cette année et honore sa connexion quotidienne entre les vibrantes communautés hispaniques de Toronto et de Montréal et plus de 55 destinations en Amérique Latine et les Caraïbes* ».

Le TLN 10 Canadiens hispaniques les plus influents compte désormais 170 lauréats provenant de 18 pays dans 6 provinces. Le programme a été personnellement reconnu par le secrétaire général de l'Organisation des États américains, le premier ministre et les ministres du Cabinet ainsi que le Parlement du Canada, entre autres. Il a permis de recueillir 230 000 \$ en bourses d'études pour la communauté et de garantir des opportunités d'affaires et de logement pendant les Jeux panaméricains de 2015. Plus d'informations sur www.HispanicBusiness.ca et www.tln.ca/top10/.

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CLASS OF 2025



ANA SANTANA



CARLOS PAZ-SOLDAN



CONSTANZA SAFATLE



ELIANA CUEVAS



FERNANDA VALLEJO



JULIE HLAVACEK-
LARRONDO



DR. MARCELA CARENA



MARILYN SOLANO



MONICA FLORES



PABLO GODOY



JONATHAN OSORIO



ANA SANTANA (Dominican Republic/NB): Director, HOLA New Brunswick

Ana Santana immigrated to Canada in 2015. Recognizing the need for stronger social safety nets to support newcomers in New Brunswick, she partnered with Hola NB to create the largest network of Latin American volunteers in Maritime Canada. Today, Hola volunteers are active in eight provinces. Ana spearheaded the initiative that ended discriminatory practices excluding immigrant children from public education in NB, mapped service gaps for asylum seekers, developed host networks for those denied shelter, and currently assists vulnerable Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) in securing open work permits. She has contributed her community's experiences to the province's first report on systemic racism, served on the inaugural nominations committee of the New Brunswick Multicultural Council (NBMC), and participated in the UN Special Rapporteur's fact-finding mission on modern forms of slavery. In 2023, she engaged with the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology regarding TFWs, and in 2024 coordinated a dialogue in NB between TFWs and the Mexican Consulate's Office of Protection. Ana has been a panelist on racial justice, coloniality, and equity for the Canadian Network for Equity and Racial Justice; on TFWs for NBMC and Women's Equality organizations; and on asylum seekers for the Newcomer Integration Committee of the Government of New Brunswick. In 2024, she ran for MLA in NB's Electoral District 21 to inspire future immigrant-background candidates. Her work has positively impacted over 3,000 economic immigrants, migrant workers, and asylum seekers in Canada.

CARLOS PAZ-SOLDAN (Peru/ON): President, Techmien Corp; President Emeritus, Hispanotech.ca

Originally from Perú, Carlos came to Canada in 1980 with a BSc Degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering in Lima and earned his MBA degree from the University of Toronto in 1984. In 1984, he founded Tenet Computer Group Inc., a Toronto-based I.T. infrastructure and solutions company, and expanded operations in Montréal, Ottawa and West Africa, growing it to sales of \$36M and 65 staff. In a successful exit in 2016, Carlos sold his equity in Tenet Computer Group while retaining ownership of the software division to launch Techmien Corp., which develops AI-enhanced workflow solutions. Carlos is also an active volunteer and participant in the Hispanic community with national impact; among his most notable volunteer activities and as Director and President of Hispanotech.ca from 2018 to 2025, Carlos helped create Hispanotech's Mentorship Program which has run every year since 2015 and has helped over 500 immigrant professionals. Founded in 2008, Hispanotech is easily the most important Hispanic STEM association in Canada, with over 6000 members. Besides continuing as Director of Hispanotech.ca, Carlos also volunteers as Director of Alma Children's Education Foundation (dedicated to improving education in Peru and Bolivia) and founder of Canada Welcome Hub. He also participated in technology advisory boards, including at George Brown College and Centennial College, and in North American advisory groups for several technology corporations. Carlos is also an active member and supporter of several Hispanic organizations in Canada, including the Toronto Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Hispanic Latin American Virtual Museum (CHLAVM).

CONSTANZA SAFATLE (Chile/NL): Owner & CEO, Newbornlander

Constanza Safatle is the Founder and CEO of Newbornlander, a social enterprise based in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Born in Chile, she immigrated to Canada—an experience that shaped her passion for inclusion, economic empowerment, and ethical business. Constanza launched Newbornlander in 2016 from her home. Today, it is a national brand recognized for its handmade baby accessories and for creating meaningful opportunities for refugee women. Newbornlander is the first private company in Newfoundland and Labrador to offer a formal settlement employment program that integrates English training, sewing instruction, and paid work, all within one supportive environment. Having learned a new language and rebuilt her life in a new country, Constanza understands the challenges newcomer women face. Her work focuses on creating spaces where women feel empowered, included, and valued—not just as employees, but as leaders in their own lives. In 2025, Constanza represented Canada at the G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance in Brazil and was named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Business in Atlantic Canada. Constanza believes that business can—and should—be a tool for social change. Through Newbornlander, she remains committed to building a future where inclusion is not just an ideal but an everyday practice, and where economic opportunity is accessible to all.

ELIANA CUEVAS (Venezuela/ON): Multiple award winner jazz and Latin singer

Hailed as “a major international talent that's on its way” by the Toronto Star, Venezuelan vocalist Eliana Cuevas performs dynamic songs that defy expectations of Latin music. Eliana is currently based in Toronto, Ontario. She has toured across Canada and abroad collaborating with Juno and Grammy Award-winning performers, and she has released 7 albums of original Latin music under her name: Cohesión (2001), Ventura (2004) Vidas (2007), Espejo (2013), Golpes y Flores (2017), El Curruchá (2021) and, most recently, Seré Libre (2023). Seré Libre marks a debut recording with the Angel Falls Orchestra — a new musical entity featuring some of the best and most versatile classical musicians in Canada — arranged, conducted, and produced by Juno Award-winning pianist Jeremy Ledbetter. Eliana Cuevas has a new project in the works. She's preparing to release Mi Pequeña a new album with Grammy Award-winning cuatro player Jorge Glem. A project featuring Venezuela's national instrument in a captivating intimate setting, showcasing an original take on Venezuelan folkloric music and produced by Juno Award winning pianist Jeremy Ledbetter. This album will be the eighth entry in Eliana's impressive and eclectic discography. She has never been constrained by genre boxes in her songwriting, drawing freely from jazz, Latin, folk and world music elements, and her eclectic discography has brought her multiple wins at the National Jazz Awards, Toronto Independent Music Awards, Canadian Folk Music Awards, and the Independent Music Awards in the US.

FERNANDA VALLEJO (Ecuador/MB): Founder & Executive Director, Latinas Manitoba Inc.

Maria Fernanda Vallejo is an Ecuadorian-born community leader and founder & executive director of Latinas Manitoba Inc., a nonprofit originating in 2020 as a Facebook group and now supporting Winnipeg's Latin American women, newcomers, and families through free and low-cost programs. She has provided critical support over the past five years in areas like food security, navigating health systems, intimate partner violence awareness, job skills workshops, Zumba wellness gatherings, and social-resilience network building. Fernanda overcame personal adversity, including surviving intimate partner violence, which fuels her mission to empower women facing similar challenges. Originally from Quito, Ecuador, she moved to Winnipeg

in 2011. She has a background in hospitality, gastronomy, martial arts instruction, and hotel & restaurant management—a diverse experience she applies to her nonprofit and advocacy work. Her community impact has earned her recognition as a Top 75 finalist in the Canadian Top 25 Awards for three consecutive years (2023–2025), and she is a Women Empowerment Awards (WEYA) nominee. She also received a Member's Statement at the Manitoba Legislative Assembly on April 13, 2025. Through volunteer media work—hosting programs on U Multicultural TV and participating in radio and public-speaking events—Fernanda amplifies immigrant voices, promotes Latina excellence, and continues building cross-cultural bridges across Canada.

DR. JULIE HLAVACEK-LARRONDO (Chile/QC): Canada Research Chair in Observational Astrophysics

As a proud Hispanic woman in physics (one of the least diverse scientific fields) Dr. Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo exemplifies leadership, excellence, and impact. She is a tireless advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), driven by her lived experience and commitment to creating change. She co-founded the EDI committee of the Canadian Astronomical Society and, in 2015, established Université de Montréal's first departmental EDI committee, earning the Inaugural Rectors Diversity Award and sparking institution-wide reforms. In 2021, she launched Parité sciences, a landmark initiative advancing gender equity in STEM. Under her leadership, it has trained over 1,000 teachers (reaching 85% of CEGEPs), partnered with the Quebec government to develop a self-training course, and created a digital EDI toolbox with 100+ resources. In just three years, Parité sciences secured \$1M in funding, became a finalist for the 2022 Rectors Diversity Award, and was showcased by Nature for its national impact. Dr. Hlavacek-Larrondo is also a powerful voice in science communication and Hispanic representation. She has appeared on Tout le monde en parle, Science Friday (USA), BBC News, and Les grands entretiens, and was recruited as a regular contributor on Radio Canada's Moteur de recherche. She has delivered keynote talks for NASA, the Royal Society of Canada, and Canadian youth, often highlighting the importance of inclusion in science. In 2023, she was named one of Quebec's 20 leading women scientists and featured in the Les chercheuses en BD exhibition's continuing to inspire the next generation, especially young women and Hispanic students in STEM.

DR. MARCELA CARENA (Argentina/ON): Executive Director, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics

Since 2024, Dr. Marcela Carena is Executive Director of Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Ontario – one of the world's largest theoretical physics research hubs. Dr. Carena is a globally renowned expert in particle physics and the first woman to lead Perimeter. Prior to taking this position she was Director of the Theory Division at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab), and she is a physics professor at the University of Chicago. Dr. Carena studied engineering at Instituto Tecnológico Buenos Aires, philosophy at the University of Buenos Aires, and physics at the Instituto Balseiro in Bariloche, Argentina. She received her PhD from the University of Hamburg in 1989, and in 1993 she was a John Stuart Bell Fellow at CERN in Switzerland. Dr. Carena is a member of the Council of Canadian Academies' panel on enhancing Canada's national research infrastructure and Chair of the American Physical Society (APS) Forum on International Physics. She represented the US at the first community exercise for the Latin American Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructure in High Energy, Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics. She has served on several international scientific advisory panels, including Canada's NSERC, and the Serrapilheira Institute and the ICTP South American Institute for Fundamental Research in Brazil, and she is a member of Argentina's Academia Nacional de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales. In 2022 Dr. Carena was honoured as a US Office of Science Distinguished Scientist Fellow for leadership and influential contributions to particle physics and promoting Latin American participation in US-hosted experiments.

MARILYN SOLANO (El Salvador/ON): CEO & Founder, Connect Education

Marilyn is a unifying force in Canadian society: a mom, entrepreneur, and mentor whose influence radiates through everything she does. Passionate about building bridges, she brings together people from diverse backgrounds, creating inclusive spaces where all voices are heard and celebrated. Her impact in education is marked by a commitment to equity, inspiring both students and teachers to embrace cultural understanding and collaboration. As a mentor, she is especially dedicated to empowering young women, guiding them with empathy and encouragement to become confident, purpose-driven leaders - always with a focus on community upliftment. An accomplished entrepreneur, Marilyn founded Connect Education, a purpose-led venture that blends tech innovation with social responsibility. Her ability to turn vision into action has earned her widespread recognition. Through public speaking, outreach, and mentorship, she continues to be a trusted voice in Canada's mainstream dialogue on leadership and inclusion. Marilyn is more than a leader- she's a connector, a changemaker, a role model and a great friend who turns community into family and dreams into movements.

MONICA FLORES (El Salvador/QC): Executive, Government Affairs and Communications

Monica Flores is a communications and government relations executive who has worked in Canada and internationally. She aims to have an impact in Canadian society by elevating leaders from diverse communities. She is the co-founder of the Canadian Latin American Women Executive Network and former Secretary General of the International Women's Forum (Montreal). Monica has been a guest speaker at events that seek to empower the community, including the launch of the ALPFA (Association of Latin Professionals of America) in Montreal, Hispanic Heritage month panels at the City of Montreal and Deloitte Canada and Groupe 3737. In 2023, Monica was a finalist in the Quebec Women's Business Network (Réseau de Femmes d'Affaires du Québec) annual awards where she was recognized as a Leader of Influence committed to the community. In 2024 and 2025, she was selected to participate in the prestigious Banff Forum, a by invitation-only conference that brings together Canadian leaders to discuss the current and critical themes of our day. Monica has given back to the community on various boards and executive committees with McGill University, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Foundation (Women of Influence Circle), the Montreal Children's Hospital and the École des Hautes Études Commerciales Foundation. Monica holds an M.B.A. from HEC Montreal and a B.A. from McGill University. She is a graduate of the non-profit and corporate board director programs at the Institute of Corporate Directors (Rotman School of Management, U of T), where she received the RBC Foundation and ICD Diversity scholarships.

PABLO GODOY (Guatemala/ON): Ontario Regional Director, UFCW Canada

Pablo Godoy is a nationally recognized labour and migrant justice leader whose work has transformed the rights and dignity of Canada's most vulnerable workers. Born in Guatemala and raised in Toronto, he serves as Director of Emerging Sectors and Ontario Regional Director for UFCW Canada, leading bold campaigns for migrant and app-based workers that have delivered safer conditions, fair wages, and pathways to permanent residency. As Executive Vice President of the United Latinos, Pablo advances protections for immigrant workers across North America. Earlier, he founded Students Against Migrant Exploitation (SAME), mobilizing thousands to demand justice for migrant workers. Internationally, he has negotiated groundbreaking agreements with Mexican State governments and agencies to safeguard workers from exploitation and connect them with education, healthcare, and social services. In 2024, Pablo secured historic victories: organizing 450 farm workers in British Columbia—the largest farm-worker union win in Canadian history; advancing first-of-its-kind legislation for app-based workers; and unionizing nearly 1,000 Uber drivers, making them the first app-based workers in Canada to unionize. A sought-after voice in national media and global forums, Pablo bridges grassroots activism and policy change. His leadership has been recognized with the Minority Coalition's 2024 Spirit Award in Washington, D.C., and by the Ontario Federation of Labour. Board/Advisory Roles: Latin American Trade Unionists Coalition (Co-Founder), OFL (Board Member), Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples (Board Member), Global Labour Research Centre (Community Associate), Readocracy (Labour Advisor). Pablo's dedication turns worker struggles into landmark victories—reshaping Canada's labour movement and inspiring action far beyond its borders.

JONATHAN OSORIO (Colombia/ON): Canada Team Soccer Player - Special award, Sports

Of Colombian descent, Jonathan Osorio is a Canadian professional soccer player who plays as a midfielder for Major League Soccer club Toronto FC, which he captains, and the Canada national team. Osorio holds the Toronto FC club record for most appearances. He also made three appearances for Canada at the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Osorio's parents are Colombian. He began playing soccer with the Brampton Youth Soccer at age 10. Osorio has been with TFC first team since 2013. He began training with the Toronto FC Academy in September 2012. On April 24, 2022, in a regular-season match against New York City FC, Osorio reached 300 appearances for Toronto, becoming the first player ever to do so for the club. In December 2022, Toronto announced Osorio had agreed to a new three-year contract, with an option for 2026. In March 2023, it was revealed his contract made him a Designated Player under Major League Soccer's salary cap rules. He was named club captain before the 2024 season. In June 2023, Osorio was named to Canada's 23-man squad contesting the 2023 CONCACAF Nations League Finals. On June 19, he was called-up to the squad for the 2023 CONCACAF Gold Cup. In June 2024, Osorio was named to Canada's squad for the 2024 Copa América.

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