EINSTEIN CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Throughout September at Einstein, we’re thrilled to celebrate people of Hispanic background who’ve made their community proud. Whether it’s a member of Einstein’s staff, or someone more universally known, please join us in acknowledging the important accomplishments of people of Hispanic descent. Thankfully, there are so many to choose from. Here are a few who continue to inspire us by making the world a better place:

SONIA MARIA SOTOMAYOR

COURTING SUCCESS

Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States

A Bronx native, Sonia Sotomayor made history in 2009 when the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. She is the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice and the third woman to become an associate justice of the Supreme Court. In addition to her positions on the bench, Justice Sotomayor also taught at Columbia Law School and New York University of Law. In 2017, Einstein was fortunate to have her address students in its pipeline programs during a visit to her home borough.

JUAN C. ROBLES, M.D.

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

Assistant Professor, Family and Social Medicine; Attending in Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore

A 2011 graduate of the College of Medicine, Dr. Robles is currently an attending physician at Montefiore and assistant professor of family and social medicine at Einstein. A 2014 graduate and chief resident of the Family Medicine Residency Training Program, he also has been recognized for his outstanding commitment to improving the Bronx community and contributing to global health. In 2017, Dr. Robles was awarded a $1 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to support his work with the Bronx Community Health Leaders, a pipeline program he co-founded in 2014. Its goals are to provide guidance to Bronx students pursuing healthcare careers and to create a more inclusive workforce dedicated to underserved communities.

MARIO J. GARCIA, M.D.

LEADING CARDIOLOGIST

Professor of Medicine; of Radiology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Chief, Division of Cardiology and Co-Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care; Pauline Levitt Chair in Medicine, Montefiore

An internationally renowned leader in the development and clinical advancement of cardiac diagnostic technology, including cardiac CAT, echocardiography and cardiac magnetic resonance imaging, Dr. Garcia’s pioneering work with CAT coronary angiography has influenced the establishment of a new standard of care. The short film “Corazon,” produced by Montefiore, and which premiered at the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival, is based on Dr. Garcia’s efforts to save the life of a woman dying of heart disease in his native Dominican Republic.

ANA MARIA CUERVO, M.D., PH.D.

EXPERT IN AUTOPHAGY AND AGING RESEARCH

Professor of Developmental and Molecular Biology; of Anatomy and Structural Biology; of medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Co-director, Institute for Aging Research, Einstein; Robert and Erina Belfer Chair for the Study of Neurodegenerative Diseases, Einstein

Dr. Cuervo is considered a leader in the field of autophagy (the natural process by which unnecessary cells in the body are destroyed to assure proper functioning) and in furthering our understanding of the molecular biology of aging. Among her numerous accolades, Dr. Cuervo was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2018, an honor that recognizes exceptional scholars, leaders, artists and innovators in a range of fields and disciplines.

MARIO JOSÉ MOLINA-PASQUEL HENRÍQUEZ

PIONEER IN ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY

Former Institute Professor, Massachusetts Institute Technology (1989 to 2004)

Dr. Molina was co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry—and the first Mexican-born citizen to receive such recognition. The award recognized his pivotal role in the discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole, which also clarified the threat that chlorofluorocarbon gases, or CFCs, pose to the Earth’s ozone layer. He is a climate policy advisor to the president of Mexico and was named by our own President Barack Obama to form a transition team on environmental issues. He has received more than 30 honorary degrees and an asteroid is named in his honor.

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