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The National Hispana Leadership Institute Opens the 3rd Annual Rising Star Awards Nominations

Washington, D.C. -- The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), the nation's premier leadership organization for Latinas, announced the opening of nominations for the 25th Anniversary Rising Star Awards.

The National Hispana Leadership Institute will recognize three Latina Leaders under the age of 30 for their achievements and community leadership. The award will be given to young Latina leaders who have achieved significant professional accomplishments and serve as exceptional role models to other young Hispanic women.

The 2011 Rising Star Awards recipients were Elisa Perez, Early Childhood Teacher for the District of Columbia Public Schools, and Ivet Santiago, Executive Director for Nevada Child Seekers.

National Hispana Leadership Institute

Founded in 1987, NHLI is the nation's premiere training institution exclusively dedicated to Latina leadership training. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, NHLI has developed into a major success story and has become a key player in forging leaders serving America today. Learn more at www.nhli.org and connect with us on [twitter.com/#!/NHLI](https://twitter.com/NHLI), facebook.com/nationalhispanaleadershipinstitute, and youtube.com/user/NHLI1

Notes for Editors

The Rising Star Awards:

Since 2008, NHLI's Annual Rising Star Awards have recognized young Latina Leaders for their accomplishments and community Leadership.

Criteria:

- Young Latinas under 30 who have been touched by NHLI or NHLI alumnae (i.e. participated in NHLI programs, mentored by NHLI alumnae, volunteered for program or organization connected to NHLI, etc.)
- Have achieved exceptional accomplishments.
- Serves as an outstanding role model to other young Latinas.

Nomination Form: <http://www.nhli.org/forms/2012risingstarnominations>

Award Ceremony: The 2012 Rising Star Awardees will be honored at the Rising Star Breakfast to be held at the Executive Leadership Training Conference and Mujer Awards on December 10-11, 2012 in Washington, DC.

Nomination Period: June 25 – July 31, 2012

Nominations are open to the public.