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**FIFTEEN AREA LATINO STUDENTS AWARDED MORE THAN \$20,000  
IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

***Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of the Philadelphia Region, Inc. Announces the  
2009 Ronald McDonald House Charities®/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational  
Resources (HACER) Scholarship Recipients***

**PHILADELPHIA, March 23** – Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of the Philadelphia Region is proud to announce the 15 local Latino high school seniors who will each receive a 2009 RMHC/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources (HACER) college scholarship. (See attached winners list.)

“McDonald’s and RMHC are proud to recognize this year’s HACER winners as distinguished role models within the Latino community,” said Rosa Rosado, President of the Philadelphia Hispanic McDonald’s Owner/Operator Association. “McDonald’s and RMHC strongly support education initiatives in the Greater Philadelphia Region and hope to inspire more students to pursue their dreams of attaining a higher level of education.”

The students will be recognized at a special awards celebration on Tuesday, May 12, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Down Town Club in Philadelphia. The evening will feature live music and dance performances.

Winner selection is based on academic achievement, community service and financial need. Since 1995, more than \$200,000 in HACER scholarships has been awarded to students in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

RMHC of the Philadelphia Region, Inc., is dedicated to supporting programs that improve the lives of children and families. RMHC “lifts children to a better tomorrow” through scholarship programs for high school seniors; the Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey and Delaware Ronald McDonald Houses; the St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children Ronald McDonald Care Mobile; and grants to not-for-profit organizations.

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## Ronald McDonald House Charities®/ HACER® 2009 Scholarship Recipients

**Milagros Adorno**

Fairhill Community High School  
Philadelphia

**Carlos Alonzo**

Woodbury Jr. Sr. High School  
Woodbury, NJ

**Cristina Cabrera**

Moorestown Friends School  
Moorestown, NJ

**Lucio Campanur**

Reading High School  
Reading, Pa.

**Alejandra Hand**

Rancocas Valley Regional High School  
Mt. Holly, NJ

**Lucero Hernandez Almanza**

Kennett High School  
Kennett Square, Pa.

**Vanessa Herrera**

Esperanza Academy Charter High School  
Philadelphia

**Gabrielle Martinez**

Moorestown Friends School  
Moorestown, NJ

**Christian Miguel**

Bridgeton High School  
Bridgeton, NJ

**Arlinda Nuñez**

Samuel S. Fels High School  
Philadelphia

**Leandro Perez**

Louis E. Dieruff High School  
Allentown, Pa.

**Carolina Ramirez**

Swenson Arts and Technology  
Philadelphia

**Gladys Rodriguez**

Esperanza Academy Charter High School  
Philadelphia

**Nicole Sanchez**

Cavalry Christian Academy  
Dover, Del.

**Jessica Serrano**

Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School  
Philadelphia