

## Yessica Diaz

On Dec. 1, the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) awarded 10 scholarships to Hispanic students in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, public health and public policy. Each student received a \$1,500 award, presented at a ceremony at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. NHHF is the 501(c)3 arm of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).

Among the scholarship recipients was Yessica Diaz, 31, a second-year doctoral student at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to represent the future health professionals of the field," said Diaz. "I think NHMA is going great work in trying to reach out to future health professionals and supporting my education and other students' through the process."

This is the first time the scholarships had been awarded. "There is a dearth of Hispanic health professional in the United States. Only 4 percent of all physicians, 3 percent of dentists and 2 percent of nurses are Hispanic," said Elena Rios, president and CEO of NHHF. "NHHF hopes these scholarships will help increase those numbers and develop the future leaders in health care."



## In the news

On Oct. 11, Katherine Archuleta joined the senior executive team of Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper as chief operating officer. She returned to her hometown from a post as the executive director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation in Albuquerque.



Clara Padilla Andrews (center) receives recognition award from Tom Oliver, Executive Director, and Lupita Colmenero Chairwoman of NAHP.

## Clara Padilla Andrews

This year, El Hispanic News celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Founded in 1981, the bilingual paper is the oldest Hispanic publication in the Pacific Northwest, supplying international, national, sports, people, and business news primarily to that region.

Publisher of El Hispanic News since 1995 is former New Mexico Secretary of State Clara Padilla Andrews, who has helped guide the paper to its current status as a primary means of outreach to the Hispanic market

for corporate America and local and state government agencies. In 2004, the paper received 22 awards from the National Association of Hispanic Publications, including Outstanding Bilingual Weekly.

"Reaching 25 years of community service is no small task for a Latino publication," said Lupita Colmenero, Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility board member and National Association on Hispanic Publications president. "My warmest congratulations to the staff, the readers, the advertisers and in particular to Clara Padilla in this important benchmark for El Hispanic News."

## Martha de la Torre

In November, Martha de la Torre, founder of El Clasificado, was awarded with the Association of Free Community Papers' (AFCP) first Entrepreneur Award. El Clasificado is the largest audited free classified Spanish-language weekly in the United States. The Entrepreneur Award, presented at the AFCP's 2005 Annual Convention in San Francisco, honors outstanding success in overcoming the challenges of building a successful enterprise in the free community paper industry.

"We joined the AFCP in 2001, and it has been one of the most worthwhile organizations to help grow our business," said De la Torre.

The ACFP Entrepreneur Award is the latest of many honors bestowed upon El Clasificado, including recognition for entrepreneurial spirit and success by the



U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Comers, and Loyola Marymount University. 