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Paterson 225 Awards to be bestowed upon 25 individuals
“In commemoration of City of Paterson 225th Anniversary”

Paterson, New Jersey - In anticipation of celebrating its 225th Anniversary on July 4th, the City of Paterson will recognize 25 individuals who have contributed greatly to Paterson and its residents.

“I am pleased to acknowledge this incredible group of men and women who have dedicated so much of their time, talent and treasures to making Paterson the great city it is,” said Paterson Mayor Jose ‘joey’ Torres. “These winners have given much to Paterson, and the occasion of our city’s 225th anniversary is the perfect backdrop to recognize their contributions.”

Chosen through a city-wide call for nominations, those selected have distinguished themselves in a particular field of endeavor, or have made exceptional contributions that define a lifelong commitment to Paterson. Winners will be recognized at the Paterson 225 Dinner Dance, which will be held on Saturday, July 1st at The Brownstone House in Paterson.

Paterson, America’s first planned industrial city, was founded by Alexander Hamilton on July 4, 1792. Hamilton’s vision to harness the power of Paterson’s Great Falls to build an industrial center ultimately enabled the United States to become a global economic force. Over the course of its 225 years, Paterson has been home to immigrant waves from throughout the world, and to many who have made their mark in the world – from Vice President of the United States Garret Hobart, to baseball pioneer Larry Doby, to entertainer Lou Costello.

“These awards provide an opportunity to shine a light on outstanding individuals who have helped Paterson grow and prosper,” said Bob Guarasci, Chair of the Paterson 225 Steering Committee. “While they may not all be household names, they are heroes who have worked and do work every day to honor Paterson’s past while ensuring a bright future.”

The Paterson 225 Award Recipients are as follows:

- Education: Dr. Steven Rose, President, Passaic County Community College
- Business: Alfonso Daloisio Jr., President, Railroad Construction Company
- Law Enforcement: Alex Cruz, President, Paterson PBA
- Non-Profit: Paterson Habitat for Humanity (Barbara Dunn, Executive Director)
- Government: Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly
- Arts: Nicholas Rodriguez, Inner City Ensemble
- Community Service: Mike Adams, Carolina Panthers
- Law: Bernice Toledo, Passaic County Surrogate
- Healthcare: Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth & St. Joseph's Healthcare System
- Faith-Based Leadership: Rev. Dr. John A. Algera, Pastor, Madison Avenue CRC
- Youth Leadership: Sarai Perez, Student, Montclair State University

Lifelong Commitment to Paterson:

- Pat Kramer, former Mayor of Paterson
- Congressman Bill Pascrell
- Senator Nellie Pou
- Charles Hirsh, Chairman, Accurate Box Company
- Leonard Zax, President, Hamilton Partnership for Paterson
- Victor Cruz, Chicago Bears
- Rev. Msgr. Mark J. Giordano, Rector, Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
- Anthony Coscia, Chairman, Board of Directors, Amtrak
- Vera Ames, former Councilwoman
- Maria Magda, former Councilwoman
- Eli Burgos, Retired City Business Administrator
- Frank Blesso, Retired City Administrator
- Jean Wiart, Artisan, Les Métalliers Champenois
- Dr. Joseph Fulmore, Retired Paterson School Administrator

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The Paterson 225 Steering Committee consists of a diverse group of individuals who have been meeting for many months to plan a series of activities designed to honor the City of Paterson and its people on the occasion of the city's 225th anniversary. For more information, please contact Bob Guarasci, Committee Chair, at 973-413-1600 or at rguarasci@njcdc.org



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Premios Paterson 225 se concederán a 25 personas
“En conmemoración del 225 Aniversario de la Ciudad de Paterson”

Paterson, New Jersey - En anticipación de la celebración de su 225 Aniversario el 4 de julio, la Ciudad de Paterson reconocerá a 25 individuos que han contribuido a Paterson y a sus residentes.

"Me complace reconocer a este grupo de hombres y mujeres que han dedicado tanto de su tiempo, talento y tesoros a hacer de Paterson la gran ciudad que es", dijo el Alcalde de Paterson, José - Joey- Torres. "Estos ganadores han dado mucho a Paterson, y la ocasión del 225 Aniversario de nuestra Ciudad es el escenario perfecto para reconocer sus contribuciones".

Elegidos a través de una convocatoria de nominaciones a toda la Ciudad, los seleccionados se han distinguido en un campo de trabajo particular, o han hecho contribuciones excepcionales que definen un compromiso de por vida con Paterson. Los ganadores serán reconocidos durante la **Cena Bailable Paterson 225**, la cual se llevará a cabo el sábado 1º de julio en el Brownstone House en Paterson.

Paterson, la Primera Ciudad Industrial Planeada de los Estados Unidos, fue fundada por Alexander Hamilton el 4 de julio de 1792. La visión de Hamilton de aprovechar el poder de las *Grandes Cataratas de Paterson* para construir un Centro Industrial permitió que los Estados Unidos se convirtiera en una fuerza económica global. A lo largo de sus 225 años, Paterson ha sido el hogar de olas de inmigrantes alrededor del mundo, y son muchos los que han hecho su marca en el mundo - desde el vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos Garret Hobart, al pionero del béisbol Larry Doby, al artista y comediante Lou Costello.

"Estos premios brindan la oportunidad de reconocer a individuos sobresalientes que han ayudado a Paterson a crecer y prosperar", dijo Bob Guarasci, Presidente del Comité Directivo de **Paterson 225**. "Aunque no todos sean nombres familiares, son héroes que han trabajado y trabajan todos los días para honrar el pasado de Paterson y garantizar un futuro brillante".

Los premiados seleccionados para ser distinguidos en sus campos particulares son como se detalla a continuación:

Los Destinatarios del Premio Paterson 225:

- Educación: Dr. Steven Rose, Presidente, Universidad del Condado de Passaic
- Empresario: Alfonso Daloisio Jr., Presidente de Railroad Construction Company
- Cumplimiento de la ley: Alex Cruz, Presidente, Paterson Police Benevolent Association, PBA
- Organización sin fines de lucro: Paterson Hábitat para la Humanidad; Barbara Dunn, Directora Ejecutiva
- Gobierno: NJ Asambleísta Benjie Wimberly
- Artes: Nicholas Rodriguez, Inner City Ensemble
- Servicio Comunitario: Mike Adams, Carolina Panthers
- Ley: Bernice Toledo, Subrogante del Condado de Passaic
- Salud y Servicios Médicos: Hermanas de la Caridad de Saint Elizabeth y St. Joseph's Healthcare System
- Liderazgo Religioso Rev. Dr. John A. Algera, Pastor, Madison Avenue CRC
- Liderazgo Juvenil: Sarai Perez, Estudiante, Montclair State University

Servicio a la Ciudad de Paterson:

- Pat Kramer, Ex Alcalde de Paterson
- Congresista Bill Pascrell
- NJ Senadora Nellie Pou
- Charles Hirsh, Presidente de Accurate Box Company
- Leonard Zax, Presidente de Hamilton Partnership para Paterson
- Víctor Cruz, Chicago Bears
- Rev. Mons. Mark J. Giordano, Rector, Catedral de San Juan Bautista
- Anthony Coscia, Presidente de la Junta Directiva de Amtrak
- Vera Ames, Ex Consejal de la Ciudad de Paterson
- Maria Magda, Ex Consejal de la Ciudad de Paterson
- Eli Burgos, Administrador de la Ciudad de Paterson, en Retiro
- Frank Blesso, Administrador de la Ciudad de Paterson, en Retiro
- Jean Wiart, Artesano, Les Métalliers Champenois
- Dr. Joseph Fulmore, Administrador Escolar en Paterson, en Retiro

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