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National Hispana Leadership Institute Appoints New Board Members

Washington, D.C. — The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) announced today that Mr. H. Analco González, Ms. Marcela Bailey, and Ms. Laura S. Nieto have been appointed to NHLI's Board of Directors.

From varying backgrounds and professions, the board brings different perspectives to govern the national organization that engages Latinas by enhancing and developing leadership abilities through trainings, civic/social and other community development activities to help ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for all. Current board members include: Marieli Colon-Padilla, Antonia Jimenez, Mayda Prego, Marcela Bailey, Carmen Bauza, Maria Cardona, Member, Dr. Catalina E. Garcia, H. Analco Gonzalez, Michelle Minguez Moore, Laura Nieto, Dr. Margaret Quiñones, Peter R. Villegas, and Barbara J. DesMarteau.

Marieli Colon Padilla will continue to serve as Chairwoman of the Board. Marieli is also a senior vice president at Fleishman Hillard International Communications, Inc.

"I'm incredibly impressed by the talent, commitment and great energy of our new board members," said Marieli. "NHLI has prided itself as an organization at the intersection of talented Latinas spread across many industries and our board is no different. Through their professional, philanthropic and other leadership endeavors, our new board members will provide valuable guidance and perspective to take NHLI to new heights."

Barbara J. DesMarteau, Acting President of NHLI also stated, "I am honored to work with the new individuals on our Board of Directors. I am confident that they too will represent NHLI's mission, and strengthen our capacity to fundraise."

Mr. H. Analco González holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law and is the President and Founder of OCI Group, a social, purpose-driven private consulting firm. Upon receiving his appointment, Mr. Gonzalez said, "The work of NHLI is extremely

significant, and provides a unique perspective as a Latino who was reared with strong, intelligent, articulate Latinas that were role models my entire life so NHLI has a very special significance to me.”

Marcela Bailey is the Vice President and Divisional CIO for Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, a multi-billion dollar division of Sony Pictures Entertainment. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in international business from Loyola Marymount University and a master's degree in business administration in information systems and operations management from the University of Southern California.

Laura S. Nieto serves as Senior Manager of Community Affairs & Grassroots at Southwest Airlines, the nation's largest domestic carrier. Nieto graduated from Texas Tech University where she earned a bachelor's degree in public relations, and has a passion for and expertise in community outreach to diverse audiences. “There is much to be excited about especially in this 25th Anniversary milestone year and I can't wait to advance the mission of NHLI and share my enthusiasm to create momentum for the organization moving forward,” said Laura.

Please visit <http://www.nhli.org> to receive the most current information about NHLI.

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

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