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GRADUATION CEREMONY

Multicultural Leadership Academy

2023 COHORT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 • 7 - 9 PM • COLUMBUS PARK REFECTORY

ABOUT THE Multicultural Leadership Academy

The Multicultural Leadership Academy fosters cooperation and leadership across communities of color in the Chicago region. The goals of this program is to strengthen leadership for community impact, increase cross-cultural understanding, bolster community collaboration to address pressing social issues, and develop a network of diverse leaders who will be able to call upon each other in the future.

This training focuses on the commonalities among participants as well as the richness of their difference. A distinguishing characteristic of the Academy is the acknowledgement of the leadership attributes inherent in the cultural DNA of communities of color, particularly Latino, Afro-Latino and African American. The training is geared towards strengthening the participants skills and capacity as transformational leaders, individually and collectively. A key learning objective of the program is to ensure participants view themselves and their fellow cohort members as transformational leaders that uplift others, create motivating workplaces, communicate an inspiring vision and establish a compelling moral and ethical framework in their public endeavors.

What has been established and continues to coalesce through our trainings is a network of diverse leaders who will increasingly call on each other for cross-collaborative, social impact projects and initiatives.





AGENDA

- 7:00 PM** **Networking**
- 7:15 PM** **Welcome**
NiCole Ward, Program Manager
- Opening Remarks**
Sylvia Puente, President & CEO
- Guest Speakers:
1. Alderperson Chris Taliaferro - 29th Ward
2. Alderperson William Hall - 6th Ward
- 7:40 PM** **Affinity Group Presentations**
Richard, MLA Trainer
- Earned Income Tax Credit
Restorative Justice
MAP Grant Expansion
Health Care Expansion
Advocacy Alliance for Black and Brown Unity
- 8:10 PM** **Class Reflections**
Aaron Cortes & Jessica Taylor
- Awarding of Plaques**
Jose Alvarez & Barbara Meschino
- Passing of the Beads**
Pamesha Robinson
- 8:55 PM** **Closing Remarks**
NiCole Ward, Program Manager

TRAINERS

Sylvia Puente
Latino Policy Forum, President & CEO

Richard Martinez
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