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**ORANGE COUNTY'S LEADING NATIONAL HISPANIC BUSINESS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
CELEBRATES WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS AND DESERVING COLLEGE STUDENTS**

(Santa Ana, CA) February 20, 2012 — The National Hispanic Business Women Association (NHBWA) will honor three exceptional and accomplished business women for their remarkable achievements and contributions to Orange County's communities during its 12th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner on May 24, 2012.

"As we celebrate our 12th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner, we are grateful for our sponsors and supporters," said Yobany Banks-Mckay NHBWA president. "We continue to grow as an organization and we are encouraged that with the support of our sponsors and supporters this year we may surpass our **100th scholarship** recipient since the inception of the awards."

The 2012 awardees and scholarship recipients will be announced at a later date.

NHBWA's mission is to encourage women to develop their business and professional endeavors by promoting business growth through education, mutual support, the sharing of information, business referrals and networking.

WHAT: 12th Annual Business Women of the Year and Scholarship Awards Ceremony

WHERE: DoubleTree Hotel – Santa Ana/OC Airport
201 East MacArthur Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92707

WHEN: Thursday May 24, 2012
6:00 p.m. Reception and Silent Auction
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Sponsor Recognition
7:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

TICKETS: **\$99 Non-Members – Includes a 1 year NHBWA membership (a \$86 savings!)**
\$75 NHBWA Members
\$40 Students (I.D. Required)

AFFILIATES: The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), Orange County SBDC, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (HCOC), MANA, a National Latina Organization, National Society of Hispanic MBA of Orange County (NSHMBA-OC), National Association of Women Business Owners of Orange County (NAWBO-OC), and Southland Economic Development Corporation.

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