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**ORANGE COUNTY'S LEADING NATIONAL HISPANIC BUSINESS WOMEN ASSOCIATION
HONORS WOMEN BUSINESS LEADERS AND AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO
DESERVING COLLEGE STUDENTS**

(Santa Ana, CA) May 14, 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.

The 2012 Business Women of the Year awardees are:

Category	Name	Organization
Community Service/Non-Profit	Tina Fuertes	Olive Crest
Corporate Responsibility	Elsa Monte	Sunwest Bank
Small Business/Entrepreneur	Socorro De La Riva	De La Riva Construction

"We continue to grow as an organization and we are encouraged that the support of our sponsors and supporters this year has allowed us to surpass our **100th** scholarship recipient since the inception of the awards," said Scholarship Committee Chair and Past President, Cecilia Novella. "NHBWA is proud to have issued 95 scholarships, and this year we will be awarding 13 for a total of 108 scholarships awarded since 2001".

The 2012 Scholarship recipients are:

Carolanne Barbosa – Costa Mesa, CA	Lilian Saldana – Covina, CA
Erendira Calderon – East Palo Alto, CA	Nalleli Sandoval – San Jose, CA
Elena Chavez – Santa Ana, CA	Lucero Silva – Huntington Beach, CA
Ana Coria – Fullerton, CA	Lisa Stanley – Sacramento, CA
Stephanie Cuellar – Placentia, CA	Jeannette Vasquez – Santa Ana, CA
Nanette Duarte – Barstow, CA	Claudia Ventura – Santa Ana, CA
Perla Ruth Reyes-Godina – Irvine, CA	

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)

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