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## **President's Message**



Dear Members and Friends of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County,

2020 has been a historic and challenging year not only for the United States but for the whole world. In a new world with restrictions, stay at home orders, court closures, school transformations to online formats, being away from loved ones, burying loved ones and many other challenges you have managed to continue to support the OCHBA keeping our mission alive. I sincerely thank you all who joined in our mission of "2020: Visionaries for Equality & Opportunity" and made this year a success. Mil Gracias! OCHBA thanks you for assisting us in all of our community work through the year.

For 43 years, the OCHBA has been committed to promoting access to justice, education and raising the next generation of OCHBA leaders and Latinx lawyers in Orange County and this could not be done without your continued support. We are humbled and grateful for your undying support of the OCHBA and your commitment to our community, especially this year.

In this historic year you allowed us to make a positive impact in our community it truly takes a village and together we...

Provided \$20,000.00 in scholarships to very deserving law students, Daisy Bautista, Cecilia Bermudez, Martha Martinez and Monserrat Reyes.



Made our voices heard when our directors and members joined the Orange County Public Defenders Office in a Black Lives Matter march against injustice and police brutality.



Director Christopher J. Ayala helped distribute food to needy families alongside the Power of One Foundation.



Your generosity assisted with our food drive and in the purchase of and delivery of 200 backpacks filled to the top with much needed school supplies, fidget spinners, activity books and snacks for the children in our community with much need. These were distributed through Centro Cultural De Mexico located in Santa Ana.



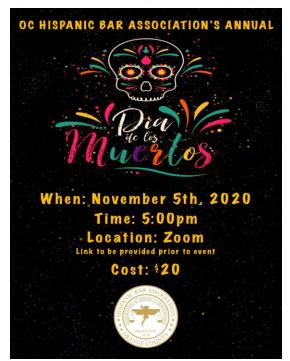


We held successful virtual events where we got to re-connect and network with our members. It was nice seeing you all.









We made a donation to the children of the TKO Boxing Club for their holiday gifts



Our last event was a resume workshop held on December 17, 2020. Thank you to all who attended, especially our board member Stephanie Franco for all her work. We have worked tirelessly until the very end of the year.

As we close this year, I would like to express what a great honor it has beento serve as your 2020 OCHBA President. My fellow board members, members at large, judges and past presidents have been invaluable in making this year a success. Our 2020 Board worked hard in making this year a great one as we had to navigate the challenges this year brought us and I am beyond proud to have served with such an amazing board. I am delighted to have been able to make contributions to our community especially in a year such as 2020. I have been dedicated to community service and will continue to support our community and OCHBA.

## OCHBA will be in good hands with incoming President Sasha

Tymkowicz. She is a great leader and has been dedicated to the OCHBA serving as a board member and executive board member for many years. We have our 43rd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Installation Dinner on March 6, 2021. Please join our drive-through and virtual experience! I look forward to a great 2021 under Sasha's tenure, I know great things are yet to come for the OCHBA and I look forward to being part of them all.



In this challenging year you and our sponsors have shown us the deep commitment you have to the OCHBA and our community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope you will consider sponsoring our 43rd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Installation Dinner.

A very special thank you to our 2020 sponsors, we hope you will join forces with us again in 2021!







OCHBA and I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.