

CODA 2010 WORKSHOPS

I. WORKSHOP Health

TOPIC: Traveling to DR for Medical Procedures: Advantages and Disadvantages In this panel, practitioners will take a pragmatic approach to provoke a dialogue about the advantages and disadvantages of traveling to the Dominican Republic to undergo affordable medical procedures.

Dr. Jesús Abreu Montero, Postgrado Clínica Fluminense de Cirugía Plástica, Rio de Janeiro

American Plastic Surgery Association
American Medical Association
Columbia University

II. WORKSHOP US Politics

TOPIC: Positioning for Empowerment – This panel highlights the current positioning for empowerment and political participation of Dominicans in the state of New Jersey and across major urban centers in the United States. The Model of Lawrence, Massachusetts will be discussed.

Luis Miranda, Miranda & Mas
Adriano Espaillat, NY Assemblyman
Martin Perez, Esq. President, Latino Leadership Alliance of NJ
Lawrence, Massachusetts Dominican Elected Officials (Hon. William Lantigua, First Latino elected Mayor in the state of Massachusetts; Hon. Frank Moran, Hon. Modesto Maldonado, Hon. Oneida Aquino; Hon. Daniel Rivera; and Hon. Martina Cruz).

III. WORKSHOP Dominican – Puerto Rican Relations: Let's Talk About It!

TOPIC: Interlaced with their geographical proximity in the Caribbean and their experience in their US Diasporas, Dominicans and Puerto Ricans have maintained a long-lasting historical relationship from colonial times to the present and have had to deal with issues of race, history, culture, class, economic development, discrimination and immigration.

In this forum, presenters talk about how Dominicans and Puerto Rican have historically related with each other in dealing with their socio-economic and political realities in Puerto Rico and across the inner city neighborhoods of urban America.

Margarita Muñiz. Deputy Mayor, Newark
Lizette Delgado, SEIU Political Director
Sociologist Alejandro Benjamin, Bergen Community College
John Wiscovich, President, Wiscovich & Associates

IV. WORKSHOP Youth Track

TOPIC: Statewide College Organizations Strategize

Educators, mentors and leaders join college students from the tri-state area and beyond to reflect on retention and other issues impacting students in their quest to graduate from college. Participants are junior and senior students from High Schools in Paterson, Passaic, Newark and Perth Amboy

William Paterson University
Montclair State University
Passaic County Community College
Bergen Community College
Essex Community College
Rutgers University
Jersey City University

V. WORKSHOP Women

TOPIC: Women in Politics - Inner Strength: Public Show

Women discuss the sources of inner strength that propel them to succeed personally and professionally

Ida Castro
Camelia M. Valdes, Passaic County Prosecutor
Julissa Ferreras, NYC Councilwoman
Alma Jimenez, Producer, Luis Jimenez Show

VI. WORKSHOP Economic Development

TOPIC: The presenters and discussants on this panel will focus on the nuts and bolts of starting and maintaining small businesses.

Francis Blanco, NJ Small Business Administration
NJ State Chamber of Commerce
NJ State Dominican Chamber of Commerce

VII. WORKSHOP Writers / Journalists

TOPIC: The role of investigative reporting as agent of social change – Dominican Investigative reporter Nuria Piera will share her experience and accomplishments as an investigative reporter

Nuria Piera

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