



## 2025 Las Primeras Awards Gala & Scholarship Fundraiser

### *Words of Wisdom: A Celebration of Vibrant Sayings*

Friday, September 12, 2025

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

MANA de Imperial Valley invites you to nominate an inspiring Latina leader in your community for consideration as a 2025 Las Primeras Honoree. Three outstanding women will be selected and celebrated during this year's Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Gala, taking place on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Old Eucalyptus School House in El Centro, California.

Each year, Las Primeras provides MANA the opportunity to honor Latinas whose leadership, service, and strength uplift those around them. These women serve as powerful role models—within their families, their fields, and their communities. It is through this special event that we celebrate their contributions while raising funds for MANA's college scholarships and culturally enriching programs throughout Imperial County.

Attached you'll find the 2025 Nomination Form and instructions, along with a list of past Las Primeras Honorees to help guide your submission. Nominations must be submitted and **received no later than Friday, July 25, 2025.**

Thank you in advance for helping us recognize the women who are making a difference. Your continued support and commitment to uplifting Latina voices and stories in our region makes this celebration possible—and meaningful.

For more information, please feel free to contact Las Primeras Coordinators Viridiana Rosales and Nancy Salcedo at [manalasprimeras@gmail.com](mailto:manalasprimeras@gmail.com).

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,  
Lupita Castro  
President



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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

You are invited to nominate a candidate for the 2025 Las Primeras Awards & Scholarship Fundraiser to be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Old Eucalyptus School House in El Centro, California. The Las Primeras Awards give well-deserved recognition to Latina women who have made significant contributions to the empowerment and well-being of the Latino community. Please submit one nomination per form no later than July 25, 2025.

### **Purpose of the Awards:**

To honor the outstanding commitment and contributions made by Latina women to our community and to bring attention to the recipient's work.

**Name of Nominating Organization/Individual:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Job Title/Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In your own words, why do you believe nominee deserves this award?**

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*Thank you for your support!*





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#### LAS PRIMERAS PAST HONOREES

Celeste Cantu  
Stella Mendoza  
Emily Palacio

Rosie Garcia  
Dolores Provencio  
Dolores Soliz

Frances Beope  
Lupe Quintero  
Aurora Rayon

Grace Sesma  
Margaret Silva-Chairez  
Gloria Vasquez

Hon. Annie Guterrez  
Norma Saikhon  
Susan Solis

Alicia Armenta  
Teresa Sandoval  
Dr. Amalia Katsigeanis

Elsa Downs  
Norma Kastner Jauregui  
Libby Peraza

Ruth Bermudez-Montenegro  
Toni Carrillo  
Margarita de Necochea

Virginia Montejano  
Rosie Ulloa  
Katy Alcantara-Santillan

Hildy Carrillo-Rivera  
Karla Davis  
Mercedes Wheeler

Yvonne Bell  
Rosalie Lopez  
Rosie Nava-Bermudez

Dr. Luz Elva Tristan  
Dianna Seanez  
Gloria Uribe Brister

Rosanna Bayon-Moore  
Soledad B. Meza  
Dora Rodriguez  
Sandra Tauler

Carmen Araujo  
Gloria Rivera  
Loli Mercado-Torres

Maritza Hurtado-Barron  
Ernestina Calderón  
Patricia Ureña

Norma Aguilar  
Helen Noriega  
Diana Peacher

Elvira S. Alvarado  
Teresa Estrada  
Liz Gonzalez

Bertha Alicia-Karnes  
Sister Maria Luisa Valdez  
Rebecca Grijalva Singh

Norma Sierra Galindo  
Yazmin Arellano-Torres  
Gloria Muñoz-Brunswick

Haydee Rodriguez  
Lorena Lacar Maria  
Elena Nava-Froelich

Monalisa G. Vitela  
Mercy Diana Valenzuela  
Norma Villicana

Esperanza Colio-Warren  
Sandra Kofford  
Dalia Rodriguez

Martha García Ed. D  
Keila Rodriguez  
Margaret Sauza

Hon. Monica Lepe-Negrete  
Esther Sanchez-Banda  
Veronica Platero

Rosa Diaz  
Juanita Rebollar  
Rita Zuno

Janette Angulo  
Patricia Marcial  
Lupe Rodriguez

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Hortencia Armendariz  
Diahna Garcia-Ruiz

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*Thank you for your support!*