



Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2020 ANNUAL AWARDS

The Pandemic hit us and the world changed. What has occurred in our community in spite of COVID-19 has been admirable; as local organizations continue functioning by following COVID-19 safety protocol. Nevertheless, even under these dire circumstances, we decided to honor those members and friends who have exceptionally serve our community. The DRHCC awards committee and Board members selected the following individuals for a special award for going above and beyond the call of duty serving the DRHCC and Del Rio.

- Mayor Bruno Lozano.** Mayor Lozano believes in our mission, to promote the interest of small businesses, including minority and women-owned enterprises; to enhance the economic and educational environment; to foster representation in major issues of public policy; and to promote awareness and preservation of the Hispanic heritage. He has been very supportive of our endeavors, and understands our needs. He envisions both Chambers working closer together for the betterment of the City of Del Rio in hopes of increasing economic development and tourism once this pandemic is over. Thank you, Mayor Lozano, for your continued support and for advocating on our behalf for the betterment of our community.
- County Judge Lewis Owens Jr.** Judge Owens has been at the forefront of the Pandemic, doing his best along with his team to take care of our community. Since the beginning of the Pandemic, Judge Owens has and continues keeping us informed in any way possible: radio, newspaper and social media. He also supports the mission of the DRHCC and has demonstrated full support to local businesses during the Pandemic. We thank you for your continued support.
- Dr. Tomas Sigala', Jr., Regional Advocacy Director, Raise Your Hand Texas.** After much research and travels throughout El Paso, Ft. Stockton, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and other communities, Dr. Sigala', selected our organization to sponsor the most important non-partisan Candidate Forum in our community. He joined our organization and started the process of holding the Candidate Forum here in Del Rio with DRHCC as a Co-sponsor. The Candidate Forum was a huge success and we thank you for the opportunity of working together.
- Members of the Del Rio News Herald.** They have always been there for us through contributions above and beyond. David Rupkalvis, Ruben Cantu, Karen Gleason, Atzimba Morales, and Brian Argabright all deserve a recognition on our behalf and on behalf of our community. Thank you and good luck on your future endeavors. Note: this recognition had already been designated before the DRNH went out of business.
- Rose Soto, Ramada Inn.** All the staff members at Ramada Inn have always done a great job assisting us. Polo Del Rio, has always been there for us and has previously received recognition. Now we recognize Ms. Soto. She worked diligently to ensure that our Candidate Forum event was a success. Ms. Soto also assisted with the DRHCC annual meeting following COVID-19 safety protocol. For your professionalism and great customer services we thank you.
- Gregorio Gutierrez, CEO & Founder of Conexion Hispana.** Mr. Gutierrez was there for us from day one during the Founding of the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He applauded our efforts, supported our mission and published articles in his newspaper which he tirelessly delivered throughout our community FREE of charge! Mr. Gutierrez fought a courageous battle against COVID-19. He left a legacy which will live on with Conexion in our community and throughout the State of Texas.



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TEA Releases New Guidance Regarding Online Instruction

November 12, 2020



During a recent meeting with Superintendents state-wide, the Texas Education Agency provided an update which would grant school districts the authority to evaluate the effectiveness of student performance and attendance for students who currently participate in online classes.

Using the guidance provided by TEA, school districts must study student grades and attendance participation during these past weeks to determine whether they will be required to transition to face-to-face instruction in the coming weeks. "As part of our goal to ensure an effective learning environment, explained SFDRCISD superintendent Dr. Carlos Rios, we have studied student grades and report card results district-wide. As a result, we have discovered that there is an overwhelming number of students failing online classes." Under the authority granted by TEA, SFDRCISD will be forced to limit the number of students who can continue to participate in online classes. Effective November 16, 2020, (the beginning of the 3rd six-weeks), the District will implement the following measures:

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| <p>1. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students who have accumulated 3 or more absences in a two-week period will be required to return to school for face-to-face learning.</p> | <p>2. Students in 1st – 5th grade with an overall average lower than a 70 (in the four core content area classes) at the end of any six weeks will be required to return to school for face-to-face learning.</p> | <p>3. Students in 1st – 5th grade who have accumulated 3 or more absences in a two-week period will also be required to return to school for face-to-face instruction, regardless of their grades; and</p> | <p>4. Students in 6th – 12th grade who are failing 3 or more classes will be required to return to school for face-to-face learning.</p> |
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Students who meet any of the criteria listed above will receive a letter from the school. Students will be required to return to in-person learning two weeks from the date of this letter. Additional information regarding the TEA Commissioner's Update will be presented during the regular school board meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020. The meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m., can be viewed online on the school district's website at www.sfdrcisd.org, the SFDR YouTube Channel, Facebook, or the SFDRCISD public access channel on Spectrum Channel 1301.

NEW MEMBER AND PLAQUE PRESENTATION



Middle Rio Grande



Flu Shot Clinic

Brazilian	Dark Roast	Caramel, Milk Chocolate, Roasted Cashews	\$12 lb, \$7 1/2 lb
Colombian	Medium Roast	Nutty, Caramel Sweet	\$12 lb, \$7 1/2 lb
Costa Rican	Dark Roast	Citrus, Tropical Fruits, Apricot Notes	\$14 lb, \$8 1/2 lb
Ethiopian	Medium Roast	Berry, Black Tea, Melon Notes	\$14 lb, \$8 1/2 lb
Guatemalan	Medium Roast	Dried Fruit, Cocoa Notes	\$13 lb, \$7.50 1/2 lb
Mexican	Medium Roast	Toffee, Cocoa, Almond Notes	\$13 lb, \$7.50 1/2 lb
Oven Espresso	Dark Roast	Blackberry, Dark Chocolate, Sugar cane	\$15 lb, \$8.50 1/2 lb
Vietnamese	Dark Roast	Dried Fruits, Toffee, Vanilla Notes	\$16 lb, \$9 1/2 lb



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DRHCC PUBLIC RELATIONS MESSAGE

Dear DRHCC Business Membership,

Your resilience and courage to continue to operate in this COVID Economy is inspiring.

You have proven that your will & determination will not surrender to this difficult period.

The vaccines are being distributed as I write this article and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

2021 will offer you the opportunity to put into practice all of the lessons that were learned in 2020 which in turn yield future positive results for your business.

Curbside pickup / Enhanced Drive Thru / Residential Delivery are several of the ways that have seen favorable operating procedures to keep the wheels of commerce turning.

More than ever, your ability to advertise / network in our community will play an oversized and important role.

The entire Del Rio Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors is committed to multiplying your efforts on your journey to grow your business.

For obvious reasons, it is important that CDC recommendations be strictly followed when conducting business as to ensure the well-being of your staff and customers.

The entire board applauds your determination and looks forward to putting this challenging time behind you.

Let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

Carlos Ayala (Director of Public Relations)



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