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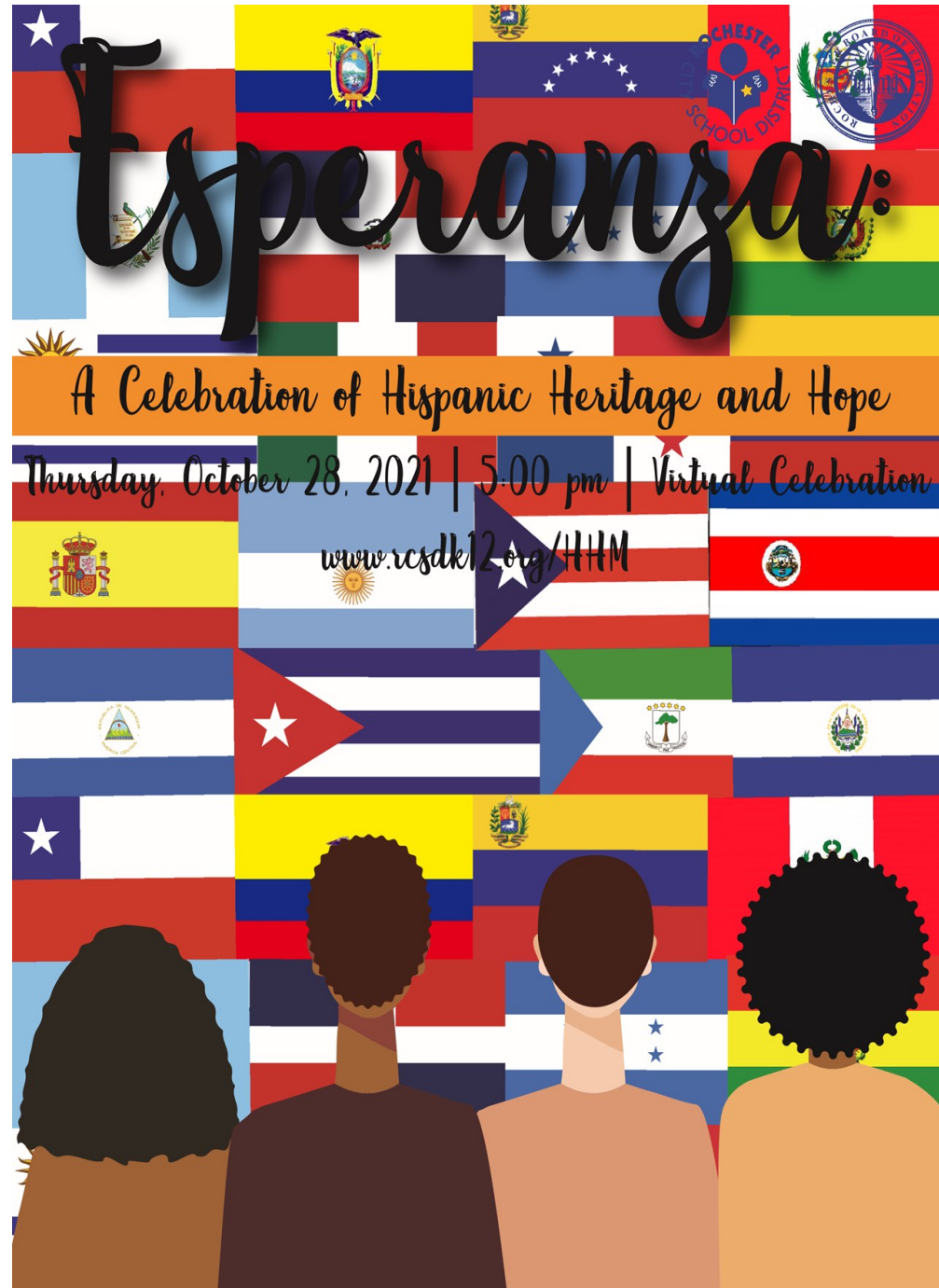
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"The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace." ~Carlos Santana



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Rochester City School District and
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Presents



Esperanza:

A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope

Thursday, October 28, 2021 | 5:00 pm | Virtual Celebration

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ORDER OF PROGRAM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Analy Cruz-Phommany, Director of Bilingual Education
Mistress of Ceremonies

OPENING REMARKS

Van Henri White, President Board of Education
Dr. Lesli Myers-Small, Superintendent of Schools
Melody Martinez-Davis, Deputy Superintendent, Student Support Services
Abel Perez, Director Multilingual Education
Alexci Reyes, Latino Studies and Supports, DOME

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Anna Murray-Douglass Academy, School No. 12
Presented by Kathleen Trepanier, Acting Principal

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Roberto Clemente Student Award

Saniya Spencer, Roberto Clemente School No. 8
Presented by Ricardo Adams, Commissioner

Volunteer Youth Award

Isaiah Santiago, School of the Arts
Presented by Amy Maloy, Commissioner

Academic Excellence Achievement Award

Yalianiz Olan Correa, James Monroe Upper High School
Presented by Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner

Community Service Award

Myrna Gonzalez
Presented by Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Nicole Tanco, Northeast College High School
Presented by David Passero, Principal

HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS AWARDS PRESENTATION

Presented by Wanda Pedraza-Santos, Chair, Office of School Chiefs and
Elizabeth Reyes, Executive Director, Equity & Emotional Support

CLOSING REMARKS

Aaniyah Simmons, Student Representative to the Board

HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Franklin Upper School
Richard Smith, Principal

Berneris Marte

**James Monroe
Upper School**
Jason Muhammad, Principal

Yalianiz Olan Correa
Gineyshka Velez-Vazquez

School of the Arts
Kelly Nicastro, Principal

Natalia Rose Biehl-Narvaez
Zulymar Perez

**Rochester Early College
International High
School**

Uma Mehta, Principal

Andrealy Butler
Jaleydi Camacho Velez
Noemi Lopez
Brian Short

School Without Walls
Coretta Wright, Principal

Nazier Al-Hachami
Juan Carlos Cruz
Brendel Marcano
Honesty Martinez-Lewis
Liana Mateo
Nyomi Rodriguez
Ayanna Sill

**Rochester Pathways to
Technology Program
(P Tech)**

Latresha Fuller, Director

Bryan Jesus Ortiz
Nileidys Velez

**World of Inquiry
School No. 58**
*Kwame Donko-Hanson,
Principal*

Abel Naranjo Giralt
Laiza Miranda

SPECIAL THANKS

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Special thank you to our RCSD art teachers and students for their submission of the
Hispanic Heritage Month artwork

DID YOU KNOW? In September of 1968, the U.S. Congress, under the advisement of then-President Lyndon B. Johnson, proclaimed that National Hispanic Heritage Week would be observed on the week of Sept. 15 every year. In 1989, that decision was amended to make the annual event a month-long celebration, lasting through Oct. 15. The goal of Hispanic Heritage Month is to educate people on and celebrate the stories of the culturally rich Hispanic Americans who make up a significant part of our nation's population.