



Leadership Awards Gala Banquet

The
National
Network of
Hispanic
Women

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Biltmore Bowl
Biltmore Hotel
Los Angeles, California

Honorees



COMMUNITY SERVICE:

LUPE ANGUIANO

**Founder and President
National Women's Employment and
Education, Inc. (NWEE)**

In 1973, disturbed by the hopelessness of women trapped in the welfare system, Lupe Anguiano formed the National Women's Employment and Education Model Program (NWEE) in San Antonio, Texas. The NWEE program prepares women for success through an intensive training and job placement process called the "Skill Discovery Method" and with critical support and follow-up services. This program's remarkable success and growth is a testament to Ms. Anguiano's vision and leadership. Since 1973, the program has spread to Dallas and El Paso, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; Ventura County, California; Denver, Colorado and Tacoma, Washington — all with private sector funding. Most recently, NWEE piloted its perfected model program in New York City and is now implementing it in Los Angeles. Although her ultimate goal is welfare reform, Ms. Anguiano has been a leader in many aspects of social and public policy beginning with her involvement in 1965 at the Los Angeles Federation of Neighborhood Centers. She was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967 to help create the Mexican-American unit of the U.S. Office of Education and has since served in several capacities in the U.S. Government: Task Force member, Women's Action Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Civil Rights Officer, Office of Civil Rights, H.E.W.; and Program Officer, Social and Rehabilitation Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 1968 Ms. Anguiano worked as a volunteer with Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers. Ms. Anguiano has also created and administered community services programs for the Spanish-speaking in the southwest for both the N.A.A.C.P. and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The recipient of numerous awards, Ms. Anguiano was cited by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of 100 most influential Hispanics in the U.S. for the 1980s. She has received the President's Volunteer Action Award, the White House; and the National President's Award, National Image. In 1988, Ms. Anguiano was selected by The Ladies Home Journal as one of "America's 100 Most Important Women"; in 1987, she was featured in Lexington Books' "Local Heroes—Rebirth of Heroism in America". During the Statue of Liberty celebration in 1985, Ms. Anguiano was featured in a CBS documentary, "An American Portrait", and since 1979, she has been featured in Who's Who in American Women.



GOVERNMENT SERVICE:

RITA M. RODRIGUEZ

**Director
Export-Import Bank of the United States**

Rita M. Rodriguez is a full-time member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. She was nominated by President Reagan and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 1, 1982. The Export-Import Bank is an independent agency of the United States under the executive branch. Its purpose is to support U.S. exports by providing loans, guarantees and insurance. The agency is also charged with developing and implementing policy for the United States.

Dr. Rodriguez was Professor of International Finance at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1978 to 1982 and Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School from 1969 to 1978. She has served as a consultant in international finance to U.S. multinational companies and to U.S. and foreign government agencies.

Dr. Rodriguez is the author of numerous books and articles on international finance, including The Export-Import Bank at Fifty, and Foreign Exchange Management in U.S. Multinationals.

Dr. Rodriguez states, "I consider myself bicultural. I have spent most of my life outside of Cuba, yet I was raised very much as a Cuban person." Now an American citizen, Dr. Rodriguez came to the U.S. as a teenager. Dr. Rodriguez holds a B.B.A. (1964) from the University of Puerto Rico, and an M.B.A. (1968) and a Ph.D. (1969) from New York University Graduate School of Business. She is married to E. Eugene Carter and has one daughter.
