



# VALENCIA FOUNDA TION

## Board of Trustees Report

*Oct. 15, 2013*

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### **YOUR OPINION MATTERS**

The foundation board retreat, Feb. 12 and 13, will help leaders strategize to meet upcoming goals that support student access and success. Please mark your calendars to join us.

### **CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Two local organizations are marking this month by providing college opportunities for deserving individuals.

The Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando, the largest local nonprofit serving Latinos students, is dedicated to providing scholarships for college and university degrees. HHSF will honor Valencia microbiology major José Abastida. Casa de Mexico collaborated on the award. Dr. Kathleen Plinske provided a resounding recommendation, calling the Osceola student government president an outstanding leader. He is among the 14 recipients. If you would like to represent Valencia at the ceremony on Oct. 26, 6 p.m., at Disney’s Coronado Springs, please call 407-582-3219.

The Consulate of Mexico donated \$4,000 for Valencia Foundation scholarships. The IME BECAS award, created in 2005, supports the education, development and personal well-being of Mexican migrants living in the United States. Recipients are first-generation scholars who are Mexican or Mexican-American. The foundation will match the gift through First Generation funds, bringing the total impact to \$8,000 and serving four students. Dr. Plinske and scholarship winners will be recognized at a ceremony Oct. 22. If you would like to attend, please call 407-582-3154.

### **YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN**

Valencia is celebrating homecoming month with a variety of networking events and reunions. For more details, please visit [valenciacollege.edu/alumni](http://valenciacollege.edu/alumni) and click on the Homecoming 2013 tab on the right. And please plan to join alumni for the culmination, “Valencia Orlando Magic Night,” on Friday, Nov. 1. Tickets are \$50 for terrace level and \$17 for promenade level. Please call 407-582-3426 to reserve your spot.

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