



ORGANIZACION  
**JUVENTUD ECUATORIANA**





## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

I salute you on behalf of **Organización Juventud Ecuatoriana (JUVE)**, which mission is to promote and facilitate the intellectual development of Ecuadorians worldwide. Established in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in New York City, **JUVE** was founded by young Ecuadorians residing in the US to empower the ever growing Ecuadorian Community in the Tri-State area.

**JUVE** focuses on encouraging young Ecuadorian and Hispanic students to continue with their higher education. **JUVE** seeks to make it possible through developing their heritage pride, leadership and professional skills in a series of seminars and initiatives geared to motivate and empower students to complete their studies, and give back to the community that supported their growth. Since 2009, JUVE rewards students for their leadership and academic excellence through the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund, the first scholarship fund for Ecuadorians in the US.

Take a moment to learn about JUVE's programs and initiatives, look over our successes, and consider helping us continue supporting the Ecuadorian community through the expansion of our activities. On behalf of all those who will benefit from your support, receive our gratitude and admiration for helping us build stronger communities and a brighter future.

Sincerely,

**Carlos Guevara**

President, and Co-Founder

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## ABOUT JUVE

**Organización Juventud Ecuatoriana (JUVE)**, is a nonprofit organization established in 2006 as a 501(c)(3) organization based in New York City founded by young Ecuadorians residing in the US. JUVE empowers the Ecuadorian and Hispanic community by providing seminars, workshops, and forums in education, leadership, financial management, human and civil rights, and other valuable areas to succeed in this society. JUVE promotes the Ecuadorian heritage and culture through various projects & initiatives. Through the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund, JUVE supports and motivates Ecuadorians to obtain a college degree, and thus develop as professionals.

### OUR MISSION

**JUVE** promotes and facilitates the intellectual development of Ecuadorians worldwide.

### OUR VISION

**JUVE** aspires to become self-sustaining entity that generates resources to invest in community/educational projects, and establish its presence worldwide to strengthen and spread the wealth of Ecuadorian culture and identity.

### OBJECTIVES

- Educate and empower the Ecuadorian community through seminars, workshops, forums, and initiatives focused on educational and other current issues and events that unfold in the community.
- Spread Ecuadorian identity and heritage pride
- Channel resources to create community projects
- Create a global network

### HISTORY:

In March 2006, a group of young Ecuadorians who shared similar ideals and passion for altruism and community service, and also experienced the need for information and support; decided to create Juventud Ecuatoriana to empower the growing Ecuadorian community through education.

Informal meetings and the desire to make a difference in the community were used to structure, establish plans of action, and define the mission, vision, and objectives of the organization. In August 2006, the organization offered its first seminar called Immigration Awareness Forum, with a panel of experts in law with extensive experience in immigration issues. Even though there were few attendees, it was the encouraging push to continue to the next project GED classes in Spanish (equivalent to the high school diploma in United States), and the many seminars and projects created for more than a decade of our organization.

Since its founding, Organización Juventud Ecuatoriana's work has been possible thanks to the support of private donors, both individuals and businesses, as well as grassroots activities and funds raised by its members.

It has been a challenging but rewarding journey, which has gradually positioned JUVE within very few recognized group of organizations in the NY Tri-State area that share similar goals. Moreover, the organization is characterized by its focus on education, altruism, and community awareness.



**AS THE SUN SHINES ON  
ALL MEN AND WOMEN ;  
EDUCATION MUST  
ENLIGHTEN EVERYBODY RICH  
OR POOR .**

- Transito Amaguana







## JUVE FACTS



### STATISTICS:

JUVE has provided to the Ecuadorian and Hispanic community over 100 seminars in various topics (doors to higher education, technology literacy, access to financial aid and scholarships, leadership, immigration, citizen rights, financial education, project management, art & culture, among others), offered GED classes in Spanish, seminars on Deferred Action - DACA, participated in various community events, fundraising events for Ecuadorian non-profit institutions (Patronato San Jose, Jefferson Perez Foundation, Todos por Ecuador Campaign), participated as observers and registering people to vote in the Ecuadorian election processes in US, and much more; serving over 10,000 people. Since its founding, more than 300 young Ecuadorians and Hispanics have been part of the organization, and is expanding its reach by creating the New Jersey Chapter in 2018. With the support from the community at large, JUVE will continue to provide and expand their support and services.



### AWARDS:

JUVE has received a number of recognitions and awards for its hard work, altruistic vision and contribution to stronger and more educated communities:

- SLAM FEST Award for Excellence in Community Service - Voltaje Magazine - 2007
- Excellence in Community Service - Ecuadorian Consulate of New York - 2007
- New York City Council Proclamation for Excellence in Community Service - 2007
- New York City Council Proclamation for Excellence in Community Service - 2008
- Excellence in Community Service - Ecuadorian Consulate of New York - 2009
- New York City Council Proclamation for Excellence in Community Service - 2009
- New York State Assembly Proclamation for Excellence in Community Service - 2013
- Excellence in Community Service - Ecuadorian Consulate of New York - 2014
- SLAM FEST Award for Excellence in Community Service - Voltaje Magazine - 2015



### PAST PROJECTS:

Since our Foundation in 2006, JUVE has created several projects and programs that aimed to empower our community through information and education. Some of our past projects include seminars on Immigration, Technology, Leadership, Financial Management, Human Rights, Civil Rights, Project Management, GED Programs and more. Our most popular seminar by far is "Doors to Higher Education," due to the increasing interest of the Hispanic community in accessing a college education.

In previous years, JUVE has also contributed in projects that directly influence the participation of Ecuadorians in art, social and cultural matters. Clear examples are the Ecuadorian Renaissance, a project created to present different forms of plastic Arts created by Ecuadorians under the topic of immigration. Other projects that promote the culture and heritage pride are the Carnaval, Carnavalito event, and participations in Ecuadorian Parades every year.

Another great accomplishment of past JUVE initiatives was a series of "register to vote" campaigns for the Ecuadorian community in NY. This campaign reached over 1000 people and successfully encouraged our community to exercise their right to vote.





## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

### JUVE EXPO

“JUVE EXPO” is an annual event where JUVE presents to the community our calendar and activities for the year. This is a space where we welcome new members and volunteers of our organization. At JUVE expo our community is invited to participate in each of our initiatives.

### DOORS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

An informational seminar directed for people who need a guidance on how to go to college in the United States. This seminar has the purpose of covering all the key information for individuals to access the educational system, including the application process, financial aid and more. This is one of our most acclaimed and important seminars of the year as we provide the information necessary for community members to start their education in this country.

### JUVE RETIRO

“JUVE Retiro” is an event co-sponsored by the National Park Service’s Program: Your Park! Your Health! and has the purpose of bringing members of the organization to a space where they can relax, re-boost energies and build new leadership and teamwork skills. JUVE Retiro engages members of the organization in interactive, challenging and rewarding activities such as meditation, soccer games, kayaking and among others to practice community building. JUVE Retiro also serves as a space to open a conversation amongst members on different ideas and goals. By being in an environment free of distractions, noise and traffic, JUVE members are able to share a collaborative, creative and purposed space.



## **OUR INITIATIVES:**

### **CARNAVAL, CARNAVALITO**

“Carnaval, Carnavalito” looks to integrate the Ecuadorian community by creating a space that represents the authentic celebration of the Ecuadorian Carnival. At “Carnaval, Carnavalito”, JUVE will bring traditional games, music, dance and activities that have originated in Ecuador and are rarely seen in the US. Through Carnaval, Carnavalito JUVE looks to raise awareness of the Ecuadorian culture and traditions to members of the community who are Ecuadorian-americans and Americans. At the same time, JUVE's purpose is to create a richer, stronger, diverse and knowledgeable community in New York. All proceeds from Carnaval, Carnavalito will contribute to the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund.

### **SÚBELE EL VOLUMEN**

“Súbele el Volumen” was created with the aim of supporting new talent and our Ecuadorian scholar fund. The Event is a talent contest that will provide a space for Ecuadorian and Hispanic showcase their skills on stage and while contributing to a good cause.

### **SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**

This workshop is an introduction to basic video / film / post production skills with the goal of helping young people internalize situations linked to migration events, share their needs, complaints, wishes and show how they manage to face difficulties related to migration. The objective of this workshop is to infuse video technology skills through team building and leadership-based projects focusing on student life, social commitment and community service activities.

### **DEFERRED ACTION - DACA**

In 2013, Organización Juventud Ecuatoriana was selected by the Department of Youth and Community Development of New York as a Community Outreach Provider for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – DACA initiative. Because of its presence and trust gained amongst the immigrant community in New York, JUVE is a key element in reaching hard to reach populations who might be eligible for this program. Through its DACA program, JUVE in collaboration with other associated organizations has been able to provide hundreds of individuals with free legal and educational programs as well as complete their application process to DACA which grants applicants with a work permit, social security card, NY State ID or a Driver's License.

### **LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES**

Leadership is the art of leading a group of people or community toward achieving goals, both common and individual, achieving optimal performance through the use of skills and abilities of each member of the community, without losing sight of the goals and always encouraging interpersonal relationships.

The leadership Conferences are part of the need to stimulate the community to organize, and take action to make major changes that contribute to improve their quality of life and create a more united world. It responds to the main challenges of a society through actions arising from reflection and planning. These conferences are aimed at community leaders, entrepreneurs, managers, chiefs of staff, and anyone who wants to learn about leadership skills.





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## ECUADORIAN SCHOLARS FUND - ESF

In 2009, JUVE created the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund (ESF) to support more young Ecuadorians and adults alike achieve their goal of obtaining a college degree, and thus develop as professionals. Our organization created this Fund in the belief that all people deserve the opportunity to develop their potential, regardless of their social status. It is our goal to provide the motivating push and support to achieve their success; and proudly, 2018 is the tenth year providing scholarships.

The “Ecuadorian Scholars Fund,” is without a doubt the most ambitious and important project, not only for the organization, but also for the Ecuadorian community as a whole. To date, over \$50,000 have been contributed to our community, and we will continue to work hard to provide more scholarship in the upcoming years thanks to the support from public and private sources as well as members from our community.

The importance of the ESF lies in the direct and long-term impact on the lives of those who will benefit through the scholarship, helping them to obtain a university degree and, therefore, develop as professionals and better citizens. During the past decade, Juventud Ecuatoriana has witnessed the development and successes of many former scholarship winners, who have earned Master and Doctorate degrees from top Universities of this countries, such as NYU, Pen State, Rutgers, and Columbia University. Our very own (former) Executive Director, Edwin Quito obtained his master's degree from NYU, and currently serves as Vice-Consul of the Ecuadorian Consulate of New Jersey. Edwin is a former ESF recipient and represents the mission and vision of our organization and the goals of this project.

FOR MORE INFO: [juventudecuadoriana.org/esf/](http://juventudecuadoriana.org/esf/)



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## SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES



**Dr. Maria Amelia Viteri** is originally from Quito, Ecuador and has a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from American University, Washington DC. Her main areas of research and interest include Gender Studies and their intersections with the fields of 'race', ethnicity, migration. Theoretical Queer Studies, currently serves as a Research Program and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO / Ecuador). She uses the visual arts as additional tools for research and cultural management from which is a producer and director of documentary Bodies/Borders: the route that comes from a quest to democratize the academy in horizontal alliances with grassroots organizations, activists and artists in the fields of gender and diversity. Professor affiliated with the Center for Latino Studies Latin American and Fordham University, his current research addresses the impact of socio-economic crisis and the construction and negotiation of ethnic, racial, gender and sexual Ecuadorian community in New York. It is completing her book whose working title is "trans / trans-lating / forming identities: Latinos in the U.S."



**Hugo E. Almeida**, has over 20 years experience in technology and communications. His specialization and expertise is international business focused on serving the Latin American markets. He has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Kean University, NJ. He led the Latin American regional division for Matsushita Electric Works through 1998. Followed by global executive sales positions for Lucent Technologies and Avaya, Inc. Today, he is founder and President of the Almeida Barragán International (ABI) Group and Abitronix, LLC. As guest speaker at many international round tables and forums, he has presented "Latin America Business and Markets", Directly to the executive board of Matsushita in Osaka, Japan. While traveling corporately throughout all Latin America and the Caribbean he successfully held technical training seminars on some of the newest technological advancements in the Electronics industry. He most recently participated in Quito, Ecuador at the 10 year anniversary closing forum of the "LIDERES a LIDERES", presenting to over 500 entrepreneurs and government officials from across Ecuador. Hugo has truly become a forefront leader and expert in the ever changing needs of today's global markets.



**Valeria Correa - Bergen Community College - Science Student**

I was born in Quito, Ecuador, and I am 20 years old. I concluded my high school education in Quito. My institution is called La Providencia where I received my high school diploma. After high school, I continued my education in UDLA (Universidad de las Americas) in Quito where I studied Dentistry for one year. On August 2016, I came to the United States with a lot of goals in mind. First, I obtained a job in a supermarket. At the same time, I was learning English in Bergen Community College. One year after, I was able to write, understand and speak English in a proper way. After two semesters, I could continue my general education. I skipped some classes such as Basic Chemistry and Basic Algebra and Arithmetic. Moreover, I took the CLEP EXAM given by The College Board in order to skip Spanish Levels I and II. Currently, I am full-time student at Bergen Community College. My major is AS Natural Sciences, Biology, Math and Chemistry. I am taking all of my general classes based my major and the requirements for transferring to a four year college.

During my second year of residency in The United States, I decided to become a volunteer at Holy Name Hospital. I provided help to people all around the hospital for about 6 months. I really loved this experience. Furthermore, my long-term goal is to get accepted into a Medical School and become a physician. Personally, I believe that everyone can get anything they want with sacrifice and constancy.

**Ashley Lituma - The New School - Global Studies Student**

I was born on Long Island to Ecuadorian parents from the canton of Gualaceo. Growing up, I was always very connected to the Ecuadorian community present in my hometown of Patchogue, whether I always enjoyed it or not. I am now 19 years old, studying global studies and anthropology at Eugene Lang college. While I acknowledge that it is a privilege to study at The New School, it often very difficult in regards of money, access and support in a space where many students have already been raised in the aforementioned positions. Nonetheless, my experiences as a first generation student have heavily shaped how I perceive the world by instilling a passion for socio-economic justice in me. I hope to receive my bachelors and masters at The New School and eventually move on to law school. My goal in life is to represent my community and be a source of inspiration for the future diaspora.

**Andres Aguirre - CUNY - Baruch College - Finance Student**

I am currently studying towards a Finance degree at Baruch College with a minor in Political Science. I like to sing, I like to rap, and I LOVE "The Office". I have my own radio show at Baruch, called "Anything But Politics". Outside of my radio show, however, I can talk about politics for hours. I would like to run for office when I am older, and the first issue that I plan to tackle is the overcrowding of schools.

**Edison Cabrera - Pratt Institute - Architecture Student**

I was born in Cuenca, Ecuador. At the age of eleven, I moved to East Hampton, NY. My mom had a second grade education and her dream was for her children to obtain a higher education. Living with my sister taught to mature at an early age. Besides attending High School, I had a job and became an independent teenager that learned how to appreciate hard work. As an undocumented teenager, I faced discriminatory situations and the reality of being an undocumented immigrant in the United States. Fortunately, I was able to obtain a legal status, which opened up doors to achieve my mom's dream. Throughout High School, I volunteered at various organizations to help the Latino community and obtained various awards for being a High Honor Roll student. By the time I graduated from High School, I was in the 10th percentile of my class year and accepted to Hobart and William Smith Colleges with a scholarship.

At Hobart and William Smith Colleges, I studied abroad in Italy, Ecuador and Peru, and got the chance to reconnect to my roots. I also worked with various organizations to help the Latino community in Upstate NY. I obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Architectural Studies with Honors in Latin American Studies and graduated as Magna Cume Laude. This opened the doors for me to enroll in the Masters of Architecture program at Pratt Institute. My goal is to obtain my architecture licensure and find ways to use architecture as a medium to help the Latino/Ecuadorian community ease their time in the United States with the proper tools.

**Horacio Romero - Columbia University - Medicine Student**

I moved to the United States in 1999. I was seven years old and arrived in New York City with my parents and younger brother. We were undocumented until November 2009, when we gained permanent residency. Last year I finally gained U.S. citizenship. Nevertheless, my connection to Ecuador is as strong as ever. After graduating from Dartmouth, I began working as a first grade teacher in the Bronx. After three years of teaching I decided to return to school and apply to medical school. Today, as I approach the end of my post-baccalaureate pre-medical program, I am excited to apply to medical school and someday serve immigrant communities in the United States.



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Recognition as a Sponsor of the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund in the following:	Friend \$500	Bronze \$1000	Silver \$2000	Gold \$3000	Diamond \$5000
Number of tickets for the Gala	1	2	3	4	5
A full-page advertisement in the Ecuadorian Scholars Fund's journal presented at the Gala.	●	●	●	●	●
Public recognition and special thanks at the scholarship awards ceremony (Gala).	●	●	●	●	●
Digital Advertisement at JUVE's website	●	●	●	●	●
Newsletters	●	●	●	●	●
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Banners with your company's logo will be placed in each event to promote the ESF, and all other events organized by JUVE.		●	●	●	●
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Advertisement at JUVE's website, and a hyperlink to your company's website for the rest of the year 2015 and part of 2016.				●	●
Video material					●
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