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Isiah Leggett,  
Montgomery County Executive

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
OPENS FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

## Application Requirements:

- Graduated from a Maryland High School within the last four years
- U.S. Citizen, Resident or Dreamer
- Must attend a Maryland college or University in the Spring of 2018
- Proof of financial need
- GPA 2.5 or higher

Apply Online at

[www.MontgomeryHispanicGala.org](http://www.MontgomeryHispanicGala.org)



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## 18th Annual MCPS Latin Dance Competition

Music Center at Strathmore  
Monday November 20th, 2017 • 7pm to 9pm

Schools will compete in Eight Categories:

Cha-Cha, Bachata, Merengue, Salsa, Parent/ Student, Show, Alumni, and Jack&Jill.



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**AFTER SCHOOL DANCE FUND**

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## **PROMOTING HEALTH, EXERCISE, CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND UNITY THROUGH LATIN DANCE EDUCATION**

**T**he mission of the After School Dance Fund (ASDF) is to provide artistic, technical, and financial support for the establishment of and maintaining after school Latin dance programs in area public schools. ASDF offers its programs in an effort to combat the troubling prevalence of preventable social and health issues in the Latino community, including childhood obesity, teen pregnancy, high rates of high school drop-outs, and the devastating influence of gangs in our communities. The ASDF initiative aims to create a consistent and safe space for students, where they can participate in a positive group activity with peers.

Participants in the After School Dance Program learn to showcase popular Latin dances with choreographed performances, and through this process, they discover the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Dance is a vehicle for increased cultural awareness and pride, while also promoting exercise and having fun. ASDF believes that these learned qualities help each student become a more confident person, leading to better academic performance in high school, and thus, paving their way to opportunities in higher education and beyond.

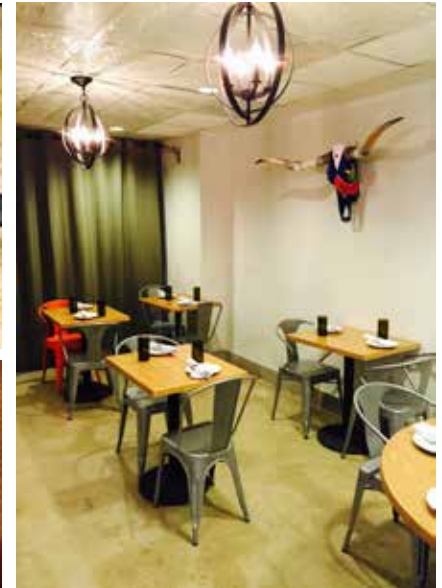
**For more information, contact Executive Director, Ricardo Loaiza, at [Ricardo@Baila4Life.org](mailto:Ricardo@Baila4Life.org) or 301-538-8824. Please also visit our webpage: [www.Baila4Life.org](http://www.Baila4Life.org)**

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All the best to all the hard working students of MCPS

*Good luck to all the competitors at the Seventeenth Latin dance year.*

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## Montgomery County Board of Education DECLARATION

**WHEREAS**, The 17th Annual Montgomery County Public Schools Latin Dance Competition will be held on November 21, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, This event offers a unique opportunity for students to express themselves in creative, personally, and meaningful ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the process of preparing for competitions, performers preserve and share their culture and traditions, while valuing the multiple perspectives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montgomery County Board of Education would like to thank the coaches and staff who through dedication and hard work, volunteer their time to share their knowledge and culture with the students through the expression of dance.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED

That the Montgomery County Board of Education congratulates the Latin Dance Competition on its 17th Anniversary and thanks the commitment of time and energy both teachers and students place in this important project.

Michael A. Durso, President  
November 1, 2016

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## The Crew

### After School Dance Fund Board

Monica Palacio, Ivan Gaviria, Alan Bowser, Natha Woods, Patricia Arzuaga, Ariana Quiñones, Miria Calderon, Steven Hass and Laurie A. Frederik Me

### ASDF & Alumni Dance Coaches

Michelle Reyes, Ronald Rios, Irene Holtzman, He 'Toti' Chavez, Bayardo Martinez, Daniel Jenkins, Ricardo Loaiza, Jorge Galvan, Manuel Dominguez Alicia Escoto, Sonia Rodriguez, Mike Morales, Luz Chavez, Karina Diaz, Paul Carlos, Shelly Cruz

### Event Staff and Volunteers

Elba Garcia, Esperanza Loaiza, Marcella Goldring Nelson Vargas, Rasheed Scarlett, Pamela Liao, Christian Panameño, Jeannette Frink, Fernando Urrea, Luz Chavez and the UMD Latin Dance Club

## Special Thanks

<b>Senior Sponsor</b>	After School Dance Fund
<b>Junior Sponsor</b>	Verizon Foundation
<b>Sophomore Sponsor</b>	Visionary Ophthalmology
<b>Freshman Sponsor</b>	Carol Trawick
<b>Partners</b>	AHCMC, Board of Education, MCPS, Latino Health Initiative of MOCO,
<b>Contributors</b>	Strathmore, SunTrust,
<b>Supporters</b>	Tempo Books, Urban Butcher, TDBank AFLAC independent agents, Montgomery County Department of Recreation, Biscayne Contractors

We are especially grateful to the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) for the 2017 operating grant that allows us to continue making this wonderful program a reality. We would also like to thank Eliot Pfanstiehl, Monica Jeffries Hazangeles, and the Strathmore staff for their unconditional support, patience and understanding.

And finally, a heartfelt thanks to all the school principals, teachers and staff from the participating schools, who, along with MCPS parents and guardians continue to help build positive identities for our children. Always remember that mutual respect outweighs the discrimination and racism we are currently witnessing. The present situation is painful and could leave scars that last a lifetime, affecting goals, ambitions, life choices, and feelings of self-worth but let us not fall into that trap. "We Stand Up for the Montgomery Way!" WEPA!



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# Latino Health Initiative

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

This Program aims to improve the quality of life of Latinos living in Montgomery County by contributing to the development and implementations of an integrated, coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent health wellness system that support, values and respects Latino families and communities.

La misión de la Iniciativa Latina de Salud (ILS) es mejorar la calidad de vida de los latinos en el condado de Montgomery mediante el establecimiento de un sistema de salud integrado, coordinado y cultural y lingüísticamente competente que apoye, valore y respete a las familias y comunidades latinas.

**Service(s):** Health Education  
**Target Population:** Hispanic/Latino Community  
**Information Number:** 240-777-3384  
**Location(s):** Silver Spring Health Center  
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# Program



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## Welcome

Monica Palacio, Board Chair, ASDF  
Suzan Jenkins, CEO, AHCMC

## Special Remarks

Nancy Navarro, Council Member, Montgomery County

## Keynote Speaker

Emmanuel Caudillo, Senior Advisor  
White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for Hispanics

## Rules

Ricardo Loaiza, Executive Director, ASDF

## Emcees

Ricardo Loaiza, After School Dance Fund

## Competition – 1st Half

- Cha Cha Couples Division
- Merengue Couples Division
- Bachata Couples Division
- Salsa Couples Division
- Parents/Student Division

## Intermission

Refreshments and Snacks in the Lobby

## Dance Competition- 2nd Half

Recognition of Sponsors, Judges and Special Guest

### Best In Show (Group) Junior Division

- Clarksburg HS
- Damascus HS
- Magruder HS
- Northwest HS
- Wootton HS

### Best In Show (Group) Senior Division

- Einstein HS
- Gaithersburg HS
- Quince Orchard HS

### Alumni Division

- Einstein HS
- Gaithersburg HS
- Magruder HS

### Jack & Jill Division

Jack & Jill Division Two couples per school

## Announcement of Winners by Categories

On stage all participating students and parents



## THANK YOU TO THE 2015 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND SPONSORS



### Participating Schools

CLARKSBURG HS	Daniela Zeppos
DAMASCUS HS	Mary E. Cotton
EINSTEIN HS	Paula Pero
	Juan Aristy
GAITHERSBURG HS	Aranda Brown
MAGRUDER HS	Smaroula Stephens
	Marjorie Lincoln
NORTHWEST HS	Angelica Agosto
QUINCE ORCHARD HS	Charlene Cardona
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