



# LAYC/MMYC Breakfast for Heroes

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# Breakfast for Heroes Program

## 8:00AM

Registration, Breakfast and Business Networking

## 9:30AM

Welcoming Remarks from our President & CEO

Verizon Representative

*Ana Maria Sanchez*

Chase Representative

*Maritza E. González, PhD*

Youth Remarks

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*Evelyn Chicas*

Honoree Awards Ceremony

*Patricia Chiancone*

*Kenneth E. Nance, Jr.*

## About Breakfast for Heroes

The Annual LAYC Breakfast for Heroes serves as an opportunity to foster connection among our greatest resource: our people. Each year we highlight a few standout supporters who have exemplified exceptional commitment to our youth, as well as placing a spotlight on the overall impact had by the programs at the hosting site, which rotates each year.

## Meet our President & CEO



**Mirna (Lupi) Quinteros-Grady**, President & CEO of LAYC, is a strategic, forward-thinking leader with over 20 years of experience working in socio-economically challenged communities serving a diverse population of youth. Since assuming her role in 2018, Lupi has intertwined LAYC's mission with the new and evolving needs of Washington, DC, and Maryland's Black, Latino, and immigrant communities to ensure our services are responsive, relevant, and reliable to over 4,500 youth and families each year. Over her five years as president & CEO at LAYC, she has transformed LAYC operations and directed staff through an unprecedented global health crisis; leading LAYC to provide culturally relevant and linguistically inclusive services where many other organizations could not.

## Today's Emcee



**Frances Foreman**, Managing Director of MMYC Prince George's County, is a highly experienced and dedicated professional with a passion for supporting youth and families. With over 17 years of experience in the field of Education, Frances has made a significant impact on the lives of students by providing invaluable guidance to students and families, helping them navigate the complex landscape of post-secondary education and career choices. Her commitment to empowering students and ensuring equitable access to educational opportunities has been instrumental in supporting students' successful transitions beyond high school.

# Sponsor Spotlight: Meet Verizon's Representative



**Ana Maria Sanchez**, Director of State Government Affairs at Verizon, is a senior government relations professional with more than 20 years of legislative experience supporting business, local government, and government agencies by advancing their legislative objectives at the local, state, and federal level. She has been at Verizon for 4 years and enjoys being able to assist Verizon's state government affairs team in its local engagement efforts particularly in the Hispanic community. She is currently a member of the board of directors of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

# Sponsor Spotlight: Meet Chase's Representative



**Dr. Maritza González** is Vice President, Community Manager at JP Morgan & Chase. She has 24+ years experience as an educator, researcher, and advocate in the diversity, equity and inclusion space. She has served as founding Officer of Equity & Diversity for two public school districts, establishing departments overseeing systemic Equity & Diversity initiatives, Translation/Interpreting services and Family Engagement, and was instrumental in establishing partnerships at the city, state and national levels. Originally from El Salvador, Maritza arrived to Washington, D.C. at the age of 6. She is bicultural, biliterate (English/Spanish), and was the first in her family to surpass middle school and to pursue higher education. She attended the University of Maryland, College Park where she earned several degrees, including Business Administration with specialties in Marketing and International Business and her doctorate in Education.

## Meet our Honorees



**Patricia Chiancone**, International Student Specialist at the International Student Admissions and Enrollment Office (ISAEO) of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), is one of our heroes that goes above and beyond for our youth. She works with a team to welcome and place more than 5,000 international students per year into PGCPS schools and provides outreach programs for immigrant families and staff training for PGCPS staff. She has worked with a variety of excellent LAYC programs, including the *Promotor Pathway*®, and staff for the last several years.



**Kenneth E. Nance, Jr.**, Principal of Buck Lodge Middle School in Prince George's County, has worked in PGCPS for over two decades and prides himself on being innovative and create educational leader who focuses on making sure that every student feels healthy, safe, and supported. Now that's a true hero! He has been a consistent partner of LAYC through Prince George's County 21st Century Community Learning Centers program and United Way, where 89 youth at Buck Lodge Middle School were provided afterschool and summer services.

## About LAYC/MMYC

Since 1968, LAYC has grown from a small grassroots recreation center into a nationally recognized agency serving all low-income youth. Each year LAYC serves over 4,000 youth and families through youth centers, school-based sites, and public charter schools in the District of Columbia and Maryland's Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Our mission is to empower a diverse population of youth to achieve a successful transition to adulthood through multi-cultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address youths' social, academic, and career needs.

In 2006, LAYC expanded into Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, establishing the Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers. For more information visit [our website](#).

From October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023, MMYC's Prince George's site:

- Served a total of 905 youth
- Provided 253 youth with HIV testing
- Coordinated 49 on-site food security events and distributed over 9,000 food bags
- Connected 200 Prince George's County Public School students with a Promotor to access long-term, intensive case management and mentorship

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