



## Aramark Celebrates Latinx Culture and Team Contributions During Hispanic Heritage Month

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*HHM 30/30 Awards and Chef Spotlight Program Recognize Employees*

PHILADELPHIA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 15, 2021-- [Aramark](#) (NYSE: ARMK), a leading provider of hospitality, facilities, and uniform services, is recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15- October 15), by announcing the company's annual Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) 30/30 award winners and by celebrating the diversity of its culinary talent through the stories and recipes from its Hispanic and Latinx chefs across the country.

Aramark's Impacto employee resource group (ERG) selected 30 employees to receive its annual HHM 30/30 award. The award, which was established in 2017, recognizes team members for delivering on Aramark's mission of being rooted in service, and for outstanding effort during the challenges of the past year.

Additionally, Aramark guests will be able to learn more about some of the company's Hispanic and Latinx chefs, and experience the dishes that inspire them, through the company's Chef Spotlight program. [Launched](#) at the start of 2021, Chef Spotlight celebrates the diversity of the company's culinary talent and spotlights the chefs who have had an impact on the organization and its guests. This month, Chef Spotlight shares the stories of inspiring culinarians, representing various countries, including Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, El Salvador, Uruguay, and more.

This year's Impacto HHM 30/30 honorees include:

- **Alicia Rivera**, Executive Chef, K-12
- **Andrew Cortez**, Production Supervisor, AUS Refreshments
- **Anthony Lopez**, General Manager, Sports & Entertainment
- **Belinda Belmontes**, Operations Manager, Parks/Leisure
- **Brenda Gomez**, Food Service Shift Supervisor, Business Dining
- **Cynthia Magdalena Morales Gatica**, Chef, International
- **Daniela Andrea Mardones Ponce**, Contract Assistant, International
- **Denis Franco**, General Manager, Healthcare
- **Elisabeth Rodriguez**, Food Service Manager, Higher Education
- **Fernando Lopez**, Catering Services Coordinator, Healthcare
- **Gilbert Talamantez**, Supervisor Corporate Services, Uniform Services
- **Ignacio Sanchez**, Director, Strategic Development, Corrections
- **Jacqueline Chavezruiz**, Food Retail Brand Location Manager, Business Dining
- **Jay Gutierrez**, General Manager, Sports & Entertainment
- **Jessica Esquivias**, Administrative Assistant, Higher Education
- **John Arroyo**, District Manager, AUS Refreshments
- **Jose Chavez**, Executive Chef, Sports & Entertainment
- **Jose Saenz**, Nutrition Associate Manager, K-12
- **Lilibeth Brall**, Customer Service Representative, Corporate/Avendra
- **Luis Torres**, Food Service Supervisor, Healthcare
- **Manuel Ignacio Villafane Lima**, Head of Human Resources, International
- **Maria Nieto**, Cook, Business Dining
- **Marisol Padilla**, Supervisor, Finance & Accounting, AUS Refreshments
- **Michael Cintron**, Regional Sales Director, AUS
- **Richard Cintron**, IT Business Analyst, Parks/Leisure
- **Salvador Aguirre**, Food Service Director, Higher Education
- **Tatiana Negron**, Laundry Associate Manager, Healthcare
- **Tomas Canales**, Food Retail Brand Location Supervisor, Higher Education
- **Ulises De La Cruz**, General Manager, Sports & Entertainment
- **Victor Carbajal**, Sr. Human Resources Manager, Higher Education

The following culinarians are featured in the Hispanic Heritage Month Chef Spotlight. Some of their stories are highlighted in Aramark's [Making Our Mark Blog](#) and are also shared [here](#).

- **Alexander Blanco**, Catering Manager, Parks/Leisure
- **Alicia Rivera**, Executive Chef, K-12
- **Angel Castillo**, Food Service Manager, Higher Education
- **Antonio Espinosa-Cruz**, Food Service Worker, Higher Education
- **Ariel Mayorga**, Executive Chef, Higher Education

- **Brenda Granados**, Executive Chef, LifeWorks
- **Brent Mercado**, Executive Chef, Leisure
- **Eduardo Flores**, Production Chef, Higher Education
- **Efren Sosa**, Executive Chef, Higher Education
- **Elizabeth Baxter**, Food Service Manager, Higher Education
- **Gabe Salinas**, Culinary Operations Associate, Higher Education
- **George Suarez**, Executive Chef, Higher Education
- **Humberto Oliveros**, Chef Manager, Higher Education
- **Ileana Medina Shelton**, Chef Manager, Healthcare
- **Jensy Cervantes**, Chef Manager, Higher Education
- **Jesus Moreno-Valle**, Executive Chef, Higher Education
- **Joaquin Alcocer**, Chef, Business Dining
- **Jorge Busso**, Executive Chef, Business Dining
- **Jorge Mendez**, Executive Chef, Business Dining
- **Jorge Salas**, Lead Cook, LifeWorks
- **Jose Hernandez**, Sous Chef, LifeWorks
- **Juan Pablo Rocha**, Catering Chef, Higher Education
- **Ladislao Villarreal**, Patient Production Services Manager, Healthcare
- **Michael Chapoy**, Chef/PSM, Healthcare
- **Mike Casas**, Chef Manager, Business Dining
- **Norilyn Rodriguez**, Lead Cook, Business Dining
- **Norma Cigarroa**, Cook, LifeWorks
- **Orlando Ramos III**, Supervisor, Higher Education
- **Rodrigo Campos**, Executive Chef, LifeWorks
- **Ruben Rivero**, Cook, Business Dining
- **Stacy Campos**, Food Service Director, Healthcare
- **Toni Thomas**, Chef Production Manager, Higher Education
- **Tony Alcaraz**, Chef, Business Dining

As part of its broader 2025 sustainability plan, [Be Well. Do Well.](#) Aramark is working to reduce inequality, support and grow local communities and protect the planet. The company is committed to facilitating access to opportunities that will improve the well-being of its employees, consumers, communities, and people in its supply chain, and continues to help people develop careers and livelihoods; access, choose and prepare healthy food; and grow communities, businesses, and local economies.

#### **About Aramark**

Aramark (NYSE: ARMK) proudly serves the world's leading educational institutions, Fortune 500 companies, world champion sports teams, prominent healthcare providers, iconic destinations and cultural attractions, and numerous municipalities in 19 countries around the world with food, facilities, and uniform services. Because our culture is rooted in service, our employees strive to do great things for each other, our partners, our communities, and our planet. Aramark has been named to DiversityInc's "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" list, the Forbes list of "America's Best Employers for Diversity," the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's "Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality" and scored 100% on the Disability Equality Index. Learn more at [www.aramark.com](http://www.aramark.com) and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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