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**Winner of the  
Small Chamber of the Year Award**  
by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

*Weekly Newsletter*

**December 19th, 2012**

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# Les deseamos unas felices fiestas llenas de alegría y bendiciones...

We wish you joyous holidays full of happiness & blessings...



## ***Calling all members & supporters!***

Don't forget to send in your promotional items or donate a silent auction item for our Annual Gala.

Download form [here](#) & send your items to GQCHCC, 511-17th Street, Moline, IL 61265, by January 11th, 2013. For general questions feel free to contact [zenaida@gqchcc.com](mailto:zenaida@gqchcc.com) at (309) 797-8650.

## ***Submit Your Nomination for the 2013 Annual Gala Awards***

As a volunteer leadership-driven organization, the Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognizes the impact of community involvement. GQCHCC is currently accepting nominations for 2013 Annual Gala Awards. Categories include:

Small Business of the Year  
Corporation of the Year  
Ambassador of the Year  
Community Leadership Award  
**(New)** Student Leadership Award

## **Upcoming Member Events**

December 31 - [Ring In The New Year at The Quad-Cities Best Party](#): Featuring Dr. Zhivegas. Enjoy great giveaways & the QC's biggest balloon drop and a \$100 coupon book.

Ongoing until December 31, 2012: [Art @ the Airport](#): Quad City Woodturners and the Art of Rug Hooking at Quad City International Airport Gallery.

January 9, 2013 - 18th Annual Hispanic Film Festival begins at 7:00pm. The first showing is *Biutiful* directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu. ([view schedule](#))

January 16, 2013 - The [University of Illinois Extension](#) will be hosting a series of webinars. First topic features Private Foundations & Community Development: Differing Approaches to Community with Maria Martinez-Cosio.

Register for [Accounting Made Easy Using Quickbooks](#). Workshop begins February 2. To register call Mary Johnson (309) 764-2194.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges is offering online [Winterim classes](#) for everyone to help keep you busy over the long break.

[Click here](#) for nomination criteria and to submit your nomination. Nominations due by **Friday, December 28th, 2012.**

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## ***Register for the 2013 Annual Gala!***

The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff invite you to join us at the Annual Gala to held at the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. The evening is a celebration of our organization's accomplishments, members, and supporters. We will feature entertainment, a great meal, business awards, silent auction, and the warmth of your colleagues, clients, business leaders, community partners and GQCHCC members.



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**Keynote & Special Guest: *Nina Vaca***, Chairman & CEO of Pinnacle, Director at both Kohl's Corporation and Comerica, Inc.; founding member of the Startup America Partnership; Chairman of the Board of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, January 26th, 2013, 5:30 pm  
QC Waterfront Convention Center  
Bettendorf, IA.

**Register**

Presenting Sponsor:



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## **Public Service Announcements**

**The Black Male Achievement (BMA) Fellowship** is a new fellowship program established by Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green dedicated to improve the life outcomes of black men and boys in the U.S. It is the first fellowship program of its kind that targets social entrepreneurs who are starting up new and innovative organizations in the field of black male achievement. The application for the 2013 BMA Fellowship will be available online from December 4th 2012 - January 7th 2013. ([Learn more](#))

The application period for the White House Internship Program is now open. The application deadline for the Summer 2013 program is January 27, 2013. For more information check out our [Leadership Resources Page](#).

### **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellowship:**

CHCI Fellowships seeks to enhance participants' leadership abilities, strengthen professional skills and ultimately produce more competent and competitive Latino professionals in public policy areas. This fellowship offers the opportunity to gain hands-on experience at the national level in the public policy area of their choice. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2013.

Check out this great resource for Latino students! [Download](#) the National Directory of Scholarships, Internships & Fellowships for Latino Students.

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