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Dear Friends of CABA,

Along with the CABA Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank you for your support of CABA and for the new teachers, leaders and advocates who will benefit from your generous contributions and presence.

This event marks CABA's 29th year and the Gala Benefit Dinner and Fundraiser represents the opportunity for us to gather and celebrate CABA's vision of "Biliteracy and Justice for All". This event recognizes and pays tribute to the accomplishments of students who are on the pathway to becoming leaders in their respective endeavors. Through our collective efforts, we acknowledge our ability and privilege in being able to play even a small role in their quest for excellence.

This evening we honor Luis Rodríguez, acclaimed author, poet and cultural worker whose legacy of transformative leadership has been evidenced through his outstanding works. We have the unique opportunity to listen to his stories, experiences and insights reflecting the values that we hold in utmost importance to create a more just and equitable society.

Through events such as this, we take the time to celebrate, with pride and distinction, our own multilingual and multicultural resources. I am confident that the synchronicity of voices, dreams and accomplishments that we experience tonight will leave both a lasting impression and an enduring commitment to our youth.

With warm regards,

Magaly Lavadenz, Ph.D.
CABA President



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June 25, 2004

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we greet all of our attendees to CABA's Annual Gala Benefit Dinner and Dance. The theme this year is "Bilingual Education: an individual right, a national asset, and a global imperative." Our goal is the advancement of equity and educational achievement for students of diverse cultural, racial, and linguistic backgrounds. In light of the ever-increasing need for advanced education, CABA promotes the concept that all education be of quality and leads to student success.

Every year the Gala benefit dinner is an important mechanism for CABA to sustain its many activities including advocacy on behalf of English Learners at the local and state level, as well as, promoting our work in professional development and research. The annual Gala Benefit Dinner, therefore, provides us an excellent opportunity to honor community leaders and others who also advance educational opportunities for all children in California.

We hope you enjoy our program, and we greatly appreciate your support of this event. Thank you for your generosity and for allowing us to sustain our efforts to reward educational excellence.

Sincerely yours,

Martha Hernández

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Jesús Javier

Master of Ceremonies

Jesús Javier currently serves as news anchor for KRCA-TV, Channel 62, based in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

With his extensive experience both as a news anchor and reporter (both local and national), his high visibility in the latino community, and his fluency in both English and Spanish, Mr. Javier has created a name-face-voice recognition that spans not only nationally, but internationally as well.

In 1997, Jesús Javier received a Golden Mic Award from the Radio & TV News Association of Southern

California for his series, "Infierno Bajo Cero", a special investigation on the false promises of high wages and abundant jobs that lure many Latinos to Alaska. In 1984, he won a silver medal at the New York International Film and Television Festival for Best Documentary with "De Leyes y Papeles." In addition, Jesús Javier anchored "Destino '90", which won an Emmy Award for Best Public Service Special.

A native of Techaluta, Jalisco, México, Javier studied electrical engineering at University of California at Berkeley, before starting his journalistic career.





Program for the Evening

Silent Auction

Welcome

*Roy Jasso, Wells Fargo Bank
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Master of Ceremonies

*Jesus Javier
News Anchor, KRCA Channel 62*

Opening Remarks

Magaly Lavadenz, CABA President

Celebrating Student Success

*Lizbeth Villa
CABA 2004 Student Essay Award Winner --Grade 9-12
Sierra Vista High School -Baldwin Park Unified School District*

Awarding Excellence

Carlos Penichet and CABA Teachership Awards

Herman Sillas Scholarship

Dinner

"A Literary Evening"

featuring noted Chicano author and poet

Luis J. Rodríguez

The Chicano experience is unique, and one that is misunderstood, sadly by a large number of "Hispanics." Luis's writings bring historical color and sound to a people and lifestyle that opened many doors now being taken for granted by young Latinos today.

Live Auction

Closing Remarks

Martha Hernández, CABA Gala Chair

Dancing to the Music –The Wise Guys





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for the Silent and Live Auctions**





Herman Sillas Scholarship

The Herman Sillas Scholarship was established in 2000 to support the efforts of a second year law student who is committed to public interest law and advocacy. The scholarship was named in honor of Herman Sillas, Esq., legal counsel for the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE). Herman is often called the "conscience" of the organization as he shares his views from a perspective outside of the education arena.

CABE has made a concerted effort to work closely with advocacy organizations including META, CRLA, and MALDEF in defending the rights of language minority students and parents. The Herman Sillas Scholarship is awarded annually in hopes of adding to the future ranks of those deserving public interest law firms.

Herman Sillas Scholarship Recipient for 2004

Richard E. Romero

USC Law School

I was raised in Calexico, a small California town on the border with México. As such, the area consisted primarily of Mexican-Americans and Spanish was spoken as frequently or more frequently than English. My mother has taught bilingual education in elementary school for over twenty years and, though I myself never took bilingual education, I was surrounded by it throughout all of my primary schooling.

Coming from such a background, being a law student at USC Law is an honor and an opportunity that I will cherish and take advantage of to the fullest. No matter what anyone may ever say, I feel and have always felt that being bilingual is not an impediment, but rather a valuable asset, and I would not be where I am now without it.

*A special thanks to the USC MAAA for matching funds for this scholarship (\$2,500)





The Carlos Penichet Scholarship Fund

Love for a brother and bilingual education are the ingredients that established the Carlos Penichet Scholarship Fund. Carlos Penichet and Jeff Jorge Penichet born in Mexico City wound up in California after graduating from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Carlos initially taught at Junior High School for the Cucamonga School District. He completed his doctorate at the University of California, Irvine while teaching in the Chicano Studies Department at California State University, Los Angeles.

Recognizing the need for classroom bilingual materials, the two brothers established The Bilingual Educational Services, Inc. They dedicated their time to developing innovative materials for use in bilingual education.

Carlos Penichet's untimely death ended the life of a young compassionate and caring individual. Jeff Jorge Penichet, continues with their joint dream and commenced an endowment trust fund, Carlos Penichet Scholarship Fund, in 1992. Funds from this trust support scholarships for bilingual teachers.

The Carlos Penichet Scholarship Fund Recipient for 2004

Lydda K. Morales

Rosa Parks Elementary
San Diego Unified School District
San Diego Metro CABE Chapter

"Teaching children has always been rewarding and self-fulfilling since I can contribute to a part of their life focusing on their personal growth and education." Lydda Morales has worked as a teacher assistant and early childhood educator for the past six years. Lydda is a graduate of San Diego State University and is currently student teaching at Rosa Parks Elementary School and is in the process of completing her teacher credential program.

Inspired by bilingual educators, and through her own personal linguistic struggles and achievements, Lydda's goal is to become a bilingual teacher to reach those students who are persistent in not only accomplishing the necessary competencies in their native language but in a secondary language as well. Lydda provides a clear language model in both English and Spanish. She spent four weeks during the summer of 2003 in intensive courses at the university of Avila, Spain to further develop her Spanish language and cultural skills. Her dedication to bilingual education is an example for all future bilingual educators.





CABE Teacherships

The CABE Teachership Program is a yearly award of \$2000 scholarships to 10 outstanding paraprofessional CABE members who are pursuing their bilingual teaching credentials. The process involves our chapters directly. Each chapter has the opportunity to nominate one paraprofessional for a teachership award. These nominees' applications are then sent to the region representatives of each region. The region representative forms a committee to review all nominees and then selects two to be that region's teachership recipients.

Blanca Aurora Sanchez Region I

Blanca combines intellect and heart in the classroom, and models caring values among students and teachers. "For as long as I can remember my dream has always been to become a teacher, but it wasn't until the day I started working with children who speak Spanish that I decided to become not just a teacher, but a bilingual teacher. My experience as a teacher assistant has given me hands-on experiences in and out of the classroom...it has influenced me to become more active in my community through many different events such as the CABE meetings, conferences, after school events, tutoring, and by helping with different activities at local migrant camps. I am confident that I will become a teaching professional with empathy and compassion toward young children and their individual strengths and needs."

Maria Herrera Santana High School Rowland Unified School District Puente Hills CABE Chapter

María Herrera has been an Instructional Assistant at Santana High School for three years. She is currently attending Mt. San Antonio College and plans on pursuing a career as a bilingual teacher. While attending a CABE dinner, María was encouraged to be a part of a bilingual education program. "Since I've been working as an Instructional Assistant I've realized that there is a drastic need for bilingual teachers." As an elementary school student, María received a bilingual education and believes that bilingual education was crucial to her success as a student. She is inspired to help other bilingual students to achieve their educational success and reach the American Dream.

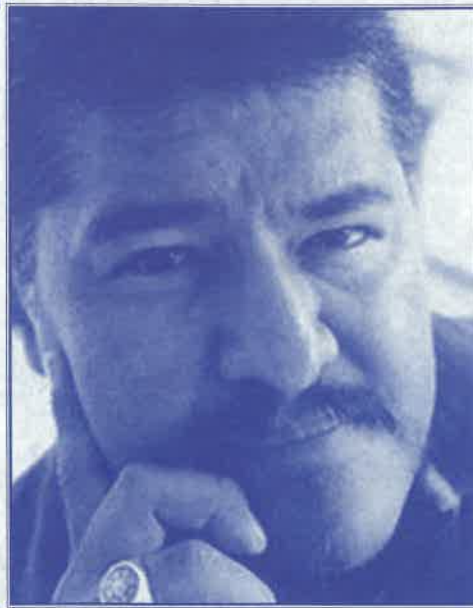
Silvia Vital Antelope Valley Union High School District CABE Antelope Valley High Desert Chapter (58)

Silvia Vital was recognized by CABE as a Distinguished Para-Educator of the year at the annual CABE 2004 conference in San Jose. Sylvia is currently enrolled at California State University Bakersfield and has been a Para-Educator for more than nine years. As a Para-Educator at the Antelope Valley Union High School District, Silvia has been a great asset and continues to work with bilingual students and their families. "Serving these students is my call, what I would like to do for the rest of my professional life. The best part of all is that I love it!" Her dedication to bilingual education and to her community has been above and beyond what her job description entails. Silvia is a role model and her contributions to the community will be enhanced once she becomes a bilingual teacher and is able to reach out to more children in need of bilingual education.

Liliana López Matthew Gage Middle School Riverside USD CABE Chino Chapter (43)

Liliana López is a recent graduate of the University of California Riverside and has been accepted to UCLA in the fall of 2004 to continue her education in the Master's/Teacher Credentialing Program. Liliana has worked as a bilingual aide at Gage Middle School for two years. According to her principal, "Her work with English Learners and her bilingual skills are invaluable in the L1 core classes, particularly in the algebra classes. Her own academic strengths add to the success of the ELD program". Liliana genuinely cares for students, and encourages them to be the very best academically and socially. Liliana is a great representative of our diverse community and is a great candidate for the CABE Teachership Scholarship.





Luis Rodríguez

A Chicano writer and poet

Luis J. Rodriguez is best known for his award winning best seller, "Always Running" and his nationally acclaimed writings in various major publications over the past 20 years. He has traveled all over the world addressing race, class, gender and personal rage among disaffected populations.

What makes Luis so unique is not only his talent and zest for life, but the fact that he has survived so many negative and life threatening experiences, and personal losses, yet is able to express his talent and zest via his writings and speeches documenting the Chicano experience. He grew up in the tough, San Gabriel Valley neighborhoods east of Los Angeles during the Civil Rights, Chicano Moratorium and Viet Nam War era of the late 1960s-early 1970s. Surviving the streets, jail, drug abuse, police harassment and racial discrimination of the time, Luis educated himself and immersed himself in the art of writing and poetry. He has opened the hard, closed hearts of many young incarcerated and disenfranchised Chicanos, encouraging expression through the arts and living of life in a style other than violence, substance abuse, crime and the revolving door of incarceration.

The Chicano experience is unique, and one that is misunderstood, sadly by a large number of "Hispanics." Luis's writings bring historical color and sound to a people and lifestyle that opened many doors now being taken for granted by young Latinos today.

This excerpt was taken from the article, "Your Time Has Come, Brother!" by Frankie Firme | Web Published 9.27.2003 <http://www.frankiefirme.50megs.com>

Special Note: Luis Rodriguez is co-founder of Tia Chucha's Cafe, a unique Latino coffee house, bookstore, computer center and Cultural gathering spot located in the west San Fernando Valley. website: <http://www.tiachucha.com>

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HERMAN SILLAS FINE ART

Herman Sillas, CABA's legal counsel, painted this year's conference poster. The multi-talented Sillas put his painting talent on hold as a young art scholarship student at the renowned Otis Art Institute of Los Angeles to pursue a law career. Now, fifty years later, he explores his talent with vigor and commitment. His work reflects an understanding of Mexican culture and the importance of reflection. Giclée prints and original paintings are available in various sizes. Museum quality archival paper or canvas is used for all giclées. Each archival paper giclée will be signed and numbered by the artist.



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Jesús Javier,
who graciously donated his time and talent.

Our network of members, friends and supporters,
who are always loyal and inspirational.

Our wonderful sponsors, who continue to recognize
and support CABE's work on behalf of children.

Our tireless CABE staff members,
who are always willing to go the extra mile with a smile.

And last, but not least, our dedicated committee members,
who donated many hours of work and their endless talents to
make this Gala possible.

