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## NCSHP Recognizes Elda McGrath and Yasmin Metivier for Over 10 Years of Service

Cary, NC, May 2015 – As the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) embarks on its 16th year of serving the community with its simple mission of "promoting education among Hispanic youth", we are proud to recognize two outstanding NCSHP members for their exceptional service and dedication, Elda McGrath and Yasmin Metivier. McGrath and Metivier, now both serving as Board Members of the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals, have been recognized for their commitment to NCSHP of more than 10 years.

On March 28, 2015, Yasmin Metivier was recognized at the annual Hispanic Educational Summit and was presented a plaque for her outstanding commitment. Since 2000, Metivier has served as the Society's Mistress of Ceremonies for multiple events including the Hispanic Educational Summit, Hispanic Achievement Conference, the 10th and 15th Anniversary gala, the first-ever forum on Latino education, "The State of Latino Education in North Carolina – Successes and Challenges" and many more. Metivier has also served as a selection committee member for the annual "Stay in School Video" contest, represented NCSHP at countless community events and continuously attracts new members and volunteers with her vibrant personality. She now serves on the Board of Directors. Mrs. Metivier is President and Co-founder of Panoltia, Inc., and a Master Certified Interpreter and Interpreter Trainer. She was born, raised, and educated in Mexico, and emigrated to the U.S. in 1986. Yasmin has lived and worked in several countries in Europe and the Americas, and she is fluent in several languages. She holds an advanced degree in business administration and marketing. For over twenty years she has volunteered for the advancement of the Hispanic community.



On May 2, 2015 Elda McGrath was recognized by the Board and also presented with her plaque of recognition for her 10 years to service to NCSHP. In July 2002, she subscribed to the mission and intent of the NCSHP of promoting education among Hispanics students and became a member. Since then, she has served as the treasurer of NCSHP in 2007 and now serves on the Board of Directors, and as a part of the sustaining "100 Group." Mrs. McGrath supports investing resources in the Hispanic students so they can develop skills needed to succeed at school, at home, and in the community. She is currently an ESL teacher at Northwoods Elementary in Cary where she coordinated the Spanish Club and helped collect over 1,000 books for the Wake Up and Read a Book Drive, a collaborative community group working together to improve childhood literacy. Elda McGrath is a native of Panama, Republic of Panama, and holds a Standard English as a Second Language license, a Standard Spanish license, and a Master's degree in reading and writing from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has over thirteen years teaching experience in the North Carolina Public School System.

"We are grateful to have such talented professionals dedicate so much time and talent to the Society. Without the help and guidance of Elda and Yasmin, NCSHP would not be where it is today. We thank them deeply and cannot express our appreciation enough." Marco Zárate, President, North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals.

*The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) is a statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose only mission is to promote education among Hispanic youth. Acknowledging the under representation of Hispanic youths in higher education, and seeing the need for role models, it is the intent of the NCSHP to develop and secure educational opportunities and financial support to improve Hispanic youth's success and school performance.*

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