

# Town of Brookhaven Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 7, approximately 500 people attended the Town of Brookhaven’s Third Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration hosted by Brookhaven’s Hispanic Advisory Board. During the celebration of Hispanic culture, 102 high school seniors from 14 school districts throughout Brookhaven were honored for achieving a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Also honored during the celebration were Francis Valdez Rodriguez, who is the successful business owner of 112 Tequila Deli in Coram, and Major League Baseball Player and 2009 Patchogue-Medford High School graduate Marcus Earl Stroman.

In 2013, Supervisor Romaine established the first Hispanic Advisory Board in the Town of Brookhaven to help improve cultural understanding between the Hispanic community, civic and business leaders, Brookhaven government, and Town residents. The Hispanic Advisory Board serves as a sounding board to the Town Board and provides viable recommendations on policies that advance the social and economic well-being of Hispanics and all citizens in the Town of Brookhaven.

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