



HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND UH SMALL  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER HONOR ASPIRING SMALL  
BUSINESS OWNERS IN HISPANIC ENTREPRENEUR SERIES**

**What:** Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
**Honor Aspiring Small Business Owners (Graduation Ceremony)**

**When:** Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** UH Small Business Development Center, 2302 Fannin

HOUSTON, Texas (November 15, 2007) — The Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The University of Houston Small Business Development Center, will honor aspiring small business owners who have completed the 11 week program, the Hispanic Entrepreneur Series.

The 11 week series, sponsored by the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and underwritten by Aetna, covered a range of business topics such as: how to get a loan, how to write a business plan, finding the best customers, and managing finances. All classes were taught in **Spanish** and were held at **UH SBDC at 2302 Fannin, Suite 200**. Seminars were **free** and included all course materials.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to have provided the program participants with the tools they need to start and grow their businesses," said Dr. Laura Murillo, President and CEO. "Hispanic-owned companies comprise the fastest growing segment of Houston's business community and we believe we have made an impact in the companies of the program graduates."

The **Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** was founded in 1977 by a group of prominent Hispanic businesspeople. The Chamber today is the premiere Hispanic business organization and represents over 1000 members and corporations from the Houston area. **For additional information contact Rene Cantu, Director of Communications, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, at (713) 644-7070.-##-**