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President of Argentina Javier Milei honored at Hispanic Heritage Gala; President Donald Trump sends greetings

The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala Unites Global Leaders in Washington, D.C., Amplifying the Voice of the Hispanic Community

Organized by Latino Wall Street and the Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee, the prestigious celebration welcomed Argentine President Javier Milei as Guest of Honor, received official White House greetings, and attracted 56 accredited media outlets.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- With a mission to elevate Hispanic voices, celebrate Latino achievement, and create influential platforms for greater representation and opportunity, **Latino Wall Street** and the **Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee** hosted **The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala** on October 14 at the historic Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

The prestigious gathering brought together international leaders, senior U.S. government officials, diplomats, influential entrepreneurs, and prominent personalities in a celebration highlighting Hispanic leadership and the community's contributions to the United States. More than a celebration of heritage, the gala reflected the organizers' ongoing commitment to empowering the Hispanic community, connecting leaders, promoting entrepreneurship, and creating meaningful spaces where Latino voices can be heard and recognized. The event was organized through the collaborative efforts of **Gabriela Berrospi** and **Tony Delgado**, founders of Latino Wall Street; **Javier Negre**, White House correspondent for RAV Español; and **Fabiola Malka**, Founder and CEO of New Concept PR and Communications Director of the gala, alongside Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee members **Bianca Gracia**, **Andrés Depew**, and **Catalina Stubbe**.



Argentine President Javier Milei was the Guest of Honor at the Hispanic Heritage Gala. President Donald J. Trump sent official White House greetings to welcome Pres. Milei and other special guests. (Photo/Courtesy: Latino Wall Street)

President Donald Trump Sends Official White House Greetings Recognizing Hispanic Contributions

Adding special significance to the celebration, **President Donald J. Trump** sent an official letter from the White House, dated October 14, 2026, extending his greetings to the organizers and attendees of The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala. The presidential message recognized generations of Hispanic Americans whose contributions have helped shape the nation's culture, strengthen its institutions, and advance its prosperity. For Latino Wall Street and the Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee, the correspondence held particular significance, reflecting the importance of initiatives that celebrate Hispanic achievement, strengthen community representation, and create platforms where Latino voices receive greater visibility. **President Javier Milei**, Guest of Honor, Delivers a Message of Resilience and Opportunity

Argentine President Javier Milei

served as the evening's Guest of Honor, joining distinguished leaders from across the Americas for a celebration of Hispanic excellence and achievement. During his remarks, Milei addressed Latino entrepreneurs who had left their home countries in search of greater opportunities, acknowledging the sacrifices, perseverance, and hard work required to build successful lives abroad. Drawing on the experiences of Argentine families whose children and grandchildren have emigrated, he recognized the determination and entrepreneurial spirit of Hispanic communities around the world. Looking toward the future, Milei expressed optimism about the economic potential of Argentina, the Southern Cone, and Latin America. "Let us look south and make all of America great again," Milei declared, according to an English translation of his closing re-

marks. Distinguished Recognitions Honor Hispanic Leadership and Global Impact

Among the evening's highlights, **President Javier Milei** received the Hispanic Heritage Leadership & Global Impact Recognition, acknowledging his leadership and international influence. The gala also honored distinguished personalities including **Dan Newlin**, **Deborah Fonseca**, **Máximo Álvarez**, **Ambassador Carlos Trujillo**, **Alfonso "Alfy" Fanjul Jr.**, and **H.E. Rubén Ramírez Lezcano**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay, recognizing their achievements and contributions across business, public service, international relations, and leadership. **Distinguished U.S. Officials, International Leaders and Diplomatic Representatives Attend the Gala** The celebration welcomed prominent figures representing government, international

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diplomacy, business, and public affairs. Distinguished guests included **Brandon Beach**, Treasurer of the United States; **Admiral Brian Christine, M.D.**, Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; **Alice Marie Johnson**, White House Pardon Czar; **Matt Schlapp**, Chairman of CPAC; **Mercedes Schlapp**; **Eduardo Bolsonaro**, Brazilian political figure; and **H.E. Ambassador Ana Irene Delgado**, Panama's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS). The gala also welcomed officials from the Embassies of Paraguay, Colombia, and Argentina, further reflecting the international scope of the gathering. Other notable attendees included **Joel Valdez**, **Patrick Weaver**, **Phil Hegseth**, **Nelson Albino Ruiz**, and **Victor Avila**, representing various areas of government and public affairs.

High-Profile Red Carpet Attracts 56 Accredited Media Outlets

The gala's red carpet became one of the evening's most prominent highlights, welcoming political figures, international dignitaries, business leaders, and influential personalities at the historic Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. A total of 56 media outlets were accredited to cover the event, reflecting significant interest from national and international press. The red carpet offered opportunities for interviews, photography, and coverage of the distinguished

guests, providing an international platform to showcase Hispanic leadership and achievement. Media relations and red carpet operations were coordinated under the direction of **Fabiola Malka**, Founder and CEO of New Concept PR, who served as Communications Director of The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala. A Lasting Commitment to Hispanic Empowerment The success of The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala reflected the shared vision of Latino Wall Street and the Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee to advance Hispanic representation, foster entrepreneurship, and build bridges between the Latino community and influential decision-makers. By bringing together leaders from government, international business, diplomacy, and civic life, the organizers demonstrated the importance of creating platforms where Hispanic achievements are celebrated and the community's perspectives receive greater visibility. More than an evening of recognition, The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala reaffirmed its mission to elevate Hispanic voices, celebrate excellence, and create lasting opportunities for future generations.

About The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala

The Official Hispanic Heritage Gala is a distinguished celebration organized by Latino Wall Street and the Hispanic Heritage Gala Committee, dedicated to recognizing Hispanic excellence, highlighting success, and amplifying the contributions of the Latino community. The impactful event connects influential leaders from government, business, diplomacy, and public affairs while creating opportunities for greater Hispanic representation and collaboration. Website: www.hispanicheritagegala.org

Tulsa unveils Jim Halsey Way between Cain’s Ballroom and OKPOP Museum to honor the legendary manager

The Oak Ridge Boys join Tulsa in honoring the legendary manager whose more than seven-decade career carried country music from Oklahoma to Nashville, Las Vegas, New York and behind the Iron Curtain

TULSA, Okla., October 15, 2026 — Legendary music manager and impresario **Jim Halsey** was honored Thursday, Oct. 15, as Tulsa unveiled **Jim Halsey Way**, an honorary designation for a section of West Easton Street between historic **Cain’s Ballroom** and the **OKPOP Museum** in the Tulsa Arts District.

The celebration began at noon with a ceremony inside OKPOP Museum, held beneath the restored Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys tour bus, followed by the outdoor unveiling of the new street sign at the corner of North Main Street and West Easton Street. Halsey was joined by members of **The Oak Ridge Boys**, the Jim Halsey Street Naming Committee, music industry colleagues, friends and fans.

“I am so honored, and to have a street named after me right in front of historic Cain’s Ballroom and right next to OKPOP Museum is more than I could have ever imagined,” Halsey said. In his remarks, he thanked God, his family and the many artists he has worked with throughout his



Jim Halsey (seated) celebrates the unveiling of Jim Halsey Way at North Main Street and West Easton Street on Oct. 15, 2026. (Photo courtesy of Earl Morse)

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The Oak Ridge Boys’ **Duane Allen** and **William Lee Golden** both spoke at the ceremony. Halsey has managed the group for more than 50 years and continues to manage it today.

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“He got our first recording contract to do a country album, and he’s got every contract that we’ve had since then,” Golden said. Allen also recalled the group’s 1976 tour of the Soviet Union with Roy Clark, organized by

Halsey as part of the U.S. State Department’s cultural exchange program, with concerts in Riga and Moscow. “We never saw an empty seat,” Allen said. Fifty years later, Jim Halsey Way honors that global reach in the city Halsey has called home since 1971.

Halsey founded the Jim Halsey Company in Independence, Kansas, in 1951, with legendary country singer Hank Thompson as his first client, and moved his base of operations to Tulsa in 1971. Over the decades, he has managed and booked some of music’s most recognizable stars, including Roy Clark, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, James Brown, Reba McEntire, Tammy Wynette, Clint Black, Minnie Pearl, Don Williams, The Judds, Lee Greenwood and Mel Tillis. He also worked closely with

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