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National LULAC youth leader to serve as guest speaker at Latino awards banquet

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DES MOINES – Abigail Zapote, a former DREAMER whose undocumented status sparked her future career in social justice, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Latino Leadership Banquet.

The League of United Latin American Citizen, Council 307's annual banquet is Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. This year's event is dedicated to building and protecting the Latino community.

Zapote immigrated to the United States in 1997. She has learned first-hand the trials and triumphs involved with living in the country as a DREAMER. Her experiences sparked her passion for social justice. She is serving her third term on LULAC's National Board, where she represents the collegiate and young adult councils across the country. Zapote is the executive director for Latinos for a Secure Retirement in Washington D.C. She leads efforts to protect Social Security, strengthen Medicare, increase pension access and improve financial literacy for Latinos of all ages.

"Abi has been very active in inspiring and rallying our youth to become vocal and involved with their communities and the political process," said Joe Enriquez Henry, National LULAC Vice President of the Midwest and banquet chairman. "We hope her energy will contribute to our desires to build and protect our community and create more activism among our youth."

The banquet reception is at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner, awards ceremony and evening entertainment. LULAC will recognized nine individuals who have worked to improve the lives of Latinos living in Iowa and advocated for the Latino community.

Tickets are still available for the event. Individual tickets are \$50. Seniors and youth, 18 and younger, pay \$20. Purchase tickets online through LULAC's website: www.LULACIowa.org, or mail checks made payable to LULAC #307 Leadership Banquet, 2463 E. Highview Drive, Des Moines, IA 50320.

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