

National Hispanic Heritage Month Who's Who Answers



How many did you know?

1. Cesar Chavez - American labor leader and civil rights activist
2. Sonia Sotomayor - First Hispanic (and third woman) to serve as Supreme Court Justice
3. Roberto Clemente - Human rights activist, charity worker, baseball legend
4. Ellen Ochoa - Engineer and astronaut, first Hispanic woman to go into space
5. Juan Felipe - 21st U.S. Poet Laureate and first Mexican-American to hold that position
6. Raffi Freedman-Gurspan - Transgender rights activist, first openly transgender person to work as a White House staffer
7. Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz - 17th-century feminist writer and thinker, pioneer of women's rights, the first feminist author of the New World
8. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez - Youngest congresswoman in United States history
9. Berta Cáceres - Environmental activist, cofounded the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras
10. Sylvia Mendez - Paved the way for desegregation of schools in the U.S when in third grade, she became the first Mexican-American to go to an all-white school in California
11. Gloria Molina - First Latina elected to the California Assembly, Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors where she served for 23 years
12. Hilda Solis - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the 1st district
13. Rosario Dawson - Actress and producer, activist and philanthropist
14. Jorge Ramos - Journalist and author
15. Octaviano Larrazola - Governor of New Mexico in 1918, first Hispanic American to serve as a U.S. Senator.
16. Ritchie Valens - Musician, introduced American audiences to Mexican music with La Bamba, Donna, and other hits.
17. Emma González - Gun law reform advocate, survivor of school shooting when 17 of her fellow classmates were killed at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2017
18. José Andrés - Award winning and critically acclaimed chef and Humanitarian, nominated for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize
19. Antonio Villaraigosa - 41st Mayor of Los Angeles from 2005 to 2013, California State Assembly (1994-2000)
20. Sylvia Rivera - LGBTQ rights pioneer, co-founder of the Gay Liberation Front
21. Dr. Adolfo Gonzales - Chief Probation Officer for the Los Angeles County Probation Department
22. Lin-Manuel Miranda - Composer, lyricist, actor, writer, and activist, creator of Hamilton the musical
23. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen - First Hispanic woman to ever serve in the United States Congress
24. Rita Moreno - First Hispanic woman to win an Academy Award, and is one of three people to hold the honor of being a "PEGOT" winner. (Peabody, Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award)
25. Gabriela Mistral - Poet and educator, the first Hispanic person to win a Nobel Prize in Literature

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