

# EINSTEIN CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



## MARIO J. GARCIA, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Chief, Division of Cardiology  
Professor of Medicine and of Radiology  
Co-Director, Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care

Dr. Mario J. Garcia is a noninvasive cardiologist, recognized as a leader in the development and clinical implementation of advanced noninvasive cardiac diagnostic technology. Dr. Garcia was born in Argentina and moved to the Dominican Republic at a young age. He is the author or co-author of several books and book chapters and over 200 publications in peer-reviewed journals. The short film *Corazón*, produced by Montefiore in 2018, shared the true story of how Dr. Garcia learned of a woman's life-threatening heart ailment while visiting the Dominican Republic and his efforts to get her the surgery that saved her life.

## CLAUDIA GOMEZ

Executive Assistant to Gordon F. Tomaselli, M.D.

Claudia Gomez is the executive assistant to Einstein's Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean. She brings to her role years of experience in working efficiently across multicultural organizations.

She has diverse professional experience at team building, establishing and fostering relationships, training, and coaching. Ms. Gomez is effective in developing, managing, and motivating participants in an influential manner. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her son.



## CARLOS J. RODRIGUEZ, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.C., F.A.H.A.

Professor of Medicine and of Epidemiology & Population Health  
Vice Chair for Academic Affairs, Medicine  
Director of Clinical Cardiology Research and of Cardiovascular Epidemiology

Dr. Rodriguez is a board-certified clinical cardiologist, researcher, and educator. He was born in the Dominican Republic and raised in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan. He was the first Dominican from the surrounding inner-city community of Washington Heights to become a full-time faculty member of the division of cardiology at Columbia University. Dr. Rodriguez has published over 230 peer-reviewed manuscripts, book chapters, and abstracts.



## YVETTE CALDERON, M.D.

Einstein Class of 1990

Dr. Yvette Calderon is an emergency medicine clinician, researcher, teacher, and mentor. She is known for clinical research focused on two major health disparities in the Bronx and the Lower East Side of Manhattan: HIV and hepatitis C. Dr. Calderon developed the first multimedia-based HIV testing and counseling program, which has provided testing in various settings, including emergency departments, inpatient clinics, dental offices, and community pharmacies. She served as associate dean for diversity enhancement at Einstein from 2008 to 2011.



## LATINX MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (LMSA)

The mission of LMSA at Einstein is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities (URMs) in medicine, provide educational opportunities to support the Einstein community in providing sensitive, informed, and culturally competent care to Latinx and underserved communities, and enhance the social support network of Latinx and other URM medical students at Einstein. The current membership consists of M.D. and M.S.T.P. (M.D./Ph.D.) students.

Pictured from left to right:

Michelle Nuñez-García, Isabella Flaquer, Lizzette Delgadillo, Daniel Alicea, Jessica Juarez

(Second-year M.D. students)

