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## RECOGNITION

We would like to congratulate long time IAHSE member Issac Alejandro Godinez on his recent promotion! Isaac is an employee of IDOC. On April 16th, Isaac began his new position at Sheridan Correctional Center as Correctional Lieutenant. Isaac is the 2nd Hispanic Lieutenant at Sheridan Correctional Center ever in the facility! We are proud of Isaac to represent and celebrate the Hispanic culture and set a good example for other IAHSE members who may follow and be willing to also be one of the first Hispanic leaders in their role.

## BOARD UPDATES

The majority of the board will be in Springfield for the Latino Unity Day events. Board Members will be in solidarity with all other stakeholder groups that helped bring this event together. In addition, the Board will be hosting a Director's meeting with agency directors to discuss key issues, concerns, and points of our membership.

## JOB FAIRS

If your agency is hosting a job fair, please share with us so we can include it on our website. In addition, we can help spread the word on our social media.

## JOIN IAHSE!

Are you a member? If not, join now! It is IAHSE's mission to increase and secure the number of Latino employees at all levels of State government to ensure the full delivery of State services and resources to the Latino community. A strong representation of Latinos is vital to promote change. Your membership is very important to continue our mission and we invite you to join over 400 IAHSE State employees throughout Illinois! Please review our membership options on our [membership form](#).

## EVENTS

- Latino Unity day will be May 7-8 in Springfield. May 7th will be a half day event. May 8th will be a full day event with an evening reception starting at 6:00 PM by the Latino Caucus. More information coming soon, including registration, please check our [events section our website](#) periodically.
- Our 46th Annual Conference will be October 11, 2024 at the Hilton Chicago/ Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center. More information will be available at a later date.

## CONOCE A TU IAHSE COMPAÑERO@

We will be featuring IAHSE members in our monthly newsletter highlighting our diverse and talented Latino/a/e/x membership. This month's edition, we will be featuring our newest board member Gianni.

**Name:** Gianni Serrano

**Current State Agency & Title:** Division of Rehabilitation Services, Business Employment Consultant

**What city are you based in?** Chicago

**How long have you worked for the State of Illinois?** 8 years

**What interested you in working for the State of Illinois & the current agency you are working for?**

I was drawn to working for the State of Illinois by my passion for serving others and making a positive impact in my community. What I enjoy the most about working for DHS is the opportunity to engage with individuals and make a meaningful difference in their lives.



**What are your hobbies?** I love all things music (singing, dancing, playing instruments). I also enjoy traveling to Puerto Rico and spending time at the beautiful beaches.

**Fun fact about you?** Before working for the State of Illinois, I was a lifeguard with the Chicago Park District for 5 years.

**Any achievements that you wish to share? Professional and/or personal?**

Both a professional and personal achievement of mine is earning my master's degree in 2023. It took me 4 years to complete the program while working full-time. Although it was a long journey, I had the privilege of learning valuable life lessons and meeting some very influential people along the way.

**Anything else you wish to share with your IAHSE colleagues?** I would like to encourage my fellow IAHSE colleagues to continue being great and never stop striving. When you are not given a seat at the table, bring your own seat and make a space for yourself.

If you wish to be highlighted or nominate another IAHSE member, please email us at [IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov](mailto:IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov).



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