



During its annual three-day convention, the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce announced that the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as its 2015 “Chamber of the Year.” The announcement was shared Friday evening, August 21, 2015, at the Sacramento conference. The award adds to the KCHCC’s growing list of accomplishments, including Executive of the Year awarded to Jay Tamsi from the state organization just last year. Additionally, KCHCC’s very own Blodgie Rodriguez, Chair women of the board, was recognized with the “Latina Trailblazer Award” by the CHCC for paving the way for other Latinas in her industry at Thursday’s opening Latina lunch at the state convention .



“It is with great honor I accept the ‘Chamber of the Year’ award tonight on behalf of the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (KCHCC). I would like to thank our board members, foundation members, diplomats and distinguished chamber members that KCHCC was selected as the recipient of the year; what a great accomplishment for all of us,” exclaimed Jay Tamsi,

CEO/President of the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

This year’s recipient of the “Chamber of the Year” award was selected from among the 85 chambers and other Hispanic organizations affiliated with California Hispanic chamber. The award was presented to the KCHCC at the annual Convention and Business Awards Dinner Gala on Friday, August 21st. Additionally, Blodgie was selected from among many nominees statewide and was awarded the “Trailblazer Award” Thursday, August 20th, at the “Latina’s Inspire Luncheon.”

“It is also a privilege to announce, Blodgie Rodriguez, Chairwoman of the Board, received the ‘Trailblazer Award’ for paving the way for other Latinas. We are very honored to have Blodgie as a leader not only through KCHCC but our entire community,” added Tamsi.



KCHCC was awarded for its numerous successes including establishing a small business

academy in partnership with Wells Fargo from which 112 entrepreneurs were graduated, increasing its membership 300 percent in 3 years, developing 12 business courses funded by JP Morgan Chase, partnering with local oil and energy corporations to implement the first energy academy which provides \$500 scholarships to its 30 academy graduates, and other programs that benefit the business community here in Kern County.