



PIA Insider January Edition

2019: New year, New Board of Directors, successful Strategic Meeting and good news to share

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Greetings to all,

I am honored and enthusiastic about the opportunity to take on the role of President of the PIA Board for 2019 and work with all of you and our stakeholders, across the healthcare system, in our shared mission to position Puerto Rico's bio- pharmaceutical global competitiveness and partner to improve patient's healthcare outcomes.

As an industry dedicated to the discovery of innovative medicines, vaccines and devices, to address the worlds unmet clinical needs we are all aware of the pivotal role we play in protecting and fostering an environment where innovation can continue to thrive while we also address patient access and affordability challenges.

This is not a simple feat and I want to take this opportunity to thank Felipe and the members of our board for their leadership and contribution to PIA during the past two years in leading us as we navigated challenging times while focusing on advancing our three strategic pillars; global competitiveness, building social capital and ensuring healthcare sustainability.

As we plan for 2019, I ask each of you to reflect on our learnings and the challenges we face today to achieve our shared mission. With the spirit of collaboration and the intent of leveraging on our capabilities, we celebrated our Annual Strategic Planning Session on January 17, 2019 where we revisited our strategic objectives and defined our 2019 plan. You will receive details shortly.

Thank you in advance for a successful year and for your partnership as we continue building on the work we have done so far to create a stronger biopharmaceutical industry in Puerto Rico.

Wendy Perry



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Photo Recap of our Annual Strategic Planning Session 2019



Scientific Laboratory on Wheels Promotes Love for Science



For the third year in "Our initiative to bring science laboratories to public schools will continue to expand the horizons to students who otherwise would not have access to this type of experience in the different branches of STEM," said the CEO of the CSIF, José Luis Díaz Cotto. a row, the scientific laboratory on wheels of the Sor Isolina Ferré Centers will impact the educational life of some 276 public school students in low-income communities of 12 municipalities around the island as part of a grant from the Amgen Foundation of \$30,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The educational initiative known as "Mobile Science" focuses on promoting love for science in a fun way through free workshops in a real mobile science laboratory, the different STEM disciplines, between students at intermediate and higher level.

Likewise, Aixa Caballer, Senior Manager of Communications and Public Affairs of Amgen and spokesperson for the Amgen Foundation in Puerto Rico, said that "at the Amgen Foundation we have a firm commitment to contribute to the

development and educational growth of students in all the levels and in the community in general. That is why we are proud to support for the third year in a row the Sor Isolina Ferré Centers to take the mobile laboratory, Mobile Science, to students", pointed out the executive.

It should be noted that for the past 2 years the educational initiative has impacted around 770 students and some 76 science teachers in 34 public schools.



René Berlingeri named Army Reserve Ambassador



Retired Command Sgt. Major René Berlingeri, Senior Associate Security at Amgen Manufacturing Limited located in Juncos Puerto Rico, has been named an United States Army Reserve Ambassador, as part of a program that educates the public, community leaders and congressional staff offices about the capabilities and value of the Army Reserve and the soldiers who live and work in their communities. Established in April 1998, The Army Reserve Ambassador (ARA) Program is one of the Army Reserve's key outreach programs. ARAs are influential volunteers with significant ties to their communities who operate at state and local levels and voluntarily represent the Chief of the Army Reserve (CAR) without salary, wages or other benefits. They develop awareness and advocacy for the Army Reserve and are vitally important bridges to communities across the Nation.

Army Reserve Ambassadors are a powerful means of message delivery to the American people and they provide invaluable connections for our own centers of influence to engage local stakeholders. ARAs have the advantage of strategic timing, long-term relationships, and continued dialogue with persons of influence to achieve the desired outcomes we need to stay relevant in today's challenging operating environment.

During the appointment ceremony, Berlinger also received the Legion of Merit Military Award given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. This recognition has only been awarded to a handful of Puerto Rican in service.



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