

***Martin Luther King, Jr.***  
***Celebration Lecture***

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Washington University School of Medicine  
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**National Health Policy and  
Minority Collaboration**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Elena Rios**  
President  
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**D**r. Elena Rios serves as President of the National Hispanic Medical Association, an organization that represents Hispanic physicians across the United States, and CEO of the Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc., a group of 22 medical schools with 9% Hispanic student enrollment. The mission of both organizations is to improve the health care of Hispanics across the nation. Dr. Rios also serves on the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda and the Women's Policy Inc. Boards of Directors. She is Co-Chair for the Hispanic Health Coalition, and was appointed by the former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, to the Advisory Panel for Medicare Education.

Dr. Rios graduated from Stanford University in 1977 with a BA in Human Biology and Public Administration and obtained an MSPH in Health Planning and Policy Analysis from the UCLA School of Public Health in 1980. As a college student, Dr. Rios became active in student organizations and policy committees, planned conferences, and developed programs for minority college and medical school recruitment and for minority women's issues. Dr. Rios attained her MD degree from the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987 and completed her residency training in Internal Medicine at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California and White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles from 1987-1990. Following her residency, Dr. Rios was appointed as a Primary Care Health Services Research Fellow at the UCLA Division of General Medicine (NRSA Award from NIH) and focused her research on minorities and access to health care as well as on management skills among family practice physicians.

In 1992, Dr. Rios worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development where she developed a residency programs database and participated in state and federal activities to enhance the health profession recruitment programs for minority students. In 1993, she was appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force and served as the Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House. Dr. Rios has held positions such as the President of the Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, Advisor to the National Network of Latin American Medical Students, and Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health from November 1994 to October 1998. She also serves on the Pfizer and Aventis Hispanic Advisory Boards.

Recently listed as one of Hispanic Business Magazine's 100 Most Influential Hispanics of the Nation, Dr. Rios has lectured, published articles and received several awards on health policy including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Award and the American Public Health Association Latino Caucus Distinguished Career Award.