

A History of Hispanic Achievement in America

A History of Hispanic Achievement in America is a rich history that began 500 years ago when Christopher Columbus stepped ashore in the new world. It is a history of unsurpassed achievements, of heroic exploits, of unflinching courage and remarkable exploration. The contributions of Hispanics to the development and success of America are woven into many segments of the nation's history. To envision America untouched by Hispanics is to imagine a country without much of its folklore and many of its achievements. From the American Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf War, Hispanic Americans have proudly served this country in the Armed Forces. And throughout U.S. history, Hispanics have contributed in building the West; in medicine and science; in entertainment, journalism, business, education, civil rights, politics, in sports and more. Patricia Lopez takes you through history on this 500 year odyssey of Hispanic Achievement in American History.

Program 1 Spain Comes to the New World

- 1492 - Christopher Columbus Arrives in the New World
- 1513 - Ponce de Leon Discovers Florida
- 1514 - *Bartolomé de las Casas Establishes Anti-Racism Policy in Spanish Colonies*
- 1519 - Hernan Cortes Brings Horses from Spain to the Americas

Program 2 Spanish American Exploration and Colonization

- 1539 - Hernando De Soto Explores Southern U.S.
- 1540 - Francisco Vasques de Coronado Maps America's Southwest
- 1565 - Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles Founds Florida's St. Augustine
- 1608 - Juan De Onate Expedition Establishes Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1711 - Gallegos Family, Pioneers of the Desert Southwest

Program 3: Spanish Americans Move Toward Independence

- 1720 - Father Antonio Margil de Jesus Helps Found San Antonio, Texas
- 1740 - Governor Manuel de Montiano Defends St. Augustine Against English Attack
- 1769 - Junipero Serra Founds a Mission in San Diego
- 1779 - Bernardo de Galvez Leads Spanish Forces Against Britain In America's Fight For Freedom
- 1810 - Spain's North American Colonists Begin Forging an American Hispanic Identity

Program 4: A New Hispanic Identity Emerges

- 1819 - Luis de Onís Prevents a War Between Spain and the United States
- 1821 - Don Facundo Melgares Inaugurates Trade on the Santa Fe Trail
- 1836 - José Antonio Navarro and Lorenzo de Zavala, Founding Fathers of the Texas Republic
- 1836 - Juan Seguín Stands with Americans at the Battle of the Alamo
- 1836 - Juana Briones Establishes San Francisco

Program 5 Hispanics Become United States Citizens

- 1848 - The Treaty Guadalupe Hidalgo Cedes Mexican Southwest to the United States
- 1853 - Joaquin Murieta Becomes the Inspiration for the Cisco Kid and Zorro
- 1855 - Francisco Ramirez Founds the First Spanish Language Newspaper in Los Angeles
- 1862 - Indian Fighter Rafael Chacon and Kit Carson Defeat the Navajo
- 1863 - Hispanics Distinguish Themselves in the American Civil War
- 1866 - David Farragut Becomes the First Admiral in the U.S. Navy
- 1866 - Mexican Vaqueros Begin the American Cowboy Tradition

Program 6 Hispanics Become an American Minority

- 1898 - Spanish American War
- 1905 - Noted Philosopher George Santayana Publishes *The Life of Reason*
- 1929 - United States Begins Its Mexican American Repatriation Campaign
- 1936 - Dennis Chavez is First Hispanic Elected to the U.S. Senate
- 1944 - Luis Walter Alvarez Helps Develop Atomic Bomb
- 1949 - Pancho Gonzales Becomes First Hispanic American Superstar

Program 7 Emergence of a Unique Hispanic Culture

- 1959 - Ritchie Valens Initiates Hispanic/Latin Renaissance in American Culture
- 1961 - Emilio Azcarraga Brings Hispanic Television to the United States
- 1963 - Poet William Carlos Williams Wins the Pulitzer Prize.
- 1963 - Joan Baez Sings at Civil Rights March on Washington D.C
- 1965 - Cesar Chavez Founds the United Farm Workers of America

Program 8 Era of the Hispanic American Hero Begins

- 1969 - Judy Baca Brings the Hispanic Muralist Movement to the United States
- 1973 - Roberto Clemente is the First Hispanic Elected into Baseball's Hall of Fame
- 1978 - Hispanic Golfer Nancy Lopez Wins Her First LPGA Championship
- 1980 - Walter Alvarez Proposes Dinosaur Extinction Caused by Asteroid Impact
- 1986 - Franklin Chang-Diaz Becomes the First Hispanic American in Space
- 1990 - Dr. Antonia Novello, First Hispanic Surgeon General
- 2001 - Linda Alvarado Wins Horatio Alger Award