



## Resources for the Foreign Born

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Dear Friend:

On May 4, 2010, Howard County will recognize the achievements and contributions of its foreign-born community at The Eighth Annual American Success Awards Dinner, sponsored by FIRN, Inc. in partnership with the Howard County Government, Howard County Economic Development Authority, and the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.

Since its beginning, immigrants have come to America with dreams of success for their new life. Here in Howard County, immigrants from around the world have seen that dream come true through satisfying and worthwhile jobs, outstanding professional careers, prosperous businesses, and generous civic involvement.

**We are asking for your help to identify nominees who embody the spirit of “American Success.”** The award criteria are that recipients must 1) be foreign-born individuals who live or work in Howard County, 2) be either the owner of a successful Howard County business or have achieved a high level of success in his/her chosen profession, and 3) have made a significant contribution to either the ethnic or general community through his/her volunteer services in Howard County.

The nomination form is attached (responses may be continued on a separate page if you need additional space). You may copy the form to nominate more than one person, or to share it with friends and colleagues who would also like to make a nomination.

Thank you for helping us to recognize the contributions of those who have succeeded in their adopted land. Please note that nominations are due to FIRN by **February 24, 2010**.

Sincerely,

FIRN Board and Staff

P.S. We hope you will join us in the celebration on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ticket information will be sent out at a later date, or contact FIRN at 410-992-1923 for information on either tickets or sponsorship opportunities.

# American Success Award

Honoring the Achievements of Howard County's Foreign-born Community  
May 4, 2010

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## Candidate Nomination Form

### Criteria:

- Must be a foreign-born individual who lives or works in Howard County.
- Must have made a significant contribution to the ethnic or general community through his/her volunteer services in Howard County
- Must be *either* the owner of a successful Howard County business *or* have achieved a high level of success in his/her chosen profession.

To nominate an individual for this award, please provide the following information. You may continue responses on a separate page.

The nominee is a \_\_\_ business owner or \_\_\_ professional, who \_\_\_ lives or \_\_\_ works in Howard County.

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Nominee's name

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Name of business or employer

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Address

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Phone

Email

Description of the nominee's business or professional accomplishment:

Description of the nominee's contribution to the community:

Nominee's immigration "story", including the obstacles or challenges that (s)he has had to overcome to achieve success:

Reason(s) for nomination:

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your nomination by February 24, 2010 to:**

**FIRN**

**Attn: ASA Nomination  
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