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REFORMA Announces 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Bradenton, FL. June 6, 2014. - The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-speaking (REFORMA) and the REFORMA Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce their 2014 selections for the REFORMA Scholarships:

- **Maria de Lurdy (Mari) Martinez Serrano** of Yountville, CA was awarded the REFORMA Scholarship. Mari is a student at San Jose State University School of Library & Information Science.
- **Claudio Leon** of Bronx, NY was awarded the Rose Treviño Memorial Scholarship. Claudio is a student at Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science.

Since 1971, REFORMA has supported the active recruitment of bilingual and bicultural librarians to meet the information needs of the Spanish-speaking community. The *REFORMA Scholarship* provides financial assistance to encourage and enable Latinos and/or Spanish speakers to pursue or advance a career in Library and Information Science. The *Rose Treviño Memorial Scholarship* honors the life and legacy of a children's librarian at heart who dedicated her career to serving Hispanic communities. Treviño passed away in 2010 at the age of 58.

REFORMA scholarships are open to students who qualify for graduate study in Library and Information Science, and who are Spanish-speakers or interested in serving Latinos or the Spanish-speaking. The scholarships are not restricted by age, sex, creed, national origin, or minority group/association membership. Applicants must show evidence of commitment to a career in librarianship and the potential for high academic standing. Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of and desire to serve the Spanish-speaking community. The recipients must display character and leadership, which are essential for success both as a student and as a professional.

Established in 1971 as an affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), REFORMA has actively sought to promote the development of library collections to include Spanish-language and Latino-oriented materials; the recruitment of more bilingual and bicultural library professionals and support staff; the development of library services and programs that meet the needs of the Latino community; the establishment of a national information and support network among individuals who share our goals; the education of the U.S. Latino population with regard to the availability and types of library services; and lobbying efforts to preserve existing library resource centers serving the interests of Latinos. Nationally, there are 26 REFORMA chapters.

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