



DOMINICANS ON THE HILL
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AGENDA

Advancing Health, Policy, and Opportunity

✦ **Wednesday**, February 11th



Advancing Health, Policy, and Opportunity

Advancing Health, Policy, and Opportunity highlights the power of Dominican leadership to drive change in healthcare, influence national policy, and create pathways for growth. The theme underscores a shared commitment to equity, innovation, and collaboration, building stronger communities and expanding research opportunities across the U.S. and the Dominican Republic.



Dominicans on the Hill

Elevating Dominican Leadership, Policy, and
Community Impact in the United States



Mission:

Dominicans on the Hill is a national platform that unites Dominican-American leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and advocates to strengthen our collective influence in U.S. public life. Currently formalizing its 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization status, DOTH expands its mission through policy dialogue, leadership development, and cultural celebration—creating sustainable programs in education, civic engagement, and community empowerment that advance equity, opportunity, and representation for all Dominicans in the diaspora.

About the Initiative:

Launched under the leadership of Congressman Adriano Espaillat, Dominicans on the Hill unites voices across government, business, and civil society to:

- Advocate for healthcare access, education, and economic empowerment.
- Celebrate Dominican excellence and strengthen our national visibility.
- Build partnerships between the U.S. and the Dominican Republic that drive innovation and inclusion.

The annual conference in Washington, D.C. serves as a national convening for dialogue, networking, and strategic collaboration among Dominican professionals and allies.

Annual Programmatic Pillars

Scholarship Program: Investment in Future Capacity

Co-sponsored university scholarships empower Dominican-American students in Medicine, Public Health, Technology, Finance, and Public Service. The program expands educational equity and develops future leaders committed to advancing progress across both nations.

Leadership & Mentorship Program


This initiative connects professionals, entrepreneurs, and students through mentorship sessions and policy roundtables focused on leadership, access to capital, and professional advancement. Sponsors are recognized as Training Allies, aligning their brand with leadership development and community empowerment.

Continuous Learning, Workforce Development & Symposiums

Through quarterly events, DOTH fosters continuous professional growth and policy literacy. Topics include healthcare innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship. Sponsors gain consistent brand exposure while positioning their organizations as advocates for lifelong learning and workforce advancement.

Legislative & Budget Agenda

DOTH's Washington, D.C. based Think Tank leads a legislative and budget agenda advancing health equity, workforce inclusion, and economic opportunity. It transforms community priorities into actionable, research driven policy, giving sponsors visibility and influence in shaping measurable national outcomes.

A photograph of four people (three men and one woman) sitting at a long table with microphones, likely participating in a panel discussion or conference. The man on the far left is wearing a dark suit and glasses. The woman next to him is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a name tag. The man next to her is wearing a light-colored suit and glasses. The woman on the far right is wearing a red sleeveless top. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame.

Dominicans on the Hill (DOTH) maintains a year-round commitment to cultivating leadership, professional growth, and civic participation across the Dominican-American diaspora. Beyond the annual conference, DOTH invests in the continuous development of emerging leaders through four cornerstone initiatives and a permanent presence in Washington, D.C. Each program creates measurable social impact while offering sponsors sustained visibility, access to talent, and alignment with values of equity, education, and empowerment.

Dominicans on the Hill 2026:

ADVANCING HEALTH, POLICY, AND OPPORTUNITY



8:30 AM Gathering, Registration
& Coffee

Attendees check in, receive conference materials, and prepare for the morning's activities.

12:00 PM Networking Break

Conference Schedule

1

9:30 AM Welcome

By U.S. congressman Adriano Espaillat

2

9:30 AM Visit your member of Congress.

Organized group visits to the offices of Congressional members and key government agencies to advocate for the needs of the Dominican American community in healthcare.

3

12:30 PM Awards Luncheon
& Keynote Address

- (a) **Navigating the New Legislative Landscape:** Safeguarding Vulnerable Communities and Health Access
- (b) **Dominicans Americans and the Health Numbers that define them**
- **Keynote Speakers:**
 - Congressman Adriano Espaillat
 - (2) Others

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Afternoon Sessions & Evening Events



TRACK 1 POLICY ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES

The Future of Health Equity: Defending Medicare and Medicaid Access

(?) Xavier Becerra, Ex Secretary, U.S. (HHS)
(?) Representative, Hispanic Federation (HF)
(?) State Senator Gustavo Rivera (D-NY)

Policy Innovation for End-of-Life Equity: Hospice and Palliative Care

(?) CEO, Hospice or Palliative Care Network
(?) Hospital System Executive
(?) Community Faith Leader

Foreign Medical Graduates: Unlocking the Workforce Solution

(?) Representative, Hispanic Federation (HF)

CLOSING PANEL

Closing Cocktail Reception

TRACK 2 SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The Future of Community Health: Innovation, Collaboration, and Access

Dr. Philip O. Ozuah, Pres. & CEO, Montefiore (?)
Dr. Tallaj, Founder & Chairman, SOMOS (?)
Moderator: Senior Health Policy Journalist (?)

AI and Digital Health: Transforming Care Access and Cost Efficiency

Rep. Nanette Barragán (D-CA) (?)
Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY) (?)
CTO, Health Innovation Company (?)

Strengthening Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Supply Chains

CEO, Medical Device Manufacturer (?)
Senior Executive, Pharmaceutical Company (?)
Health System Procurement Leader, (?)

(a) The Pillars that defined excellence

(b) Dominican Voices in U.S. Health Policy: From Community Advocacy to Legislative Impact

Sponsor recognition, B2G networking, and cultural celebration.

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

Additional Topics



TRACK 1 **POLICY ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES**

- Health Insurance, Medicare and a healthy retiring in the Dominican Republic
- Mental Health, Identity, and Migration Stress in the Dominican Diaspora
- Dominican Voices in U.S. Health Policy: From Community Advocacy to Legislative Impact
- From La Cocina to Longevity: Nutrition, Lifestyle, and Chronic Disease in Our Community
- Immigration, Health, and Trust: Breaking Barriers for Dominican Families



TRACK 2 **SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY**

- Manufacturing, Export and the Health Industry in the era of AI
- Innovation from the Diaspora: Tech, Telehealth, and the Future of Dominican Care
- From Scrubs to Strategy: Dominican Leadership in the U.S. Healthcare Workforce
- Medical Tourism: Elevating Dominican Healthcare on the Global Stage



Partnership & Visibility with Dominicans on the Hill

Visibility & Reach

Showcase your brand to Dominican-American leaders, healthcare providers, innovators, and elected officials.

Access to influencers

Gain direct policy access through high-level roundtables, private briefings, and visibility with Congressional staff.

Leadership & Connections

Position your organization as a trusted voice in healthcare equity and AI while building strong relationships with decision-makers and industry peers.

These premium sponsorship tiers offer the highest level of visibility and engagement at the conference.

Gold Partner Opportunities

\$35,000



2026/2027

Year-Round Programmatic Benefits

- **Scholarship Program:** Named partner for one full cohort (10 students in 2027 Conference Awards) focused on Medicine, Public Health, Technology, Finance, and Public Service.
- **Leadership & Mentorship Program:**
 - Designated Lead Mentor Partner with senior executives participating in mentorship panels.
 - Corporate representative invited to co-lead a workshop on public policy or leadership.
- **Continuous Learning:** Co-branding across all webinars, LinkedIn Live events, and the "Dominican Voices" digital series.

Conference Benefits

- **All Silver Benefits, plus:**
- **Conference Branding:** Logo featured prominently across all conference tracks, panels/sessions, conference materials, conference presentation, banners, website, and media backdrops.
- **Policy Access:** Exclusive invitation to leadership roundtable/lunch with Congressional and Dominican elected officials.
- **Keynote Speaking Slot:** Opportunity to deliver remarks during the Opening Plenary or Policy Summit.
- **1:1 Policy Briefing:** Closed-door meeting with Dominican policymakers and partners.
- **Featured Media Spotlight:** Dedicated press mention and social media video highlight.

Silver Partner

Opportunities

\$15,000



- **Track Sponsorship:** Sponsor a Track (Policy / Services), with visual and verbal recognition by the moderator.
- **Premium Exhibit Booth:** Includes a branded exhibit space in a high-traffic area, digital program listing, and lead collection capability.
- **Program Inclusion:** Company name, logo, and description featured in the printed and digital conference program.
- **Social Media Visibility:** Featured post across DOTH's LinkedIn, Instagram, and X (Twitter) platforms, highlighting your organization's role in advancing health and equity.

- **Media Recognition:**

- Pre-Conference: Logo inclusion in press releases, newsletters, and event marketing materials distributed to over 10,000 contacts.
- During the Conference: Recognition on digital screens, banners, and social media highlights.
- Post-Conference: Inclusion in recap communications, official media coverage, and sponsor thank-you campaign.

- **Access:** 10 VIP conference passes for executives, staff, or guests.
- **Recognition:** Verbal acknowledgment during plenary and closing ceremonies as a Community Ally supporting innovation and equitable healthcare.

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities



BRONZE SPONSOR \$5,000

- **Branding:** During one session/panel.
- **Logo Visibility:** On-site, on-screen during session/panel, and in the printed program.
- **Recognition:** Mention in all session/panel announcements.
- **Access:** Five (10) pass to all conference sessions and receptions.
- **Social Media Visibility:** Featured post across DOTH's LinkedIn, Instagram, and X (Twitter) platforms, highlighting your organization's role in advancing health and equity.



EXHIBIT BOOTH SPONSORS \$1,500

- **Dedicated Booth Space:** Engage directly with healthcare providers, policymakers, and business leaders.
- **Program Listing:** Inclusion in official conference materials.
- **Networking:** Opportunity to distribute promotional materials and collect leads.
- **Access:** Five (5) pass to all policy sessions and receptions.

INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE PASS \$375

Leadership

Co-Chairs

- **Cristina Contreras, MPA, LMSW, FABC, DHL**
 - Chief Executive Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals / Lincoln
- **Rodolfo R. Pau**
 - Chairman, Diaspora & Development
 - CEO, Quadra Group International
 - Executive VP, TV Quisqueya & Latinísima Radio

Conference Committee

- **Dr. Daisy J. Baez**
 - Executive Director, Florida Assoc of Dominican Health Professionals
- **Dorian Rojas, Attorney**
 - President, Dominican Bar Association
- **Mileyka Flores**
 - Executive Director, Allapattah Collaborative
- **Alexander Núñez, Ph.D.**
 - Chairperson, Management & Business Innovation Department
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