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#### **PROGRAM**

Masters of Ceremony
Awards Presentation:
Trailblazer State Correctional Police Officer Lizette Anderson
Officers of the Year  Jersey City Police Department Captain Anthony Tedesco  Jersey City Police Department Sgt. Joseph Young  Jersey City Police Department Sgt. John Theodoroleas  Jersey City Police Detective Omar Aly  Jersey City Police Officer Michael Galvez  Jersey City Police Officer Matthew Destefano  Jersey City Police Officer Michael Chiarella  Jersey City Police Officer Joemy Fernandez
Veteran of the Year Hudson County Prosecutor's Office Detective Nathan J. Gonzalez
Firefighter of the Year Hoboken Firefighter Ricardo Bracero
Organization of the Year Union City Local PBA # 8
Business Award  Joseph Sellitto – Thanksgiving Pasta Donation for Families.
Scholarship Awards:  Michael Sanchez
DJJerry Weeks (I-80)
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I am honored and humbled to serve as the President of HALEA. On behalf of our executive board, I would like to thank all of our members for giving us the opportunity to serve you. In order for HALEA to continue to be a positive influence in the community, we ask that all of our members become active and participate in HALEA sponsored events. We need your comments, suggestions and participation to keep us focused on our goals of improving the quality of life of the Hispanic community and society as a whole.

Once again I want to take a moment to pass along my heartfelt thanks to all of our members and our past Presidents who have made HALEA a successful organization and family. Our members can rest assured that HALEA will continue to be an organization upon which they can rely on and trust.

In Unity there is Strength,

Zulma Cabrera

Zulma Cabrera President HALEA



The Hispanic American Law Enforcement Association was founded in 1986, and it is composed of Federal, State and Municipal Police Officers, County Sheriff's Officers, police officers and correctional officers. The organization was established to promote fellowship among its members, and to organize and encourage activities which enhance the law enforcement image by providing a community and departmental interaction through civic and social activities, and by advancing the educational, patriotic, social, cultural and moral welfare of its members and the community.

The organization provides Hispanic youth with role models, utilizing personnel which have survived similar circumstances. Its main goals are to promote and improve the quality of life of the Hispanic community and society as a whole.

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#### **Trailblazer Award**



#### State Correctional Police Officer Lizette Anderson

Officer Lizette Anderson is a twenty-year veteran of law enforcement who proudly serves with the New Jersey State Department of Corrections.

Lizette was born on the island of Puerto Rico and in 1970 her mother moved her family from Santurce, Puerto Rico to Jersey City, New Jersey. During her adolescence Lizette enjoyed boxing and got into the ring a few times with gold glove champions. At the age of 18, she joined the United States Army. Lizette feels that the Army shaped her to become the woman she is today.

After her military service, Lizette went back to school and obtained a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University and a master's degree in Nursing from Saint Peter's University. However, Lizette had always wanted to become a law enforcement officer, so she decided to pursue that career path. In the 1980s her dream job became a reality when Lizette became a police officer with the East Orange Police Department. Unfortunately, after a few years, she and several other officers were laid off.

Several months later, Lizette was hired as an Officer with the State Department of Corrections. After completing her time as a rookie, she envisioned herself doing different tasks, and through hard work, she was able to accomplish many of her career goals; one being part of a Special Operation Group, a Central Transportation Unit (U.S. Marshal), and a member of the DOD for the State of New Jersey.

Lizette was taught that survival is the name of the game and to learn from the best. She has been fortunate to have met Sergeants and Lieutenants that believed in her with the utmost of confidence.

Officer Lizette Anderson said the essential thing in her life is her family.



#### POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

On March 27, 2018, the Street Crimes Units of the Jersey City Police Department executed a 'No Knock' Search Warrant for an apartment on Glenwood Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey based on information from a reliable source that heavily-armed occupants were producing and selling a large amount of narcotics.

Upon entry into the apartment, the Street Crimes Units were met with multiple individuals who were believed to be armed with handguns, with one running out the apartment window and one towards the bathroom in an attempt to destroy evidence down the toilet. All the seven occupants were secured, placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

The Street Crimes Units recovered \$30,000 in value of narcotics; 5 handguns; one double-barreled shotgun; hundreds of rounds of ammunition and thousands of dollars of suspected narcotics proceeds.

We commend these Police Officers of the Jersey City Police Department Street Crimes Units for their bravery and disregard of safety in successfully taking down a large drug operation and armed individuals that were directly across the street from St. Peter's College.

Captain Anthony Tedesco

Sgt. Joseph Young

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#### Firefighter Award



#### Firefighter Ricardo Bracero

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Ricardo Bracero, also known as Wensy, has been a proud Firefighter with the Hoboken Fire Department for 11 years; a career he knew he would pursue since he was eight years old.

Before becoming a Hoboken Firefighter, Ricardo served his country by joining the Navy. He graduated boot camp in Orlando, Florida and completed his time in the military as an Airman in California.

Ricardo is a very strong supporter of sports for the young children of Hoboken. He dedicated 10 years coaching girls' softball resulting in winning the State Championship for Hoboken High School. Ricardo was also one of the head coaches for RBI, a youth sports program sponsored by Major League Baseball.

Ricardo spent long hours and hot summer days practicing with the girls and competing in various cities in NJ and NY which earned them many Northeast regional championships and advancing to the big stage of the World Series playing in California, Florida, Minnesota and Texas.

In 2013, Ricardo was a recipient of the Hoboken Puerto Rican Firefighter of the Year Award for his dedication to the town he grew up in by volunteering to coach youth sports for 10 years.

Ricardo is the proud father of his daughter Jade Bracero, a college graduate of Fisher College in Boston and his son Jarod Bracero, currently attending Emory & Henry College in Virginia.

Ricardo loves to spend time with his kids, family and his lifelong friends. He enjoys traveling, going to the movies, is a big sports buff and passionate, die-hard fan of the Dallas Cowboys, NY Yankees and Los Angeles Lakers.

#### Organization of the Year



The mission of the Union City Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Local 8 is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of New Jersey; to represent and protect the rights of all Union City Police PBA members according to our labor contract, department rules and regulations, local, State, and Federal law; to provide for the well-being of our members and their families.

The members of PBA Local 8 are dedicated to protecting life and property. We are committed to providing all citizens with the highest quality law enforcement and shall perform our duties in an efficient and effective manner.

We understand that the ability to successfully complete our mission is based on shared mutual respect and responsibility between the Officers of PBA Local 8, the City of Union City elected officials, local, county and municipal agencies, and the citizens of this great city. Our members will enforce the laws in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of our police authority and at all times protecting the constitutional rights of every individual.

Our leadership and members are committed to helping the community through various fundraisers, charities and community service like Chill with a Cop, Halloween with a Cop, Bike with a Cop, Boots and Badges Blood Drive, Hudson County Battle of the badges and various contributions to our Board of Education. We also made a child with brain cancer dreams come true and an elderly women dream of being a cop for a day.











Senior Chief Nathan J. Gonzalez was born and raised in North Bergen, New Jersey. He graduated from North Bergen High School in June of 2000. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in June of 2003 and attended the Navy Reserve Accession Course in Great Lakes, IL in December of 2003.

Senior Chief Gonzalez's first duty assignment was Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 204 where he was deployed to Kuwait in 2005 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

In 2009, he was assigned to Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment 821 where he served as Squad Leader, Small Arms Line Coach, and Command Career Counselor.

In 2011, he deployed with Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 8, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, to the United Arab Emirates where he served as Maritime Security Assistant Leading Petty Officer, Chief of the Guard, and Command Investigator.

He joined the Chief Petty Officer ranks in 2012, while assigned to Maritime Civil Affairs Squadron 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon where he served as Weapons Department Leading Chief Petty Officer and Command Career Counselor.

# Veteran Award Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Nathan J. Gonzalez United States Navy

In 2014, he reported to Naval Reserve, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Northeast Field Office as the Senior Enlisted Leader and served on active duty as Criminal Investigator under a CNO pilot program, combating sexual assaults in the U.S. Navy.

In 2016, he was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In 2017, he deployed with a Joint Special Operations Task Force, in support of Overseas Contingency Operations, where he served as the Maritime Security Department Head.

3In January of 2019, he reported to Commander, Submarine Group 10, Force Protection Detachment 1, where he is currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader.

Senior Chief Gonzalez's academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Studies from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Essex County College. He is also a graduate of the 219<sup>th</sup> Class of the U.S. Naval War College, Senior Enlisted Academy.

Senior Chief Gonzalez's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards) and the Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist pin.

Senior Chief Gonzalez is married to the former Jenny Reyes of Moncion, Dominican Republic. They have two children, Jennise Noemi (14), and Nathan Jesus (8). He has been a Police Officer for 17 years and is currently serving as a homicide Detective for the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

#### 2019 Business Award

For the past four years, Mr. Joseph Sellitto and his Family have donated a pallet of their signature pasta to H.A.L.E.A. for distribution to families that attended our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner and to church pantries in Hudson County. Their thoughtfulness is a gift we treasure.

The Hispanic American Law Enforcement Association acknowledges and appreciates the generosity and support of the Sellitto Family and honors them with the Business Award.







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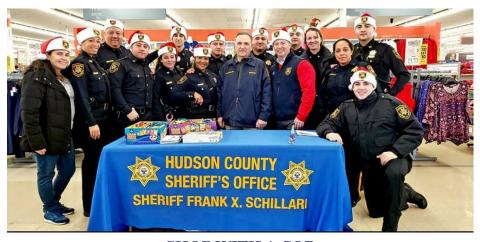
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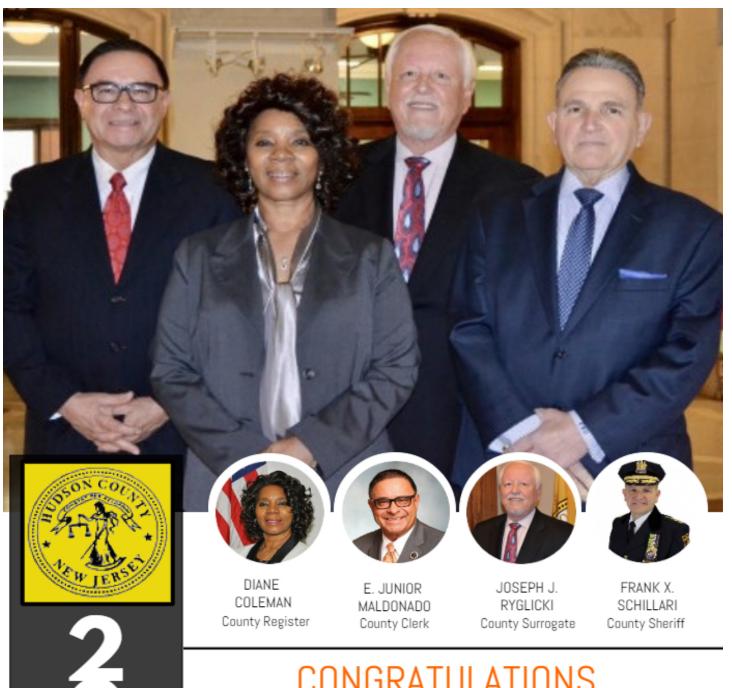
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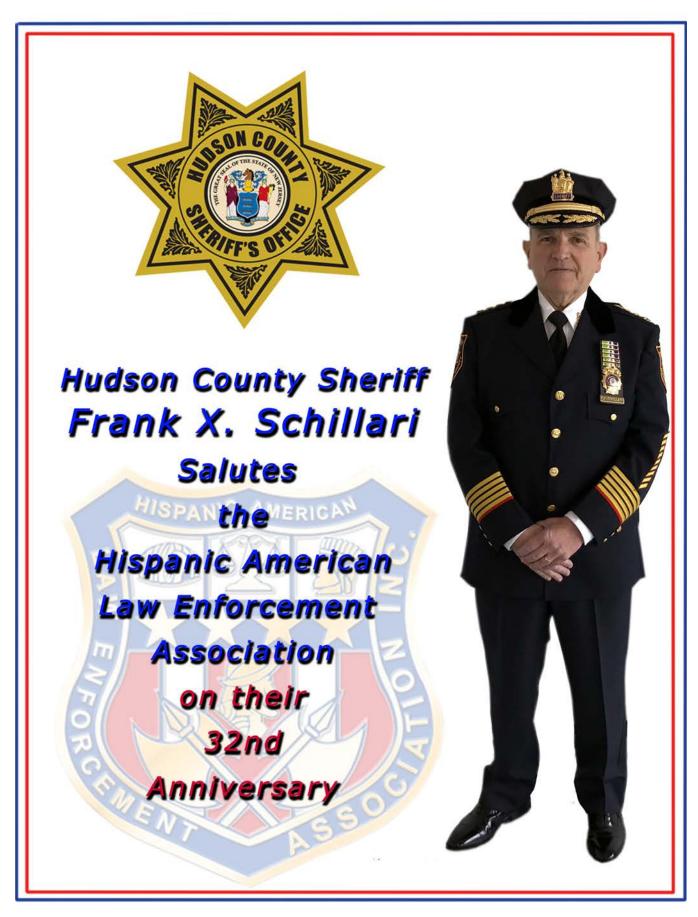
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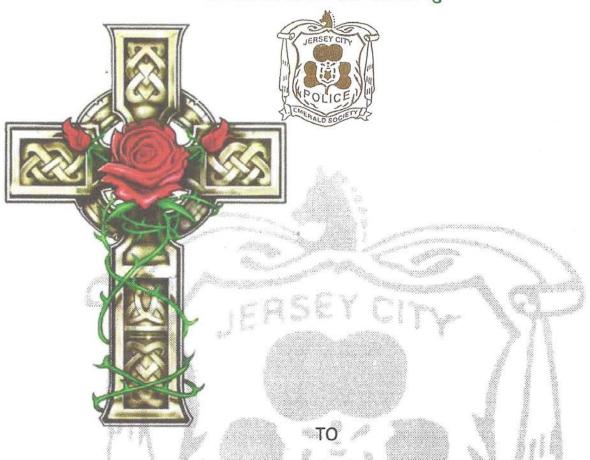
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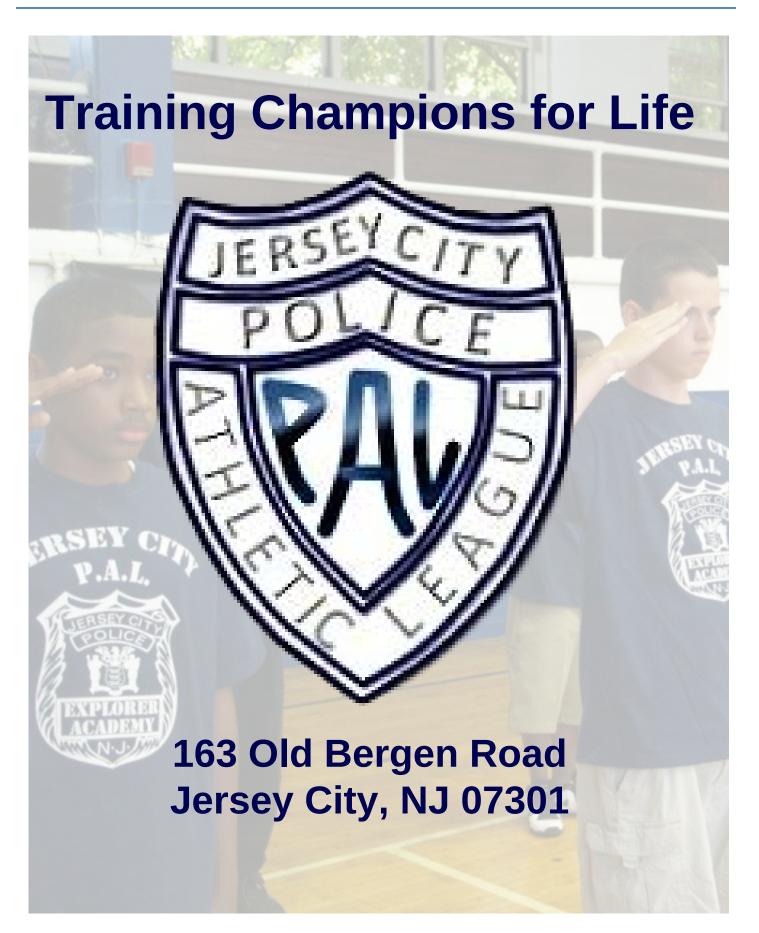
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#### **WE CONGRATULATE**







We salute all of the Honorees and Award Recipients





#### Law Enforcement Recruitment Program at PACO

The Law Enforcement Program was a vision of PACO Board Chair man Frank Molina Sr., a retired Jersey City Police officer, who under stood the need to diversify the law enforcement departments and create opportunity for the community.

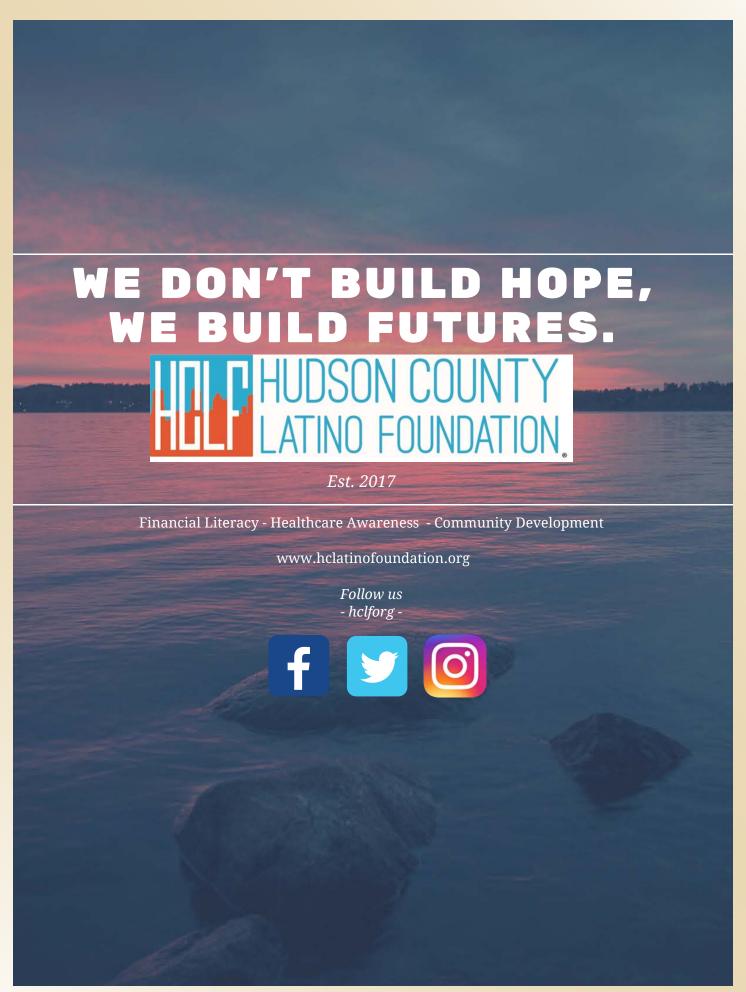
Launching in the mid 90's, and with Frank Molina Jr. joining the team, this goal was accomplished by offering access to a no-cost test preparation course for the New Jersey law enforcement exam to 400 community participants. The success of the Law Enforcement Recruitment Program has been evident with the increased enrollment and more importantly the rise of minorities in various law enforcement departments for the past 20 years.

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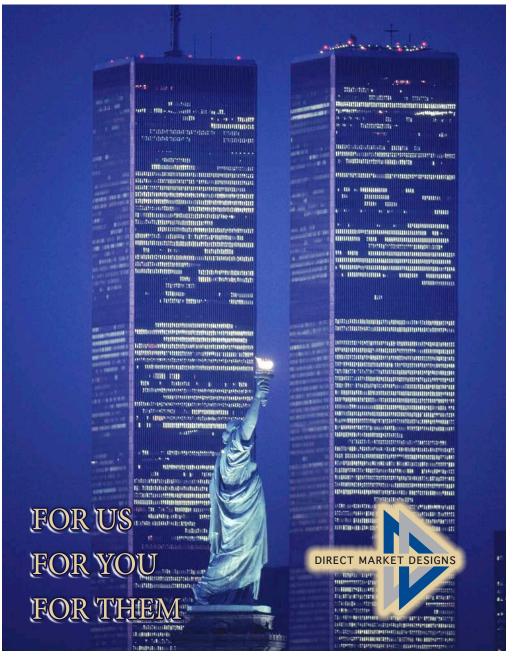


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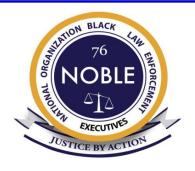
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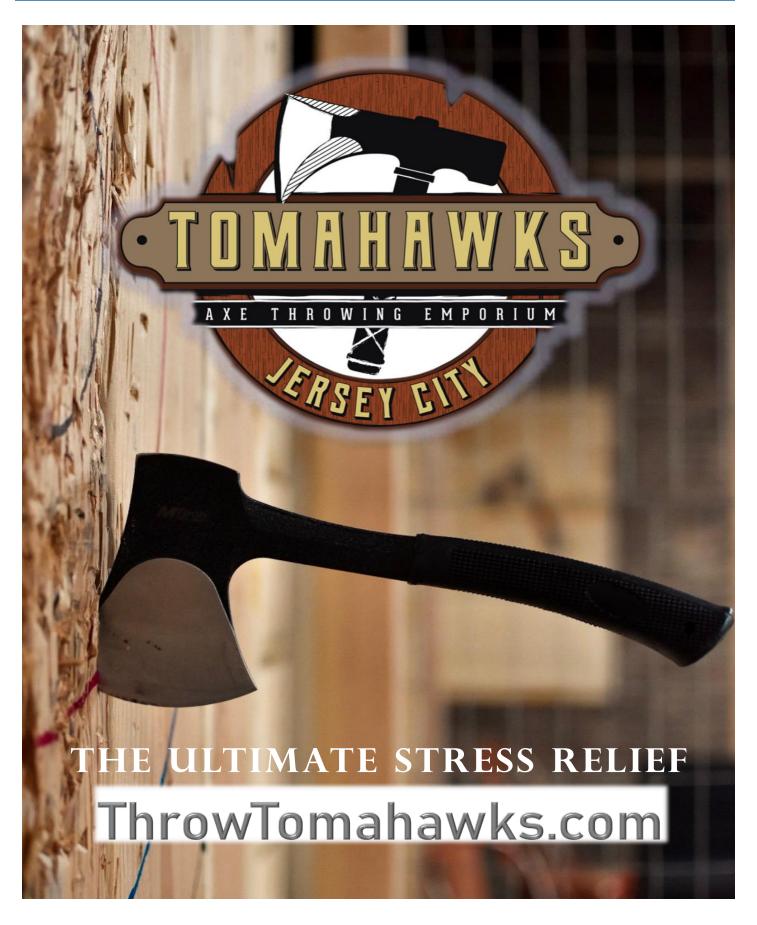
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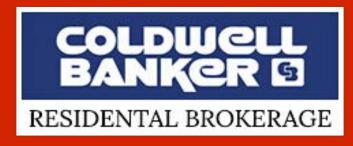
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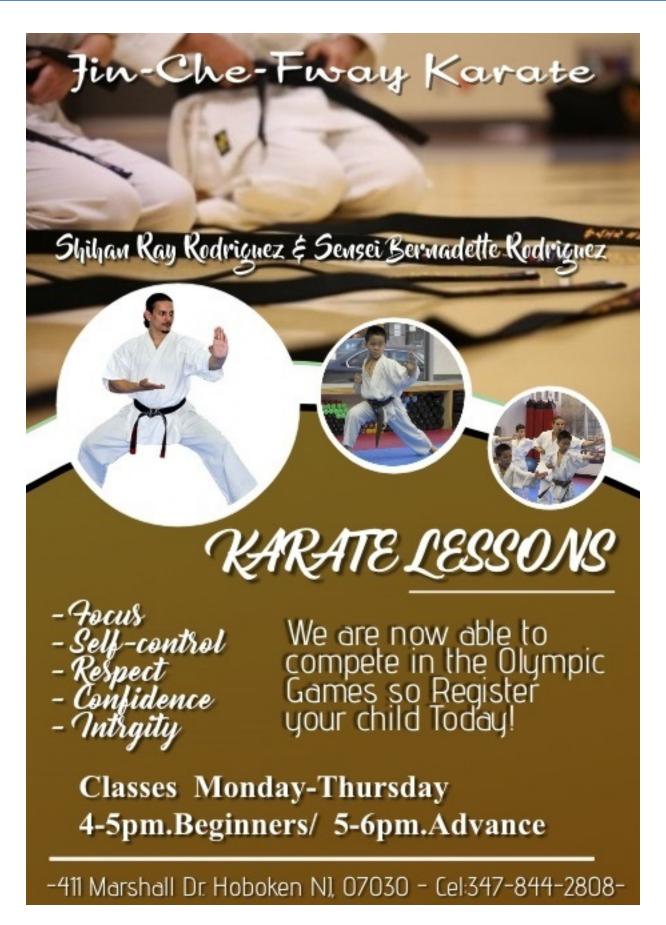
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