INTERNATIONAL HISPANIC NETWORK LAUNCHES
FELLOWSHIP AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

TEMPE (October 5, 2004) — The International Hispanic Network (IHN) is spearheading a new graduate fellowship program at the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs in an effort to attract and develop future Hispanic government leaders. The association has partnered with Wal-Mart on a “Fellowship Fiesta” to be held October 16, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, with a portion of the proceeds dedicated to the new fellowship.

The International Hispanic Network (IHN) is a non-profit organization working to increase the Hispanic administrative leadership across the United States. The organization’s vision is to provide professional development opportunities to those in the local government profession and to prepare future leaders through educational opportunities. The recipients of this fellowship will be full-time graduate students in the ASU School of Public Affairs.

According to Mike Acevedo, IHN treasurer, “This fellowship is intended to achieve a small part of ASU President Crow’s vision of connecting the community and the university. We want to ensure that the professionals who manage local government are not only qualified and educationally prepared, but also representative of the communities they serve. We believe this fellowship can be a model program across the United States.”

School of Public Affairs director, Dr. Robert Denhardt commented, “We are grateful for this new award from the International Hispanic Network, particularly since our curriculum focuses precisely on preparing future public leaders for the challenges that a diverse, global world demands. This type of award enhances our recruitment efforts and already strong national reputation.”

The “Fellowship Fiesta” is open to the public and $30 tickets include the 7:45 p.m. program, dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight with live music by Power Drive, a no host bar and hors d’oeuvres. The event contact is Mike Acevedo at (602) 262-4704 or macevedo@cox.net.

The School of Public Affairs is part of the ASU College of Public Programs, which will be relocating to the downtown Phoenix campus over the next few years.