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# ASU's Unstoppable Alum: Andrew Ortiz

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His ambition didn't stop after graduation.

On Nov. 4, 2004, at age 35, Ortiz became the youngest member inducted into the ASU College of Public Programs Alumni Hall of Fame. The Honorable Harry E. Mitchell, Arizona state senator and mentor to Ortiz, nominated him and presented him with a wooden Kachina Doll on a marble base engraved with his name and credentials.

One year later, he was named Professional of the Year by the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO).

He worked as project manager for capacity-building with the ASU Center for Nonprofit Leadership & Management and, in 2007, decided to venture out on his own as president/CEO of Ortiz Leadership Systems. He's working on expanding his speaking and leadership consulting business, helping volunteers, universities, college leaders, corporations, and international organizations.

Both Ortiz and his brother were trailblazers within their family in their quest for higher education and hope to inspire others to do the same.

"Hispanics should say to other Hispanics, 'This is something we need to encourage in our families,'" said Ortiz.

"The halls of higher education are where Hispanics belong. Our future as a culture and its a nation depends on our diligence now.

"We create our tomorrows by what we dreamt yesterday and do today."

### A Few More Details

- \* National Dean's List
- \* National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award
- \* Beta Sigma Phi Scholar
- \* Regents Scholar

- \* ASU President's Club Scholar
- \* U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar
- \* Solomon, Relihan and Blake, RC. Law Scholarship
- \* Judge Mary Anne Richey Legal Scholarship
- \* V.P. of Operations with the ASU Hispanic Business Students Association
- \* V.P., ASU Chapter, MEChA
- \* President, ASU Young Democrats
- \* Northern Arizona University President's Citation of Achievement
- \* ASU Student Foundation Member
- \* Co-Founder, Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc.
- \* Man of the Year, American Biographical Institute, 1997 and 2007
- \* Alpha Epsilon Lambda, a national Graduate Student Honor Society
- \* State Program Director, Kids Voting Arizona
- \* Founder and Senior Partner, American Student Government Association
- \* Arizona Hispanic Outreach Alliance Commission
- \* Senator John McCain's Hispanic Advisory Board
- \* President, Gold Congressional Award Alumni Association
- \* Arizona Governor's Commission on Community Development
- \* Arizona Joint Legislative Welfare Reform Task Force
- \* Founding Member, Basic Needs Coalition (now the Protecting Arizona's Families Coalition)
- \* General Motors Volunteer Spirit Award
- \* "National Point of Light, recognized by President George H. W Bush, 1991
- \* 2002 President's Service Award, from President George W Bush
- \* Youngest person ever inducted into ASU College of Public Programs Hall of Fame, 2004
- \* Inaugural President, Congressional Award Alumni Association, 2005

\* "Professional of the Year" Award, National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations

\* "Volunteer of the Year" Valley of the Sun United Way, 2005

\* Semi-Finalist, U.S. Jaycees "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" program, one of top 20

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