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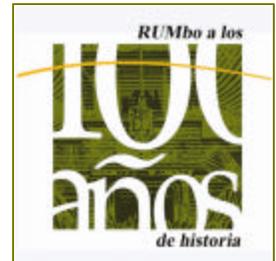
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1. Introduction

On September, 23 of 2011 the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM) is celebrating its first Century! It has been 100 years of contributions to education, research and the development of our country. Our past is a proud reminder and solid confirmation of our commitment to the development of educated citizens. Academic and administrative endeavors at UPRM are conceptualized as a “valuable lifestyle”, whereas the best way of living and a high quality of life is promoted. Ever since our beginning as the “Colegio de Agricultura y Artes Mecánicas” (CAAM) on 1911, we have been graduating highly skilled people who are definitely prepared to compete and further succeed in a complex world. The future is full of great opportunities to continue with our dedication to society and carrying on with our mission of excellence. Celebrating our achievements is part of our life; a life of dreams, wishes and successes. In this Proposal you will find specific activities that will promote and enhance those human values which UPRM was built upon and of which we hope you will be an essential part of.



The UPRM has grown significantly in size, scope, and importance during the past 100 years. Some of our credentials are presented below:

- UPRM, as per the 2009 A.S.E.E. survey, is **ranked #1** among U.S. universities in engineering degrees awarded to Hispanics, **#4** in Engineering degrees awarded to women, **#16** in Electrical Engineering degrees granted, **#11** in Industrial and Civil Engineering degrees, **#4** in Industrial Engineering, **#6** in Chemical Engineering and **#6** in Computer Engineering degrees, and **#15** in total Engineering degrees awarded.
- **UPRM achieves Carnegie graduate status**
 On June 12, 2009, in its ninety-fifth graduation ceremonies, UPRM conferred 24 doctoral degrees, an institutional record, which entitled the university to a Carnegie graduate school classification. A total of 1,719 bachelor, master and doctoral degrees were conferred.

- **1st Doctoral Degree in Applied Chemistry**

On June 13, 2008, Jessica De Jesus-Bonilla became the first and only UPRM student who to obtain a Ph. D. in Applied Chemistry, in the Biophysics.

- **1st Puerto Rican Bio-refinery in operation**

UPRM's Experimental Agricultural Lajas Station has been designated as the building site for the first bio-refinery in Puerto Rico, which will produce bio-fuel and support agricultural development and job creation efforts, while providing educational and scientific experience for UPRM students. This new research project is the result of a partnership between UPRM, the *Sustainable Agro Tech LLC (SABI)* company, the INDIUNIV consortium and the municipality of Lajas.

- **Ramírez de Arellano Food Technology Center**

With the development of innovative research projects based on local agricultural products as its main goal, the Alfredo Ramírez de Arellano Centre for Agro Industrial Technology and Innovation (CITAI), affiliated to UPRM's School of Agricultural Sciences, began operations in December 2008.

- **Distinguished Alumni Worldwide**

Our graduates' achievements continue to contribute significantly at workplaces around the world. Here are several examples:

Alba L. Colón: A 1992 Mechanical Engineering graduate, Alba has excelled as General Motors Corp. NASCAR Nextel Cup Engineering Program.

José Eduardo Sánchez Torres: A Civil Engineering graduate, in 2008 Sánchez was appointed as head of the Asset Management Division at the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) headquarters. First and only Hispanic to date to act as a management team member in the USACE Research and Development Center's Coastal Hydraulics Lab. Recipient of various awards, such as the Hispanic Engineers National Achievement Awards Corporation (HENAAC) Civil Engineering Distinction Award in 2005. Sánchez has been added to the Hispanic Business Magazine's 100 most influential Hispanics list.

Rafael Bracero: Civil Engineering graduate who worked in construction design and management projects for 15 years. He then became an outstanding TV sports reporter, commentator and analyst, excelling in local and international sporting events coverage and media production. In 2000, Bracero was named Sports Reporter of the Decade.

Hon. Aida M. Delgado Colón: A Business Administration graduate, Delgado served as Investigation Director for the Governor's Advisory Board in 1980. Delgado is the first woman to be named as Aide, Chief Aide and Federal Public Advocate by the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1993 she was appointed as the first female Magistrate in the U. S. Federal Court in Puerto Rico. President George W. Bush named her to a lifetime District Federal Judge chair, becoming the second woman to receive such an appointment.

- **World Class Collegiate Choir**

UPRM *Corium Canticus* choir, comprised of 30 students and alumni, participated from June 3 to 10, 2008 in a International Choral Competition sponsored by Argentina's Choral Music Association at the city of La Plata in the land of the Gaucho, winning a Silver medal. Prof. Edgar A. Vélez- Montes, choir director and pianist, was singled out unanimously by the jury for a Gold medal as Best Choral Director.

- **Dr. José Antonio López "Live at Carnegie Hall"**

Dr. José A. López, a talented Puerto Rican musician, educator and scholar at UPRM, displayed his musical agenda at Carnegie Hall. He is the first Hispanic classical guitarist to receive a Ph. D. in Classical Guitar, with specializations both in Musical Education and Instrumental Conducting, from the world-renowned Indiana University School of Music.

- **“Travesía”** Ongoing cultural program which include, among others, the Casals Festival and live campus performances by the Philharmonic and Symphonic Orchestras of Puerto Rico
- Many sculptures and paintings are part of the UPRM cultural treasure
 - Marcos Irizarry paintings
 - Susana Espinosa sculpture
 - Agustín Stahl watercolors
- **Outstanding Student Achievements**

Successful participation in MANRRS - For the fourth consecutive year, students from UPRM's School of Agricultural Sciences earned awards in the 24th Annual *Minorities in Agriculture, National Resources, and Related Sciences* (MANRRS) Conference, held on March 25-29, 2009 at Indianapolis.

El “Cokí” shines in the World: The *Cokí Racing Team*, formed by 13 students from UPRM's Mechanical and Chemical Engineering departments, competed and won first place in the World International Chem-E Car Competition in Montreal, Canada. This competition was held as part of the eighth World Congress of Chemical Engineering, 2009.

Award- winning aviation design performance: The *Aero Design* team, formed by students from UPRM's Mechanical Engineering department, excelled at the annual competition held this past April 2009 at Marietta, Georgia. In the *Micro Class* category, UPRM took the overall third prize and placed second in weight traction, its plane being one the top cargo lifters in competition flight.

National javelin record broken: Felipe Ortiz Muñoz, a third-year Physical Education major, broke the national javelin throw record with a 68.67 meter effort during the 2009 Interuniversity Athletic League track and field championships.

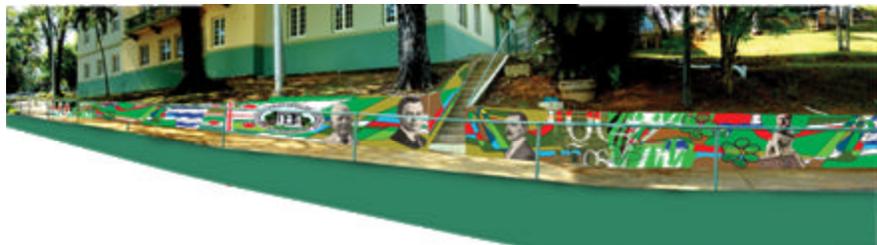
Community Development Institute: Received the *Merck Health Innovation Award 2009* and \$10,000 for its educational initiatives in health category.

Clearly, a lot has happened since 1911! We are very proud of how our UPRM has grown to become the best academic institution in Puerto Rico, ranked 41st in a very recent worldwide college survey. The fact that world-renowned companies, such as yours, actively recruit our students demonstrates the quality of our efforts. **We definitely have a lot to celebrate!**

2. Centennial Projects

As part of our 1st Centenary, the UPRM has planned a wide variety of activities and projects that will highlight its past success and establish our vision for the future. These will be addressed to our students, faculty, employees and our alumni in order to make our history recognized and to serve as a motivator to continuous improvement. It will be a year of celebration! We want to strengthen UPRM community's appreciation for this institution and raise enough funds to plan more events for UPRM First Centenary. The following are the Centennial Projects:

- **Centennial Mosaic**
 - Permanent work of art which comprises mosaics that represents our historical highlights, accomplishments, emblematic colors and symbols.



- **Alumni Centennial Wall**

- A wall located in the Angel F. Espada Gymnasium (1954) where our Alumni can purchase tiles with their names and graduation year for posterity.



- **Green Label Alumni Gala**

- To honor distinguished Alumni in different categories such as: Education, Government, Sports, Arts, Community Service, Health, etc.
- **Honoris Causa doctorate degree** to be conferred to distinguished Alumni. Nominations will be presented by their peers.

- **Centennial Plaza**

- A plaza located in front of Celis and Dean of Student's buildings dedicated to UPRM founders.
- There is going to be a sale of cobblestones engraved with the Alumni's name and graduation year.



3. Value Proposition

In order to succeed in our celebration goals and departmental aspirations we need your company's cooperation. Monetary contributions will be proposed as part of our efforts to fulfill our goals by means of the Centenary Celebration Committee. Our value proposition to you is clear: your company will be identified by ALL of our current students, graduates, faculty members, and administrative personnel as a company that values our contributions to society.

A Centennial celebration transcends any other occasion and becomes another milestone in our history. Our intellectual heritage to the society of Puerto Rico and abroad must be acknowledged and recognized as uniquely as our prestige and importance among higher education institutions has been built. That is why this period in time: 2011 will constitute an unprecedented moment for an institution that for nearly a century has offered our country and the world a completely-skilled, multi-talented human resource pool that will continue to significantly contribute towards the development of our society and a better quality of life for our people. There is no doubt that through the years, you have been an important component of our growth and ongoing progress. Thus, the celebration of this milestone will become a reality with your collaboration and support. You will once again be part of our efforts to promote the highest quality in the education of our graduates. Please be certain that your contribution represents an asset to this institution that in the future will get your company and our community a higher return on investment.

As a sponsor, your commitment to our Committee will be recognized through our web page and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. The higher your contribution is, the higher your visibility level will be. Here are the levels and the benefits that they entail.

Category	UPRM Value	Benefit
Emerald	Hope for a better future for all mankind based on social and cultural growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged through our web page, alumni database, and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. • Company name on a permanent slab on the Centennial Mosaic project at the entrance of the UPRM. • 5 tickets for the Green Label Alumni Gala. • 4 VIP tickets for the Centennial Concert.
Diamond	Crystal clear vision on how to forge future generations that are well educated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged through our web page, alumni database, and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. • Company name on a permanent slab on the Centennial Square project located in front of the Dean of Students Building. • 3 tickets for the Green Label Alumni Gala. • 2 VIP tickets for the Centennial Concert.
Ruby	Heart and soul of our collegiate breed (<i>"cria Colegial"</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged through our web page, alumni database, and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. • 1 ticket for the Green Label Alumni Gala. • 1 VIP tickets for the Centennial Concert. • An honoring gift of the UPRM Centennial.
Pearl	Cultivated scientific, humanitarian, critical and social thought.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged through our web page, alumni database, and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. • An honoring gift of the UPRM Centennial.
Gold	Most valued human treasure: <i>knowledge, education, personal growth.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged through our web page, alumni database, and all banners and publications associated with the centennial activities. • 10 UPRM Centennial pins.

Come join us in our celebration!
Antes, Ahora y Siempre... COLEGIO!

4. Sponsorship Form

Please send the sponsorship form at the end of this page and your contribution (check payable to the UPR-Mayagüez, Century Committee) to the following address:

UPRM Century Celebration Committee
 Call Box 9000, Mayagüez, PR 00681

If you need any additional information, please call 787-832-4040 ext. 3237 or 5062.

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**UPRM CENTURY CELEBRATION
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My company has a commitment with the category of:

CATEGORY	LEVEL	SELECTION
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Diamond	7,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruby	5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pearl	3,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold	1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>