Press Release: Keynote Speaker

FORMER COMPAQ EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 2012 ACHIEVING THE DREAM EVENT

JACKSONVILLE, Florida. August 29, 2011– The First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FCHCC) and the Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board (MHAAB) would like to announce Mr. Enrique Ospina as the keynote speaker for the “Achieving the Dream” scholarship luncheon to be held on Thursday October 11th, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.

The FCHCC and MHAAB are teaming up to award a number of scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic descent at this event who are part of the all First Coast counties. Mr. Ospina was selected as the keynote speaker for his successful career and dedication to education and he will be speaking to the award recipients at this event.

Mr. Enrique Ospina has forty years of extensive business experience in international environments. For the past ten years, he has been active in investment ventures with direct strategic supervision through board membership and management coaching. These ventures include companies throughout Central America, South America and Europe. Enrique is member of the board of directors of Organizacion Corona and of AXESAT in Colombia, and is advisor to the board of the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care in Houston, Texas.
Prior to this, Enrique served as Vice President and General Manager for the Latin America & Caribbean Division of Compaq Computer Corporation (now part of Hewlett Packard). Under his leadership, Compaq changed the fundamental way of conducting business in the region by becoming the #1 company in market share and reaching close to two billion dollars in annual sales.

Enrique has also been active in the educational sector. Earlier in his career, he was Vice Principal and teacher at Colegio San Carlos in Bogotá. He is also one of the founders and current board member of Colegio los Nogales in Bogota, Colombia. He holds an MBA degree from Los Andes University in Bogotá, Colombia and a B.A. in Economics from University of California at Berkeley. We are pleased and proud to have Mr. Ospina be the keynote speaker at this great event that recognizes the hard work and achievements of young men and women of Hispanic background and who will make a positive impact in our community.

Sponsorship opportunities are available starting at $400.00 per table, and individual tickets are available at $40.00 per person. For more information on the Achieving the Dream luncheon, please visit www.fchcc.com.

About the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
The mission of this inclusive organization is to promote the welfare and growth of Hispanic businesses utilizing our strength in numbers and unity.

About the Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board
The Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board consists of members appointed by the Mayor to effectively recognize the concerns and desires to improve the livelihood of the Hispanic community in Jacksonville. The purpose of the Board is to provide a means by which the city may obtain information, guidance and ongoing comprehensive studies relating to its citizens of Hispanic descent. The board has faithfully served the Mayor, the City and her citizens since July 1998.