

Excellence in diversity

Joseph Taylor award winner discusses her start as a community volunteer.

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[I. Queiro-Tajalli] I'm really humbled by receiving this award and giving the importance of the work done by Dr. Taylor during his tenure in this university. I knew him personally. He was an extraordinary faculty member as well as an individual.

The work that I have done all my life goes back when I came to this country as a volunteer to America to work with American Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina. Then when I came to this university I was asked to connect with the Latino population. One of my first assignments was to go to the Hispano American Center and start working with them and seeing how the school could be part of whatever projects they were having in the community.

Since then I started working with the Hispano Center, and I became member of the board, and later on I became secretary, treasurer, and finally president of the board. So that's one piece of the type of work that I have done. I am very humbled and honored to have received Dr. Joseph Taylor award for excellence in diversity.