

Milwaukee Public Schools

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## **MPS student named UMOS Youth of the Year** *Paola Felix-Encarnacion's achievements are recognized*

Paola Felix-Encarnacion, a 2007 South Division High School graduate, was recently named Youth of the Year by the United Migrant Opportunity Service (UMOS). She will be honored with a plaque at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual UMOS Hispanic Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 13 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a reception, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony. This annual banquet recognizes outstanding Hispanics who have distinguished themselves through their professional accomplishments and/or community involvement throughout Wisconsin. Awards will also be presented to the Hispanic Man, Woman and Family of the Year.



Felix-Encarnacion's leadership talents are apparent in her academic success, church and community involvement and extracurricular school activities. During her time at South Division, she served as President of Cardinal Bank, the first full-service bank branch in the nation run by students, established the first LULAC Youth Council in Wisconsin and earned the title of 2007 Valedictorian. Felix-Encarnacion is currently attending UW-Milwaukee and pursuing a degree in Secondary Math Education.

Ms. Vicki Kalman, Cardinal Bank Coordinator, Mentor and Consultant at South Division, nominated Felix-Encarnacion for the award, saying "Paola is a natural leader whose commitment to a successful future is highlighted by her actions. Her enthusiastic approach to education is inspirational to everyone that knows her."

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