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### **Eight Recognized at PALCUS Annual Gala**

Portuguese, Luso-Americans and Luso-descendants, gathered at UMass Dartmouth, to celebrate the achievements of eight talented national and International figures. Dressed to impress, men in tuxes and women in stunning evening gowns, gathered for PALCUS'14th annual Leadership Awards Gala, to witness the talent among the Portuguese Communities around the nation.

"It is gratifying to see so many Portuguese-Americans come together to honor the leadership and achievements of our community. We are seeing representation from local, national and international figures not only in our awardees but also in those who have come to celebrate and to honor them," stated Marie R. Fraley, member of the local organizing committee and Interim Director for the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies. "PALCUS is proud to provide the opportunity to make that happen."

The awardees recognized that night were Carlos Manuel Martins do Vale César,

President of the Regional Government of the Azores; Rui Manuel Parente Chancerelle de Machete, Former Chairman, Luso-American Foundation (FLAD); Peter Sousa, Photojournalist, Official White House Photographer; Joaquim de Almeida, Actor of Stage, Screen and Film; Senator M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Rhode Island Senate President; Manuel M. Canito, Musician, Composer and Director of Banda Nossa Senhora da Luz in Fall River; Ótilia and Justina Ferreira, Benefactors of the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives of the Claire T. Carney Library at UMass-Dartmouth and Katie Stevens, Singer, Musician and 8th American Idol Finalist.

Unable to attend the event were Official White House Photographer, Peter Sousa and Actor, Joaquim de Almeida.

Carlos César, who also could not make it to the gala, had the Secretary of the Presidency of the Regional Government of the Azores receive his distinction and deliver his keynote.

In his message, Carlos César recognized the honor in receiving such a distinction, stressing he was also receiving it in name of the region and of all those who live in or out of the islands, but identify themselves as Azorean or friends of Azoreans.

"This distinction, that so kindly was given to be, is the recognition of the community, of the People - the Azorean people - of their relationship of over two centuries with this country and the contribution that Azores has printed on the bilateral connection between Portugal and the United States," he wrote.

Sipping wine, enjoying a delicious meal and joining in on the fun were many locals. Among them were António Gato, from Banco Espírito Santo; José António Galaz, Counsellor of the Portuguese Embassy in Washington; Graça Araújo Fonseca, consulate of Portugal in New Bedford; Ambassador João de Vallera; Paulo da Cunha Alves, Consulate of Portugal in Boston; Leonel Teixeira, vice-consulate of Portugal in Providence; Carlos Tomé from RTP-Açores; Senator Daniel DaPonte of Rhode Island and State Senator Marc R. Pacheco, who served as the honorary gala chair that evening.

"The Gala went off very well. On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank the local organizing committee - Alda Petitti, Marie Fraley, Odete Amarelo and Onesimo Almeida - for their dedication to the event, UMASS and the Center for Portuguese studies - Dr. Frank Sousa, Director - for being such gracious hosts, for all of the Awards recipients, and all of the supporters, many of them travel a long distance to be presented," stated PALCUS Chairman, Fernando Gonçalves Rosa. "PALCUS appreciates the welcome mat and the support. Looking forward to our 20th anniversary celebration in Washington DC in 2011."

*This article was originally printed in O Jornal, Friday, 10/29/2010, written by Melissa Costa*

### **Additional News Articles about the PALCUS Gala**

[Tribuna Portuguesa: Gala da PALCUS](#)

## [O Jornal News: PALCUS Gala](#)

LusoAmericano: [PALCUS entregou Premios de Lideranca 2010](#)

LusoAmericano: [PALCUS homenageia membro fundador](#)

LusoAmericano: [PALCUS aposta na reforma da imigração](#)

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### **PALCUS Hosts Opening Ceremony of New Bedford Whaling Museum**

On the evening of October 22nd, PALCUS held an open event at the New Bedford Whaling Museum in order to familiarize the public with its objectives, generate some excitement for the upcoming GALA event, and recognize the local and organizational leadership that made its stay in New Bedford successful. Before the reception, there was a brief ceremony which counted, amongst its speakers, New Bedford mayor, Scott Lang, the Consul of Portugal in New Bedford, Graça Araújo, and the Regional Secretary to the President of the Azorean Government, André Bradford. Bradford, speaking on behalf of the President of the Azores, Carlos César, apologized for his absence, citing the recent economic crisis in Europe as the impetus for César to remain in Portugal.

Also in the ceremonies, a 15-minute multimedia presentation was shown, created by Brown University student Joshua Marcotte, highlighting the Portuguese presence in New England. This was a student Summer project sponsored by FLAD, under the supervision of Onésimo Almeida. The idea is to make a DVD available for sale by PALCUS, a fundraising help. The Founder's Award, a special recognition for an outstanding founding member, was presented to Mr. Manuel Mira by PALCUS Chairman Fernando Rosa

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### **Congratulations to Luso-American Elected Officials**

As the 2011-2012 legislative sessions begin, PALCUS salutes the political participation of the Luso-American community in federal and state elected office. We congratulate our newly-elected and re-elected representatives and thank them for their public service:

*US Senate:*

Patrick J.Toomey (R-Penn)

*US House of Representatives:*

Dennis Cardoza (D-Calif)

Devin Nunes (R-Calif)

Jim Costa (D-Calif)

*State Assemblies and General Offices:*

California: Assem. David Valadao (R)  
 Connecticut: Rep. Rosa C. Rebimbas (R)  
 Massachusetts: Sen. Marc Pacheco (D)  
                   Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D)  
                   Rep. Antonio F.D. Cabral (D)  
                   Rep. John V. Fernandes (D)  
                   Rep. Steven R. Canessa (D)  
                   Rep. Kevin Aguiar (D)  
                   Rep. David T. Vieira (R)  
 New Jersey: Rep. Albert Coutinho (D)  
 New York: Sen. Jack Martins (R)  
 Rhode Island: Secy of State A. Ralph Mollis (D)  
                   Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed (D)  
                   Sen. Daniel DaPonte (D)  
                   Sen. Bethany L. Moura (R)  
                   Speaker of the House Gordon D. Fox (D)  
                   Speaker Tempore Charlene Lima (D)  
                   Rep. Wm. San Bento, Jr. (D)  
                   Rep. Helio Melo (D)  
                   Rep. Agostinho Silva (D)  
                   Rep. Roberto DaSilva (D)  
                   Rep. Deborah Fellela (D)  
                   Rep. Jared Nunes (D)

Sources: <http://my.ojournal.com/news/portuguese-american-candidates-do-well>; Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies at RI College; State of California Statement of Vote (Jan. 6, 2011)

If you know of other Luso-American elected officials at the federal, state or local levels, please let us know by emailing [palcus@palcus.org](mailto:palcus@palcus.org) or call 202-466-4664.

## Member Spotlight

**Manuel Geraldo**, one of the founding members of PALCUS, was recently appointed to the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals in Maryland. Also, congratulations to Manuel on his recent marriage to long time partner and mother to his two children, Ingrid Valentine.

**Fernando Garcia**, a Charter Member from Fall River, MA, made a presentation on the future of the Espirito Santo Museum at the Luso Center.

**Hon. Hélio Melo**, RI House of Representatives and PALCUS General Member, has been appointed Chairman of the House Finance Committee by Speaker of the House Gordon D. Fox.

PALCUS Chairman, **Fernando G. Rosa**, was appointed to the Newington Economic Development Commission in Newington, CT.

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## **Recent Activities**

### **SCP Anniversary and Farewell to Ambassador Joao de Vallera**

On December 4th, the Sport Club Portugues of Newark, NJ celebrated its 89th anniversary with a packed house. Among the dignitaries were NJ State Representative, Albert Coutinho, Newark Councilman, Augusto Amador, His Excellency, Dr. Joao de Vallera, Consul General of Newark, Maria Amelia Paiva, and Portuguese Trade Commissioner, Rui Boavista Marques. Also in attendance were PALCUS Director and President of BES US, Antonio Gato and PALCUS Council of 100 member and Owner of LusoAmericano, Antonio Matinho.

The elegant evening also served as a farewell ceremony to Ambassador de Vallera who was making his last public appearance in the United States prior to his departure to his new assignment in London. He was introduced by Consul General Paiva, PALCUS Chairman, Fernando G. Rosa, and Sport Club Portugues President, Adelino Costa, with a farewell message and gift presentation of a Caravela.

### **Welcome Reception for Portuguese Trade Commissioner Rui Boavista Marques**

On October 7th, the offices of Merrill Lynch on the 13th floor of the Met Building in New York City was the site for the Welcome Reception to Portuguese Trade Commissioner Rui Boavista Marques. The event was hosted by PALCUS Associate Member, Marc Rosa. The event was co-sponsored by the Portugal-US Chamber of Commerce, the New York based commerce organization being led by its current president, Donzelina Barroso. More than 60 people were in attendance, including PALCUS Director and General Manager of Banco Espirito Santo, US, Antonio Gato, the Consul General of Newark, NJ, Maria Amelia Paiva, the AICEP staff, and the staff of TAP Portugal including the General Director, Jose Manuel Coelho.

Do you have some news or an accomplishment you'd like to share with us? Send us your information! Email us at [palcus@palcus.org](mailto:palcus@palcus.org) and we'll include your update in the next newsletter.

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## **FAZ - IDEIAS DE ORIGEM PORTUGUESA**

Ideias de Origem Portuguesa, iniciativa da Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian e da Fundação Talento, é uma plataforma de incubação de projectos de inovação e empreendedorismo social que pretende convocar a diáspora portuguesa para pensar novas e melhores respostas para os desafios que o nosso País enfrenta.

O concurso desafia a diáspora portuguesa a lancer ideias e formar equipa com portugueses residents em Portugal para, em conjunto, lhes darem vida, transformando-as em projectos nas áreas da Inclusão Social, Envelhecimento, Ambiente e Sustentabilidade e Diálogo Intercultural.

Para saberes como concorrer, consulta o regulamento [aqui](#).

<http://www.ideiasdeorigemportuguesa.org/sobre.php#/landing>

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**PALCUS: *Your Voice in Washington!***

Since its founding 20 years ago, PALCUS has been at the forefront of advocating for the Portuguese-American community in the U.S. Congress. Initiatives driven by PALCUS, such as the VISA Waiver Program, directly benefit individual Portuguese-Americans. PALCUS continues to strengthen ties between the community and its congressional delegation both in Washington, D.C. and at the local district level. We recognize and salute legislators who represent our Portuguese-American communities.

PALCUS' Friends of Portugal in the U.S. Senate:

Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)  
Joseph Lieberman (I-CT)  
Daniel K. Inouye (D\_HI)  
Daniel Akaka (D-HI)  
John Kerry (D-MA)  
Scott Brown (R-MA)  
Robert Menendez (D-NJ)  
Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ)  
Patrick J. Toomey (R-PA)\*  
Jack Reed (D-RI)  
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

PALCUS' Portuguese-American Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives

Kenneth Calvert (R-CA)  
Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)\*  
Jim Costa (D-CA)\*  
Devin Nunes (R-CA)\*  
Anna G. Eshoo (D-CA)  
Sam Farr (D-CA)  
Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)  
Tom McClintock (D-CA)  
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)  
Edward Royce (D-CA)  
Pete Stark (D-CA)  
Henry Waxman (D-CA)  
Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT)  
Michael Capuano (D-MA)  
Barney Frank (D-MA)  
James McGovern (D-MA)  
Richard Neal (D-MA)  
John Olver (D-MA)  
John Tierney (D-MA)  
Frank Pallone (D-NJ)  
William Pacrell (D-NJ)  
Donald Payne (D-NJ)  
Steven Rothman (D-NJ)  
Thomas Petri (D-WI)

\* Denotes Portuguese Heritage

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## Community News

[Tomaram posse os novos dirigentes do Condado de Union eleitos em Novembro](#)  
LusoAmericano

[5 Questions - A short interview with newly elected California State Assemblyman David Valadao](#)

Tribuna Portuguesa

[Sharing the Portuguese contributions in America](#)

O Jornal

[O juiz Phillip Raposa confere hoje posse ao promotor Sam Sutter e ao xerife Tom Hodgson](#)

Portuguese Times

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## PALCUS Gala

This year's Annual Leadership Awards Gala will be held in Washington, D.C.

For information on sponsorships or early purchase of tickets, please email [palcus@palcus.org](mailto:palcus@palcus.org) or call 202-466-4664.

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### **PALCUS Mission**

In order to create a singular voice to advocate for the Portuguese American and Luso-American communities at large, the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States Inc. (PALCUS) was founded in 1991 as a 501 © 3 non partisan, non profit, organization headquartered in Washington D.C.

The PALCUS mission is to address domestic and international concerns of the Portuguese American Community.

The Council conducts an expanding program of educational and public affairs activities on issues of interest to the Portuguese American community and of salience to the Luso-American Relationship.

PALCUS is committed to serving the community through increasingly active government relations efforts, the promotion of a greater awareness of ethnic accomplishments and encouraging stronger ties between Portugal and the United States. In this role PALCUS advance the community professionally, politically and culturally while working to ensure that issues directly affecting our community are addressed through our network of government and community leaders.

PALCUS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. Donations are tax deductible to extent allowed by law.

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