This year’s Latin Fest was held Saturday April 10th and performers Andy Andy and Tony Vega captivated the audience. Dominican Andy Andy’s *bachata* and *merengue* rhythms and Puerto Rico’s classic salsa star Tony Vega and his band, had the crowd of over 900 attendees dancing from beginning to end.

Attendees included current students, their families and friends, and lovers of Latino music and dancing from local and adjacent states who look forward year after year to this event where they can reconnect and celebrate culture and traditions. A reception for alumni preceded the Cabaret style dance fest.
"I have been attending Latin Fest for many years. I was so impressed this year; it is definitely the yearly event to look forward to. I usually invite my friends to it, so they can experience a piece of our culture that keeps us united. My daughter loves to accompany me also. Activities like these create the connection between UConn and the outside community, I was able to see old friends, share and network. “ Joyleen Albarracin ’87, Head Start Program Manager

Latin Fest has been a signature event at the University of Connecticut since the early 90’s.

The night began with students Juan Carmona and Giovanna Torres sharing their perspectives on their involvement with the Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center. Subsequently, Aaron Aguirre announced the performance of Bringing Awareness Into Latino Ethnicities (B.A.I.L.E.), a student dance group.
Recognition Banquet 2010

Dr. Maria D. Martinez, Vice Provost Institute for Student Success, introduces keynote speaker

Mrs. Ada Rivera, Director of Gear-Up and UConnAlum, Keynote Speaker

Class of 2010

This year’s Recognition Banquet was held Thursday, April 29, 2010 in South Campus, Rome Commons Ballroom. We had a total of 240 guests attend this event, which honors graduating students and outstanding faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Lirio Negroni, School of Social Work, Faculty Staff Award
Melanie Rodriguez
PRLACC Staff of the Year Award Recipient

Jasmine Silvestre
Scholarship Award Recipient

Pablo Sanchez
METAS Mentor of the Year Award Recipient

Melanie Rodriguez and Nicole Fink present
KUBE Gift to 8th Grade Graduate and
Program Participant.

Congratulations to the
CLASS of 2010!

May you each have success
in your future endeavors.

¡Hacia adelante!