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**MANA de Savannah at Armstrong Welcomed  
as Newest MANA Chapter**  
*First MANA College Campus Chapter*

June 1, 2017, Washington, DC -The MANA National Board of Directors has approved the Charter of the newest Chapter of MANA, A National Latina Organization® (MANA). MANA de Savannah at Armstrong was approved unanimously, with all rights and responsibilities of a MANA Chapter, as of June 1, 2017. This new Chapter is breaking ground, as it is the first MANA Chapter established on a college campus. The Chapter will be housed at Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia.

Founded in 1974, MANA is a national grassroots membership organization with chapters, individual members and affiliates across the country. MANA represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact our communities. MANA contributes the leading Latina voice on many of the major issues in the public sphere, particularly in the areas of education, health and well-being, financial literacy, equal and civil rights, and immigration reform. MANA de Savannah at Armstrong joins the national MANA mission to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service and advocacy.

Veronica Padilla, Chair of the MANA National Board of Directors, said, “We are thrilled to welcome MANA de Savannah at Armstrong as our newest Chapter. Our focus has always been to provide Latinas with the tools to take on leadership roles, educate our communities, and grow stronger collectively. Starting the first MANA Chapter on a college campus signals a new avenue for Latina leadership. We are confident that the leadership of Chapter President Alejandra Gonzalez-Galan, Vice President Jennifer Yanes, and Secretary Mabel Vizcarra, will build a strong community of active Latinas committed to Armstrong State University and the greater Savannah community.”

Alejandra Gonzalez-Galan, Founding MANA de Savannah at Armstrong Chapter President said, “As MANA de Savannah at Armstrong, we are thankful for the honor of becoming the newest chapter of MANA, A National Latina Organization®. Our goal as a chapter since the first day we sat together in a classroom at Armstrong State University has been to empower Latinas in our society to reach their highest potential as leaders for future generations. We are confident that our vision of this chapter will achieve the empowerment of Latinas within the community, and embody the interests of Latina women, youth, and families. We will become the voice of many issues our Latino population faces on a day to day basis. Personally, MANA has already granted me the opportunity to grow by demonstrating to myself that I’m capable of becoming a Latina leader. A leader that can seek solutions to the hundreds of obstacles that come in her way to reach the goal she aspired to obtain. Both my co-founders and I can agree that our sisterhood has turned into a beautiful friendship that will long-live in every one of our moments of both successes and failures.”

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