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Julio López-Ferraro

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“Julio was an outstanding program officer and a wonderful man. He had the rare combination of a being an individual with exacting standards and exceptional kindness.”

–James Lester, Principal Investigator
North Carolina State University
“As an early career researcher sitting on panels with senior, and much more accomplished individuals in the field, his consistent efforts to make panels equitable were immensely valued.”

—Ravit Duncan, Principal Investigator, Rutgers University”
“I dreamed of starting a program in which learning about community-based engineering could make a difference for the trajectories of our pre-service elementary teachers, who were preparing for careers in high-needs urban schools. Because of the grant that Julio supported, dozens of early-career Boston-area elementary teachers were able to learn how to empower young students to become engineering problem-solvers.”

-Kristen Bethke Wendell, Principal Investigator Tufts University
“As a hijab (headscarf) wearing Muslim American woman who looks different from others, being seen as a competent researcher and scientist is not always easy. Julio is one of those rare individuals that saw past the surface to the core of a person’s capability while simultaneously being humble about the role he played in their success.”

—Zahra Hazari, Principal Investigator
Florida International University
“Dr. López-Ferrao was passionate about education, especially for children and adults who had been denied access and opportunity to learning STEM. He leaves a lasting legacy that will impact generations to come.”

--- National Academies Committee on Supporting English Learners in STEM Subjects