



BAYFIRST VP LEO ALVAREZ RECEIVES 2022 COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD FROM LATIN TIMES MAGAZINE

Earlier this month, BayFirst VP, West Tampa Banking Center Manager Leo Alvarez received the 2022 Community Leader Award from *Latin Times Magazine* and Taste of Latino Festival for his contributions to the Hispanic community in Tampa Bay and his efforts to pave the way for tomorrow's young Latinos.

Leo's family immigrated from Spain and Cuba and settled in Ybor City and West Tampa at the turn of the century. He credits his family's determination to create a better life and the strong family values they instilled in him for his personal and professional success.

"They instilled in me a drive me to serve, which I now strive to instill in my children and grandchildren," said Alvarez at the award presentation. "I am beyond fortunate for the blessings and opportunities that my family has been provided and am proud of my Latino, West Tampa and Ybor City Heritage."

Leo has been with BayFirst since 2019, serving as the banking center manager for the West Tampa Banking Center, located on West Columbus Avenue, where he is also responsible for business development. Outside of the Bank, Leo serves on the Board of Directors for the Judeo-Christian Health Clinic and is a proud supporter of (and former board member for) the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Heritage, Inc., the Tampa Bay Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Ybor Museum, and the West Tampa Little League. He has also previously been recognized by Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio and *La Gaceta* newspaper for his service to the community.

Please join us in congratulating Leo for serving his community and serving as a role model for all of us at BayFirst.