

Antonio Lucio, Global Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, HP, Inc. is a highly visible, outspoken and committed diversity leader. As the father of 5 daughters, Antonio saw early on in his career that women have to work harder to get ahead and while that was not fair he has always encouraged them to stand up for themselves, practice self-advocacy, and never be afraid to take chances.

When he came on board at HP Inc. as Chief Marketing and Information Officer, he had 10 top leadership positions that reported to him. At the time, only two were filled by women. A year later, half of those leaders were women. "The quality of our team interaction and output has never been better," he says.

Most recently, Antonio made headlines in the Wall Street Journal and Forbes when he wrote to his ad agencies and P.R. firms demanding that they needed to significantly increase the number of women in top creative and strategic roles at their own companies over the next year.

The letter he sent ended with these moving words: "By making the important and necessary changes today, together we can bend the arc of history in favor of inclusion and opportunity."

(Accepting the award for Antonio Lucio was Hewlett-Packard's Chief Diversity Officer Lesley Slaton-Brown)