The “Premio La Cumbre” is an award established by the Ohio Latino Education Summit to recognize Ohio Latinos that have inspired the Latino Population in the State of Ohio in the realm of education. It is an award that acknowledges the recipient’s role and leadership in breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for the Latino community.

Dr. Luis Proenza encompasses the very description of this award. He is credited with “transforming The University of Akron from a sleepy, concrete jungle nestled in Akron’s urban core into a thriving metropolitan University” (Magaw, 2013). Dr. Luis Proenza, President Emeritus is a transformative leader that during his 15 year tenure at the University of Akron, substantially increased enrollment and set an assertive vision that expanded the University’s role in revitalizing the community of Akron through key initiatives. These initiatives distinguished the University nationally and internationally as a model for technology, commercialization, economic development and corporate and community partnerships. This opened up opportunities for all students to become global leaders; and because of this, the Ohio Latino Education Summit and on behalf of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, The Governor’s Office, The University of Akron, and the Latino Community would like to recognize Dr. Luis Proenza, President Emeritus with the “Premio La Cumbre” for his visionary and transformative leadership in the Latino community of the Great State of Ohio.