



## NEW LEADER SCHOLAR BIOS 2001

**HALEH BADKOOBEHI**, (See 2012 entry, awarded a Fourth New Leader Scholarship).

**GABRIELLE FALZONE** (See 2012 entry,(awarded a Third New Leader Scholarship).

**VICKY GOMEZ**, the single mother of a teen age boy, graduated from San Francisco State University with a double major in Health Science and La Raza Studies. As a single parent with obligations to her extended family, she deferred acceptance into graduate school. As these obligations lessened, she was able to return to school and obtain a Master's Degree in Public health from San Francisco State University. She is currently working for the Kaiser Permanente Foundation in a research position. It is clear to her that she has found a field of study and work that is extremely meaningful.

**JENNIFER PILOR IBARDOLOZA**, (See 2003 entry, awarded a second New Leader Scholarship)

**SVETLANA LUNSKAYA** - See 2005 entry (awarded a third New Leader Scholarship)

**CESAR MORENO** graduated from U. C., Berkeley in Political Science and History. As a young person growing up in the Bakersfield area, he and his family worked in the fields, which his mother continues to do. His background has strongly influenced his desire to become a political advocate for his community. Cesar was awarded a Social Justice Fellowship at the John F. Kennedy Center at Harvard University in their summer, 2002 program. He spent the following year in Spain and Mexico in the U.C., Berkeley Study Abroad Program. . Cesar has worked for the AFL-CIO as the Policy and Communications Analyst for the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, based in Washington, D.C. Currently, he holds a position at the American Federation of Teachers in Washington in their Human Resources Division. Prior to that, he worked in Chicago as the Deputy Executive Director for the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute.