

# The suspense, the laughter, the tears, and ooh, the drama!

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As the executive director of the White House Initiative on Hispanic Education, she used to advise the President of the United States on issues affecting the Hispanic community and its schools. Today,

**Leslie Sanchez**, 36, is best known as one of TV's newest reality stars, who **played to win on *The Apprentice Martha Stewart***. In true Martha fashion, Leslie served homemade decorative cookies and fancy garden-themed finger foods at her *Apprentice* season premiere party, in McLean, Va. Here's an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at her cozy *Apprentice* party (with guests including Peace Corps Director Gaddi Vazquez, White House staffers and the "Who's Who" from Capitol Hill, of course).



Good hostesses, Leslie Sanchez and her caricature, greet each guest.



Friends and family cheer on Leslie in the first episode. (Luckily, her team won the first challenge.)



Martha Stewart joins the party (if only in a picture frame, and on decorative cookies).



"Decorative flowers always set the mood," Leslie tells us.



U.S. Treasurer Anna Escobedo Cabral and husband Victor Cabral enjoy Leslie's new reality moves.



All guests are welcomed with *The Apprentice Martha Stewart* in bright lights (so Hollywood!).



What's a Martha Stewart-themed party without handmade, garden-themed hors d'oeuvres!

**ABOUT Leslie Sanchez:**  
 Hometown: Alexandria, VA  
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For the latest on *The Apprentice Martha Stewart*, visit [www.NBC.com](http://www.NBC.com).  
 For more on Leslie Sanchez, visit her official web site: [www.LeslieSanchez.com](http://www.LeslieSanchez.com).