

EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS

Eugenio María de Hostos, educador, escritor y patriota puertorriqueño, nació el 11 de enero, 1839 en el Barrio Río Cañas en Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Recibió su educación primaria en San Juan, y estudió educación y leyes en España en el Instituto de Educación Superior en Bilbao y en la Universidad de Madrid. Allí se unió a otros compañeros estudiantes en un esfuerzo por liberar a Cuba y Puerto Rico del gobierno colonial de España y por lograr la abolición de la esclavitud. En 1869 salió de Madrid para la ciudad de Nueva York, donde participó junto a otros exiliados de la Junta Revolucionaria Cubana en la liberación de Cuba y Puerto Rico. Tres años más tarde, Hostos viajó por América Latina para obtener apoyo para esta causa. En Perú protestó contra la explotación de los inmigrantes chinos. En la Argentina dedicó gran parte de sus esfuerzos a hacer campaña para la construcción del primer ferrocarril transandino. El gobierno de Chile estableció el Liceo Miguel Luis Amunátegui para que Hostos implementara sus avanzados conceptos educativos, incluyendo la apertura de oportunidades educativas a las mujeres. Bajo su liderazgo el Liceo se convirtió en el principal centro educativo de América Latina.

Cuando Puerto Rico se convirtió en una colonia de los Estados Unidos a partir de la Guerra Hispano-Cubana-Americana. Hostos regresó a la isla a trabajar por su independencia. En 1898, se fue a la República Dominicana donde fue nombrado Director del Colegio Central e Inspector General de Educación Pública.

Eugenio María de Hostos es autor de obras tan distinguidas como *Ley General de la Enseñanza Pública*, *Historia de la Pedagogía*, *Comentarios en Torno a la Pedagogía*, y *Reformas en la Enseñanza del Derecho*. Sus obras e ideales son un legado y una inspiración para toda nuestra comunidad colegial.

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EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

TWENTY-EIGHTH HONORS CONVOCATION

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE,
AT SIX IN THE EVENING
HOSTOS MAIN THEATER
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
450 GRAND CONCOURSE
BRONX, NEW YORK**

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PROGRAM

<i>Welcoming Remarks</i>	Dr. Carmen Coballes-Vega Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr. Félix V. Matos Rodríguez President
<i>Invocation</i>	Mr. Herminio Torres Honors Program
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr. Héctor López Chair of the College Senate
<i>Greetings</i>	Ms. Sandra Flowers Student Government Association
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<i>Presentation of Special Awards</i>	President Matos Rodríguez/ Provost Coballes- Vega/Vice President Rodríguez-Chardavoyne/ Vice President Carrión-Silva/ Vice President Cruz
<i>Presentation of Departmental/ Unit Awards</i>	Provost Coballes-Vega/Department Chairs and Unit Coordinators
<i>Presentation of Special Awards</i>	Provost Coballes-Vega/Hostos Staff
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Provost Coballes-Vega

DINNER

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ALLIED HEALTH

Presented by: Professor Geraldine Ruiz and the members of the Allied Health Department

Dental Hygiene The Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is awarded to the student who has shown overall outstanding clinical proficiency and has demonstrated a commitment to the future of the dental hygiene profession.

Recipient: Ms. Franciocasta Estevez Rodríguez

The Silver Medal

The Silver Medal is awarded to the student for outstanding clinical performance.

Recipient: Ms. Yuteska García

The Bronze Medal

The Bronze Medal is awarded to the student for demonstrating leadership potential in the dental hygiene profession.

Recipient: Ms. Alma Lomeda

Nursing

RN AAS GRADUATES:

The Gold Medal Nursing Award

The Gold Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Ms. Adaly Acosta

The Silver Medal Nursing Award

The Silver Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Mr. Abdulla Gali

The Bronze Medal Nursing Award

The Bronze Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Ms. Karen García

LPN GRADUATES

The Gold Medal Nursing Award

The Gold Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Mr. Michael Medina

The Silver Medal Nursing Award

The Silver Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Ms. Hanh My Nguyen

The Bronze Medal Nursing Award

The Bronze Medal Nursing Award is presented to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the Nursing Program.

Recipient: Mr. Nicholas Iacovino

Radiologic Technology

American Society of Radiologic Technology (ASRT) Program Winner

Mr. Allen Niles has been selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists 2012 Student Leadership Development.

The Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement

The Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement is a posthumous homage to Gertrude L. Dourdounas, distinguished early member of the Radiologic Technology faculty, presented along with a gold, silver, or bronze medal to the three radiologic technology students who have the first, second, and third highest academic averages in the graduating class.

Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement and Gold Medal Recipients:

Gold	Mr. Lihau Lin
	Ms. Honorata Zabielski
Silver	Mr. Zhanxiong Gu
Bronze	Mr. Slawomir Bujno

BEHAVIORAL, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Presented by: Professor Linda Anderson and the members of the Behavioral Sciences Unit, The Social Sciences Unit and the Public Administration Unit

Behavioral Sciences Unit

Gold is presented to the student with a GPA of 3.5 or above in sociology, psychology or social work; and Silver and Bronze, 3.25 and above in these courses.

Gold Medal Recipients: Mr. Jehad Alawi
Ms. Nelly Monsanto
Ms. Maria Pérez
Ms. Jennifer Roche

Social Sciences Unit

Honor students of the Social Science Unit are recommended by the professors in the Unit. These students must have completed at least two Social Science courses in history, economics, or political science, and have earned at least an A- average in these courses. All of our honors students are considered as gold medal winners.

Gold Medal Recipients: Ms. Candida Condes
Mr. Marcos Ochoa
Mr. Avery Toledo

Public Administration, Criminal Justice, and Paralegal Studies Unit

The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Public Administration, Criminal Justice, and Paralegal awards are a gold medal, a silver medal, and a bronze medal presented to three graduating Public Administration, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies students who have achieved the highest, second highest, and third highest Grade Point Average in Public Administration courses.

Recipients:	Gold	Mr. Harry A. Copson
	Silver	Mr. Lovell Williams
	Bronze	Ms. Marisol López

Criminal Justice

Recipients:	Gold	Mr. Avery Toledo
	Silver	Ms. Frances Orta
	Bronze	Mr. Samuel Pluviose

Paralegal Studies

Recipients:	Gold	Mr. Heriberto Vega
	Silver	Ms. Sukcheung Wong
	Bronze	Ms. Lucia Fernández

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BUSINESS

Presented by: Dr. Héctor López and Professor Sandy Figueroa

Business and Accounting Program

The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Award in Business and Accounting are presented to graduating students who have achieved an overall Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher in the Business Management and Accounting programs.

Recipients:

Accounting

Silver	Mr. Abel Cruz, Jr. Ms. Alba L. González Ms. Carol P. Torres
Bronze	Ms. Yerlis Barrios Ms. Zalissa Guigma

Business Management

Gold	Ms. Nadege M. Bakassa-Traore Ms. Qiang Mei Chen Ms. Gretcher P. Hernández Mr. Anar Mammadov
Silver	Ms. Floranny A. Nuñez Cabrera Ms. Lina Cruz Ms. Linda Nogbou
Bronze	Mr. Manuel E. Mercedes Mr. Radcliff E. Reid

Office Technology Program

The Office Technology Program Awards are presented to the graduating students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.

Gold Medal Recipient: Ms. Sharon Marín

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Presented by: Professor Elvir Dincer and the members of the Education Department

The Paula L. Zajan Early Childhood Education Scholarship Award

Dr. Paula Zajan, professor and founder of the Early Childhood Education Program, died in June 1988. Dr. Zajan was a dedicated teacher who imparted her love of learning and teaching to students. She bequeathed the College funds to start a scholarship in her name. Dr. Zajan loved life and people and saw beauty in individuals from all walks of life. She was very devoted and committed to the Early Childhood Education Program

and to Hostos Community College. Her contributions have enriched the lives of many students. Her magnificent spirit continues in the legacy she left behind.

The Paula Zajan Early Childhood Education Scholarship Award of a gold medal, a certificate, and a minimum of \$1,000 is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding perseverance in working toward obtaining her degree in the Teacher Education Program to pursue a career in education at a senior college.

Recipients: Ms. Jessica Lugo
Ms. Alicia Rosa

The Teacher Education Program Award

The Teacher Education Program Award is presented to three graduating students for outstanding academic achievement and/or leadership potential. Each graduate receives a medal (gold, silver, or bronze).

Recipients: **Gold Medal** Ms. Eunjeong Ok
Silver Medal Ms. Min Jung Kim
Bronze Medal Ms. Lissette Saavedra

Gerontology Award

The Gerontology Program presents awards to graduating students for outstanding academic achievement, superior service at their field sites, and great potential for success in the field of aging.

Recipients: **Gold Medal** Ms. Paulette Lawrence
Silver Medal Ms. Marie Sandra Samedi
Bronze Medal Ms. Sonia Black

Community Health Award

The Community Health Program presents awards to graduating students for outstanding academic achievement, superior service at their field sites, and great potential for success in the field of community health.

Recipients: **Gold Medal** Ms. Catina Rogers
Silver Medal Mr. Jumel Jones
Ms. Kehinde Ajayi
Bronze Medal Mr. Andre Morgan
Ms. Lorena Urena

ENGLISH

Presented by: Professor Susan Dicker

Awards for Excellence

The English Department is pleased to honor three graduating students whose academic performance in English classes has been outstanding throughout their course of study. These awards recognize superior performance in the required composition courses plus at least one English elective.

Recipients: Gold Medal	Mr. Christian Maghirang
Silver Medal	Ms. Jossemiry Ortiz
Bronze Medal	Ms. Keneca David

EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Presented by: Professor Jerilyn Fisher

The Women's and Gender Studies Option is pleased to recognize Academic Excellence in Women's and Gender Studies with awards for winners of an essay competition. Submissions by high achieving students come from faculty teaching courses which emphasize discipline-based and interdisciplinary perspectives on gender and women's studies. A faculty committee for Women's Studies and Gender Studies judges the essays submitted for review. Winners are selected on the merit of the students' ability to reflect on, analyze, and illuminate issues in women's and gender studies as well as on the overall strength of the student's writing. Winners of the competition for academic year 2011-2012 are:

Recipients: First Place	Ms. Angelique Rodríguez
Second Place	Ms. Paola García
	Mr. Jeremiah O'Malley
Third Place	Mr. George Alvarenga
	Ms. Yolanda Fernández-Santos

HUMANITIES

Presented by: Professor Carlos Sanabria and the members of the Humanities Department

Black Studies Unit

The Gold Medal Black Studies Award

The Gold Medal Black Studies Award is presented to the student(s) who best exemplifies the scholar-activist tradition of the discipline.

Recipients: Mr. Marquis Edwards

Ms. Angelique Rodríguez

Media Design Unit

Recipients:

Excellence in Design:

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Ms. Amara Dioubate

Mr. Jonathan Alonzo

Ms. Stephanie Pimentel

Excellence in Photography:

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Ms. Nikoli Balcos

Ms. Yira Torrez

Ms. Sarisma Hernández

Excellence in Animation:

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Mr. Jose Martínez

Ms. Kamar Brown

Mr. Otis Collins

Excellence in Game Design:

Gold

Silver

Mr. Adam Valentín

Mr. Chris Aiken

Modern Languages Unit

Recipients: Spanish

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Ms. Claudia Suárez

Ms. Lissette Machuca

Ms. Angélica Nuñez

Visual and Performing Arts Unit

Recipients:

Art:

Gold

Silver

Bronze

Ms. Seojin Kang

Mr. Jefry de Jesús

Mr. Xavier McGarrity

Excellence in Theater:

Mr. Jean Henry

Ms. Hidian Herrera

Mr. Augusto Kennedy

Ms. Sabenny Madríguez

Mr. Amado Marte

Ms. Mabel Marte

Ms. Beverly Scudder

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Speech

Recipients:

Persuasive Speaking:	Gold	Mr. Robert Pratt
	Silver	Mr. Michael Cruz
	Bronze	Ms. Melissa Jiménez

For Informative Speaking:	Gold	Ms. Mary Olasemo (Came in 2 nd in the CUNY-Wide contest)
	Silver	Ms. Maria Fernanda Ruiz Pozo
	Bronze	Ms. Laritza Peralta

LANGUAGE AND COGNITION DEPARTMENT

Exemplary Service Award to a Graduating ESL Student: TOUFIK BOUSBASSI

Presented by: Professor Robert Cohen

The Department of Language of Cognition takes great pride in presenting its Exemplary Service Award to Toufik Bousbassi. Mr. Bousbassi, who is graduating with a degree in Engineering and plans to continue his studies at The City College in the fall, was an L&C ESL student when he first entered Hostos. For the past few years he has worked as a college assistant in the department office. By virtue of his kind, generous, and cheerful demeanor, which stems from a well of enthusiasm that he displays towards all people, Mr. Bousbassi gives everyone who walks through the department doors a heartfelt welcome. Because for him showing respect is the key to all his actions, no request is too large or too small. Toufik Bousbassi is a model for us all.

Recipient: Mr. Toufik Bousbassi

LIBRARY

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AND ART CONTRIBUTIONS TO ¡ESCRIBA!/WRITE!: A BILINGUAL JOURNAL OF STUDENT ART AND WRITING

Presented by: Professor Miriam Laskin
Professor Jennifer Tang

For the first time, four student contributors to the 10th Anniversary issue of *¡Escriba!/Write!* will receive awards for their work. Two student writers and two student artists will be recognized for their originality, clarity, skill and ability to evoke emotional responses through their contributions.

Recipients:	WRITING	Mr. Lennin Peña Ms. Angelique Rodríguez
	Art	Mr. Jacob Hilado Ms. Abica Paul-Noel

MATHEMATICS

Presented by: Professor Daniel Maysonet and the members of the Mathematics Department

The Gold Medal Mathematics Award

The Gold Mathematics Award is presented for outstanding achievement in Mathematics by a graduating student who has completed Calculus 1, Calculus 2 and Calculus 3 and two of the three advanced courses: Differential Equations, Linear Algebra or Modern Programming. The student must have an overall Grade Point Average of 3.0 and a GPA of at least a 3.7 in Mathematics courses.

Recipient: Mr. Diómedes Sánchez

The Silver Medal Mathematics Award

The Silver Mathematics award is presented for outstanding achievement in mathematics by a graduating student who has completed Pre-calculus, Calculus 1, Calculus 2 and Calculus 3. The student must also have an overall Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 and a GPA of at least 3.5 in Mathematics courses.

Recipient: Mr. Ayikoue Hunlede

The Bronze Medal Mathematics Award

The Bronze Mathematics Award is presented to a student who was initially placed in a developmental Mathematics course and who has shown outstanding academic growth in Mathematics. The student must have completed Calculus 1 to be eligible for this award. The student must also have an overall Grade Point Average of at least 2.8 and a GPA of at least 3.5 in Mathematics courses.

Recipient: Ms. Sandy Rosas

NATURAL SCIENCES

Presented by: Professor Francisco Fernández and the members of the Natural Sciences Department

Natural Sciences Award

The Natural Sciences Award is a special award given to graduating students who have shown academic accomplishment and have demonstrated outstanding performance beyond the classroom by participating in departmental activities or research projects, presenting papers or posters at scientific meetings, or demonstrating leadership in other science-related activities.

Recipient: Mr. Diómedes Sánchez

The Mildred Hernton Award

The Mildred Hernton Award is a posthumous homage to Mrs. Mildred Hernton, a former senior CLT and charter member of the Department of Natural Sciences. The award consists of a check and a medal presented to a graduating student who has completed at least 16 credits and achieved a grade point average of 3.7 or higher in Biology as well as an overall grade point average of 3.5.

Recipient: Mr. Herminio Torres

The Women in Science Awards

The Women in Science Awards are presented to graduating female students who have completed the requirements for the Associate in Science Degree Program and who have demonstrated dedication, excellence, and leadership in academic and research achievements.

Gold Medal Recipient: Ms. Pearl Doghor

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Environmental Stewardship and Community Service Award

The Environmental Stewardship and Community Service Award is presented to the graduating student who has completed the requirements for the A.A., A.S., or Chemical Engineering Programs with a science grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who has demonstrated commitment and leadership in addressing environmental issues in the college and the community.

Gold Medal Recipient: Mr. Adrián Posada

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Presented by: Ms. Patricia Salazar
Ms. Ariana Panko-Aguilar

The SSWD offers a scholarship in two distinct categories to students who have been enrolled in the current 2011-2012 academic year.

Academic Achievement Award

This award is presented to a student who is currently enrolled at Hostos in the Spring 2012 semester and will graduate in June or September 2012, has achieved at least a 3.00 GPA, and has a well-defined academic and career plan as described in her/his essay and documented in two recommendation letters from a faculty member, advisor or staff member of the college.

Recipient: Mr. Heriberto Vega

College and Personal Progress Award

This award is presented to a student who is currently enrolled at Hostos in the Spring 2012 semester, must have completed a minimum of 12 credits, was initially placed in Basic Skills or ESL courses, has a GPA of at least 2.50 or higher, and has demonstrated an exceptionally high level of motivation, commitment, and academic progress as attested to in two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, advisor or staff member of the college.

Recipients:	Gold	Mr. Jaleel Anthony
	Silver	Ms. Melissa Prieto
	Bronze	Mr. Noel Eromosele

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented by: Mr. Jason Libfeld
Student Leadership Coordinator

Hostos Student Leadership Academy Leadership and Service Award

Annually two students from the Hostos Student Ambassador Program and two Students from the Student Orientation Services Team/Hostos Emerging Leaders Program are selected to receive scholarship awards for their dedication to servant leadership and working in the community.

Recipient: Ms. Emilie Bouda

Hostos Emerging Student Leadership and Service Award

Recipients: Mr. Julio Pascual

Non-Traditional Leader Award

Recipients: Mr. Augusto Kennedy
Ms. Makea Lowe
Ms. Lesny Suazo

CUNY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Presented by: Ms. Carol Kashow

The CUNY Scholar Athlete award is presented to those Student-Athletes who have excelled both in the classroom and on the field of competition. This award is presented each year to student-athletes who achieve a minimum GPA of 3.2.

Recipients: Gold (3.75 GPA) Men's Basketball Mr. Khalid Yousef

Silver (3.70 GPA) Men's Soccer Mr. Emmanuel Adesanlu

Academic Scholarship Winners

Recipients: Men's Basketball	Mr. Wendell Appleton Mr. Bryan Silvera
Women's Basketball	Ms. Stephanie Argüello Ms. Deoshore Webster
Men's Soccer	Mr. Yahiya Bagayoko Mr. Frank Bikono Mr. Abdoul Diallo Mr. Issaka Koanda Mr. Michael Noterman
Women's Volleyball	Ms. Okeisah McLean
Women's Volleyball/ Women's Basketball	Ms. Yuly Rodríguez

HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDS

THE HOSTOS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Presented by: President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega
Vice President Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne
Vice President Ana Carrión-Silva

The Hostos Foundation offers scholarship awards to the Hostos students who intend to continue education as full-time students at the baccalaureate level. The recipients are the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian. The Valedictorian is the student with the highest GPA of the graduating class. The Salutatorian is the student with the second highest GPA of the graduating class.

Recipients: **Valedictorian:** Mr. Herminio Torres
Salutatorian: Ms. Christine Roth

HONORS PROGRAM

Presented by: President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega

The Hostos Community College Honors Program provides an enriched academic, cultural and social experience to intellectually inquisitive and motivated students. The program offers students an academic environment that values and promotes critical thinking, analytical writing, and research and information competency skills through an innovative and challenging curriculum. Students complete at least 3 Honors courses or contracts during their degree, conduct 15 hours of community service per term, and participate in a variety of cultural activities, while maintaining a minimum of 3.5 GPA. The transcript of the successful Honors Program graduate indicates that the student has fulfilled all requirements of the Honors Program.

Recipients: Ms. Leandra Carter
Mr. Maurice Evans
Ms. Yuteska Garcia
Ms. Annamaria Geller Vatai
Mr. Jubril Lawal
Ms. Diem Nguyen
Ms. Melody Robert
Ms. Ebia Robles
Mr. Herminio Torres

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HOSTOS TEACHER ACADEMY

Presented by: President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Dean Christine Mangino

The purpose of the Teacher Academy is to prepare a new generation of exceptional teachers to produce high levels of student achievement and to inspire middle and high school students' interest in mathematics and science. The Teacher Academy is a scholarship program, where students spend four years becoming mathematicians and scientists, learning how to bring to their own students the same satisfaction they have gained in unlocking the wonders of these fields. The students in this program have committed to teaching in New York City public schools upon graduation from a senior college.

Recipient: Ms. Dawn Siniscalchi

KWANZAA SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by: Ms. Patricia Mabry

The Kwanzaa Scholarship is awarded to a student(s) who has (have) demonstrated the four principles of the Nguzo Saba (Kwanzaa principles):

Umoja—Unity

Kujichagulia—Self-Determination

Kuumba—Creativity

Nia—Purpose

Recipient: Ms. Latoya Speller

THE GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ ROOM AND THE SOUTH BRONX REVIEW

Presented by: Professor Andrew Hubner

The García Márquez Room and The South Bronx Review wish to recognize students who have shown a commitment to pursuing a continuing interest in creative writing. The members of the The García Márquez Room and The South Bronx Review recognize that such an endeavor requires not only inspiration but discipline. The following students have submitted stories to the García Márquez Room. They are to be commended for their initiative, persistence and dedication to the craft of creative writing. As charter members, their work will be submitted for publication in the South Bronx Review a peer-reviewed literary magazine to be published on the web in the CUNY.edu Commons and in print by members of the English Department in 2012.

Recipients: Ms. Chee Chee Bourne
Mr. Dominic Lewis

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Ms. Jennifer Scott

SPECIAL AWARDS

ASAP AWARDS

Presented by: Dean Christine Mangino

FASTER THAN ASAP AWARD

This award goes to three very successful students who took the acronym ASAP to mean both “Accelerated Study in Associate Programs” **AND** “as soon as possible,” having graduated in all cases in one and a half years or less.

Recipients: Ms. Gretcher Hernández
Mr. Andre Morgan
Mr. Avery Toledo

ASAP Persistence Award

This award goes to those students who demonstrated a great deal of persistence while also facing extraordinary non-academic responsibilities.

Recipients: Ms. Saida Boughalem
Ms. Octrisha Parker

KAPLAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD

Presented by: President Félix Matos Rodríguez
Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega
Vice President Nathaniel Cruz
Ms. Nancy Sanchez

The Kaplan Leadership Program, part of the Kaplan Educational Foundation, began in 2006. The Foundation works with high-potential associate degree students who have a financial need; it provides them with resources and support to help them raise their expectations, expand their personal goals, and eventually attain leadership roles in their professions and communities.

Recipients: Mr. Adonis Billy
Ms. Denise Reynoso

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Presented by: Professor Jerilyn Fisher

Prizes this year were awarded to students in participating classes of English 091 or ESL 091. The essays submitted for judging were composed under supervision; they discuss critically a reading passage from a notable woman's writings. This year, students participating in the contest responded to an excerpt from "Women and their Liberation," a chapter in *Unbought and Unbossed* by Congressional Representative and 1972 Presidential candidate, Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005). This year, winners of the contest were also honored on March 29th at Brooklyn College's conference: Celebrating Shirley Chisholm's Lifelong Legacy. In honor of women's history month at Hostos, winning essays are chosen for the students' ability to summarize the text succinctly, integrate into their essays their own relevant experiences, observations, readings or opinions, and write clearly and effectively. The winners read their work at the Closing Ceremony for Women's History Month at the end of March each year.

Recipients:	First Place:	Ms. Kaisha Schwegler
	Second Place:	Ms. Rochelle Harriott
	Third Place:	Ms. Crystal Manson
	Honorable Mention:	Mr. Gregory Torres

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Presented by: President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega

In June the College marks the end of the spring term with the annual Commencement Exercises. During the Ceremony, graduating students with a grade point average of 3.7 or more will march wearing gold stoles signifying they have received Scholastic Achievement Awards.

Recipients:

Adaly Acosta	Candy Gómez	Eunjeong Ok
Millicent Adom	Alba González	Minji Park
Miyoko Akutagawa	Gretcher Hernández	Octrisha Parker
Enoch Asiedu	Anishbell Hidalgo	Dawn Parodi
Nadege Bakassa-Traore	Felicia Hornedo	Britney Puello
Sabrina Bullet	Ayikoue Hunlede	Martha Ramirez
Kayedee Capers	Min Jung Kim	Elijah Richmond
Qiang Mei Chen	Adela Lewis	Ebia Robles
May Cheng	Raine Li	Jennifer Roche
Raymond Chin	Lihuai Lin	Amabell Rodriguez
Candida Condes	Anar Mammadov	Catina Rogers
Harry Copson	Tanya McGhee	Christine Roth
Lina Cruz	Jennifer Medina	Lisette Saavedra
Christien Denizard	Maria Medina	Noemi Salas
Robert Dennis III	Michael Medina	Ravindraroy Samaroo
Nipa Dey	Gabriela Montes	Diomedes Sánchez
Paola Díaz	Diem Nguyen	Madeline Sánchez
Pearl Doghor	Chevelle Nugent	Sonia Seda
Abdullah Gali	Nunez Cabrera Floranny	Avery Toledo
Luis García	Abayomi Odeseye	Herminio Torres
Nadia García	Amam Ogunka	Elizabeth Watson
		Honorata Zabielski

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Mr. Herminio Torres

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THE HONORS CONVOCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

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CEREMONIAL MUSIC

Cello Suite #3 in C

by Johann Sebastian Bach
performed by Mstislav Rostropovich

Delilah

performed by Clifford Brown and Max Roach

The Shepherd

By Duke Ellington

Heaven

By Duke Ellington

Caprice #24 in A Minor

By Niccolò Paganini
performed by Alison Balsom on principle trumpet

Vocalise, Op. 34/14

By Sergei Rachmaninoff
performed by Alison Balsom on principle trumpet

Aida – Act 2: Gloria AllEgitto, Ad Iside

By Giuseppe Verdi

Swan Lake, Op. 20 – 8 Danse De Coupes

By Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Fanfare For The Common Man

By Aaron Copeland

EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS

Eugenio María de Hostos, Puerto Rican educator, writer, and patriot, was born on January 11, 1839, in the village of Río Cañas in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. He attended elementary school in San Juan, and studied education and law in Spain at the Institute of Higher Education in Bilbao and the University of Madrid. He joined fellow students in efforts to liberalize Spain's colonial rule of Cuba and Puerto Rico and to abolish African slavery. In 1869, he left Madrid for New York City, where he joined other exiles in the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, working for the liberation of Cuba and Puerto Rico. Three years later, Hostos traveled to Latin America to recruit support for the liberation movement. In Peru, he protested the exploitation of Chinese immigrants. In Argentina, he campaigned widely for the construction of the first trans-Andean railroad. The government of Chile established the Liceo Miguel Luis Amunátegui for Hostos to implement his advanced concepts, including the opening of educational opportunities for women. Under Hostos' leadership, the Liceo became one of the foremost educational centers in Latin America.

When Puerto Rico became a colony of the United States after the Spanish-American-Cuban War of 1898, Hostos returned to work once again for the island's independence. In 1898, he left for the Dominican Republic, where he was appointed Director of the Central College and Inspector General of Public Education.

Eugenio María de Hostos is the author of such distinguished works as *General Law for Public Instruction*, *Comments on the Science of Teaching*, and *Reform in the Teaching of Law*. His life's work and ideals are a legacy and an inspiration for the entire college community.