
**“Pon todas las fuerzas de tu alma,
en todos los actos de tu vida.”**

**“Put all the strengths of your soul
in every act of your life.”**

EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS (1839 1903)



Honors Convocation Ceremony

Celebrating the Best/Celebrando los mejores

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 liderato 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.

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

THIRTY-SECOND HONORS CONVOCATION

**WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN,
AT SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING
HOSTOS GYM
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
450 GRAND CONCOURSE
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Program

Mistress of Ceremony: Prof. Natasha Yannacañedo

Introduction	Hostos Hymn Rafael Torres accompanied by Manny Díaz
Invocation	Rokia Diabi Honors Program
Welcoming Remarks	Dr. Christine Mangino Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings	Dr. David M. Gómez President Dr. Héctor López Chair of the College Senate Saint Mbakop A. Boui Student Government Association
Keynote Address	Santtee Agrispin Salutatorian Wendy Fernández Valedictorian
Musical Interlude	Andre Veloz & Co.
Buffet Dinner	
Presentation of Departmental/ Unit Awards	Department Chairs/Unit Coordinators
Presentation of Special Awards	President Gómez/Provost Mangino/ Vice President Rodríguez-Chardavoyne Vice President Cruz Vice President Almendarez Hostos Staff
Farewell Message to the Class of 2016	Diana Herra Honors Program

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ALLIED HEALTH

Presenters: Professor Charles Drago 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: Gigi Campos

The Silver Medal

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

Recipient: Joan Christine Barretto

The Bronze Medal

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

Recipient: Biljana Traikoska

Nursing

RN A.A.S. 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: 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: Omar Mbaye

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: Michelle Garay
Barak Hatch

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: Aisha Mohammed

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: Sherian Maynard

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: Adalis Campos

Radiologic Technology

Gold: Heidy Santos

Silver: Ashley Narváez

Bronze: Boualem Laouari

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW UNITS

Presenters: Professor Howard Jordan and members of the Behavioral Sciences Unit, Social Sciences Unit, and Public Policy and Law 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 to a student with a 3.25 or above average in these courses.

Gold: Luis Toribio
Silver: Devon Simmons

Social Sciences Unit

Gold, Silver, and Bronze are presented to students that attain a 3.7 or higher GPA in economics, history, or political science courses.

Gold: Jacqueline E. Cabrera
Silver: Aishah Francis
Bronze: Ernesto Ramírez

Public Policy and Law Unit.

The Public Policy and Law Unit covers the following areas of study: Criminal Justice, Public Administration and Paralegal Studies. The awards are gold, silver and bronze medals presented to three graduating students in each of the aforementioned areas who have achieved one of the highest grade point averages and contributed to the mission of the unit.

Criminal Justice

Gold: Devon Simmons
Silver: Luis Toribio
Bronze: Lorena Gómez

Public Administration

Gold: Donita Session
Silver: Solanlly Santos
Bronze: Joshua Nyambike Bawa

Paralegal Studies

Gold: Ashley Rodríguez
Silver: Zeleny Castillo
Bronze: Phylcia Reid Little

BUSINESS

Presenters: Dr. Héctor López and the members of the Business Department

Business and Accounting Program

The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Award in Business Management and Accounting are presented to three graduating students for outstanding academic achievement in their respective programs.

Accounting (A.S.)

Gold: Luz Contreras
Julian Robinson
Silver: Liliana Tenesaca
Shantel Vigilance

Accounting (A.A.S.)

Gold: Yahelly Vega
Silver: Fátima Hernández
Bronze: Nahar Mst

Business Management

Gold: Justine Galbraith
Silver: Elizabeth Blanquel
Bronze: Abdelilah Boulkadi

Office Technology Program

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

Gold: Leticia Modesto
Silver: Melissa Nichols
Bronze: Nakia Brown

EDUCATION

Presenters: Professor Sherese Mitchell 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: Andrea Cruz
Mildred Rodríguez

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).

Gold: Amy Vargas
Silver: Altagracia Burgos
Bronze: Mildred Rodríguez

Community Health Award

The Community Health Program presents awards to the graduating students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.

Gold: Audracy Massakidi
Silver: Rabiya Ajaó
Bronze: Liliana Lajara

Gerontology Award

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

Gold: Stephany Cruz
Silver: Melina Román
Bronze: Cindy Walker

ENGLISH

Presenters: Professor Gregory Marks and faculty members from
the English Department

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.

Gold: Jermaine McGill
Silver: Sabrina Adaba
 Carmen del Valle

EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Presenter: Professor Jerilyn Fisher

The Women's and Gender Studies program is pleased to recognize Academic Excellence in Women's and Gender Studies. Essays or project 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 work 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 2015-2016 are:

Gold: Danielle Gary
Silver: Nadja González
 Kajal Majadeo
Bronze: Courtney Grier

Women's and Gender Studies Award for Activism

This Award honors students whose work supports and promotes community activism on behalf of women, pro-feminist men, and/or people of diverse sexualities—on or off campus. Recipients of this award will have thus demonstrated commitment to feminist social change through community service, creative work outside the classroom, leadership, and/or other forms of activism that advance the struggle for fairness and equality.

Recipient: Sheldon Consingh

HUMANITIES

Presenters: Professor Alyssa Roost 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: Victoria Beriah
Mayelín Ventura

Media Design Unit

Media Design Service Award

The Media Design Program Service Award is presented to the Media Design student who has demonstrated exceptional service to the Hostos Community through his/her work as a College Lab Assistant (CLA), with one of the Hostos Media Clubs, or in their internship classes (DD298, DD299, DM298, DM299, GD298, GD299).

Recipients:

Excellence in Animation:

Gold: Jesse Stephens
Silver: Biarly Abreu
Bronze: Tyrell Bush

Excellence in Design:

Gold: Alejandra Villa
Silver: Alex Ruiz
Bronze: Braenly Melo & Johan Mercedes

Excellence in Music:

Gold: Jeremy Ríos
Silver: Zsorian Sánchez
Bronze: Jennifer Ramirez

Modern Languages Unit

Spanish

Gold: Ernesto Ramírez

Visual and Performing Arts Unit

Excellence in Painting and Drawing:

Gold: Melissa McIntosh
Silver: Samantha Álvarez
Bronze: Tabitha Pérez

Excellence in Speech:

Gold: Paul Torres
Silver: Dylan Easterday
Bronze: Jasmín Rodríguez

Excellence in Theater:

Ryan Bannon
Natasha Collado
Nadja González
Daniel Guzmán
Tabitha Pérez

LIBRARY

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

Presenter: Professor Miriam Laskin

Student writers and student artists are recognized for their originality, clarity, skill and ability to evoke emotional responses through their contributions.

Writing: Henry Heras
Shena Rodríguez

Art: Jael Morán Aquino
Generosa Canales

LANGUAGE AND COGNITION DEPARTMENT

Presenter: Professor Karin Lundberg

The Language and Cognition Department is proud to announce these awards as they reflect our students' wonderful achievements.

I. Students Who Have Received Passing CAT-W (Writing) and CAT-R (Reading) Scores

Showing great success in their ability to do well on the most critical examinations, these ESL students passed both the CAT-W and CAT-R examinations the first time they took them:

Recipients:

Nathalye Caba
Blandine Dehonou
Kodjo Djoka
Francisco Antonio Flores Ayala
Kenny Fournier
Liliana Gómez
Nathalie Kantiono
Nezha Mejdoul
Nallelis Peralta-Peña
Odette Scofield
Melissa M. Souffront
Mst N. Sultana
John M. Younan

II. Students Who Have Shown Evidence of Great Persistence and Determination

Showing great persistence and determination, these students have persevered and have shown extraordinary progress in their academic work:

Recipients:

Sumaia Akther
Christy M. Alba
Daniel Batista
Mabel Filipo
Natalia Galán
Essi Y. Gbogbo
Nancy Hernández
Adou Faical Kafando
Elena Nepomuceno
Carlos Paiz
Ramón Polanco Fernández
Elida I. Richards
Carmen Rodriguez
Perla M. Rodriguez
Suma Roy
Souleymane Sissoko

III. Students Who Have Shown Evidence of Great Enthusiasm for their Studies

Showing great enthusiasm for their studies, these students have become role models for their classmates and a true inspiration to their professors:

Recipients:

Ginessa Agramonte Moncayo
Falikou Diaby
Frankemi Hernández
Mohamadou Ouaba
Franklin Oyuela
Raider Robert E. Rodríguez del Orbe

IV. Students Who Have Rendered Great Service to the College Community

Showing great leadership qualities and their unswerving dedication to ensuring the quality of life for their fellow students here at Hostos, these students have rendered great service to the college community:

Recipients:

Denice Caba Santana
Pedro Minaya
Odette Scofield

MATHEMATICS

Presenters: Professor William Baker and the faculty members of the Mathematics Department

THE GOLD 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: Oseloka Chira

THE SILVER 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.

Recipients: Isamar Rodríguez Garrido

THE BRONZE MATHEMATICS AWARD

The Bronze Mathematics Award is presented to a graduating 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. This year the Bronze Medal recipient has a 4.0 in all his Math courses up to Calculus 1.

Recipient: Santtee Agrispin

NATURAL SCIENCES

Presenters: Professor Francisco Fernández and the members of the Natural Sciences Department

Natural Sciences Award

The Natural Sciences Award is a special award given to a student who has shown academic accomplishment by achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher in science courses and has 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: Lydie Sangare

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 student who has completed at least 16 credits and achieved a GPA of 3.7 or higher in Biology as well as an overall GPA of 3.5.

Recipient: Mariama Diallo

The Women in Science Awards

The Women in Science Awards are presented to 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 and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Gold: Wendy Fernández
Silver: Isamar Garrido Rodríguez
Karla Muñoz

Engineering Award

The Engineering Award is presented to Engineering students who have shown high academic achievement and have demonstrated outstanding performance beyond the classroom by participating in STEM-related activities or presenting papers or posters at scientific/engineering meetings. An overall GPA of 3.5 or higher is required. This award is offered by the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Departments.

Gold: Wendy Fernández
Silver: Ouedraogo Djibrina
Isamar Garrido Rodríguez
Bronze: Oseloka Chira
Mahir Rafi

Environmental Stewardship and Community Service Award

The Environmental Stewardship and Community Service Award is presented to the student in A.A., A.S., Forensic Science, Chemical or Mechanical Engineering Programs with a science GPA of 3.5 or higher and who has demonstrated commitment and leadership in addressing environmental issues in the college and the community.

Gold: Sierra Lebrón
Princess Smith

Forensic Science Award

The Forensic Science Award is presented to a student enrolled in Forensic Science Dual Degree program who has accumulated 50 or more credits towards an A.S. degree and has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and/or participated in research activities, such as LSAMP, PRIZM, summer internship, CRSP or others.

Recipient: Marlyn Sánchez Hernández

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Presenter: Mr. Raymond Pérez

Academic Achievement and Individual Success Award

This award is presented to a student who is registered with the Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) and currently enrolled in the spring 2016 semester and will graduate in June or September 2016. This student has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA, has a well-defined academic and career plan and has shown a commitment to his/her college career despite any barriers or limitations she/he may have.

Academic Achievement

Recipient: Amy Vargas

Individual Success Award

Recipient:
Makea Lowe
Akello Thomas

HOSTOS STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AWARDS

Presenter: Mr. Jason Libfeld

The Hostos Student Leadership Academy has five divisions: Hostos Student Ambassador Program, Student Orientation Services Team, Hostos Emerging Leaders Program, Hostos Volunteer Corps and Hostos Athletic Leaders Organization. Each year, students in the Academy volunteer their time to the college and the community to help improve the society that they live in. They represent the college and the City University at Conferences all over the east coast and they support efforts and initiatives important to all of the students who attend the schools of the City University of New York. Each year students are carefully selected to participate in conferences and retreats and those who excel in areas of service are rewarded for their efforts.

Hostos Student Leadership Academy Leadership and Service Award

Student Ambassadors who excel in volunteer work and service to the community.

Recipients: Raquel Meléndez
Sosima Vásquez

Hostos Emerging Student Leadership and Service Award

Student Leaders who show promise in the areas of volunteer work and service to the community.

Recipients: Feissel Traore
Zaira Bello

Non-Traditional Leader Award

Student Leaders who lead without demanding the spotlight and show leadership tendencies in their everyday lives.

Recipients: Fátima Hernández
Jualiver Ramos

Vice Chancellor's Excellence in Leadership Awards

Two students from each CUNY campus Leadership Program are selected each year to receive the Vice Chancellor's Excellence in Leadership Awards at a ceremony that took place on May 13, 2016. This is the single greatest honor that CUNY bestows on a Student Leader each year.

Students who are selected for these awards have GPA's above 3.0 and have completed more than 150 hours of volunteer service for the year.

Recipients: Sakhr Aldaylam
Saint Mbakop A Boui

The 23rd Annual National Character & Leadership Symposium at the United States Air Force Academy

Theme: Professionalism & The Profession of Arms

The annual National Character and Leadership Symposium, one of the premier national symposiums in the field of character and leadership, brings together distinguished scholars, military leaders, corporate presidents, world-class athletes, and others to explore a character-related theme based on the United States Air Forces Academy Outcomes. This two-day symposium provides an opportunity for all Academy personnel, visiting university students and faculty, and community members to experience dynamic speakers and take part in group discussions to enhance their own understanding of the importance of challenges of sound moral character and leadership.

Willy Báez Lara
Yunerys Liriano

Phi Theta Kappa/USA Today All-New York Scholars

Students from all across the state in CUNY and SUNY two-year colleges are recognized annually for their academic achievement, leadership skills and service to the community with this award.

Rabiat Ajao
José Deschamps

The Dream US

The Dream.US is a national scholarship fund for DREAMers. Dream US provides college scholarships to highly motivated DREAMers (i.e. students) who have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) approval and who, without financial aid, cannot afford a college education that will enable them to participate in the American workforce. The Scholarship is intended to cover a significant portion of tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$12,500 for an associate's degree and \$25,000 for a bachelor's degree. The amount of each award is based on the current tuition and fees charged by the college and financial need. In some circumstances, stipends for books, supplies, and transportation will be awarded.

Hostos had 4 recipients of the Dream US Scholarship in the fall 2015, who are currently studying at the college:

Yoliswa B. Cele
Antonia Cerda
Ingrid Funez
Adalberto Morales

HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDS

THE HOSTOS FOUNDATION ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Presenters: President Dr. David Gómez
Provost Christine Mangino
Vice President Virginia Almendarez

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: Wendy Fernández
Salutatorian: Santtee Agrispín

HONORS PROGRAM AWARD

Presenter: Ms. Karina Castro

The Honors Program Award is a special award given to a student who has achieved a GPA of 3.2 or higher and completed all Honors Program requirements. Upon graduation, students will have successfully completed the Honors Program with a minimum of 3 honors courses and/or honors contracts and a minimum of 45 hours of community service; attended 6 extracurricular activities; and attended the Honors Colloquia series. The recipients of the Honors Program award exemplify stellar leadership, character, and service.

Recipients: Alassane Thera
Feissal Traore

SPECIAL AWARDS

ASAP (ACCELERATED STUDY IN ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS) AWARDS

Presenters: Dean Félix Cardona
Mr. Reuben Quansah

ASAP Excellence Award

ASAP Excellence Award is presented to any ASAP student graduating with a 3.80 GPA or higher

Recipients: Altagracia Burgos
Karla Muñoz
Mildred Rodríguez

E-PORTFOLIO CONTEST

Presenters: Mr. Carlos Guevara
Professor Catherine Lyons

The ePortfolio Contest award recognizes the students whose e-Portfolios excelled significantly in demonstrating their academic and professional development. The e-Portfolios were judged on their content, design and information architecture. These students exhibited a tremendous understanding of how to develop an online presence that showcased their academic progress, global learning and skill development, as well as excellent written communication skills.

Recipients:

First Prize: Noemí Antonio
Second Prize: Joan Christine Barretto
Third Prize: Angélica Rodríguez
Fourth Prize: Jennifer Jarrin
Fifth Prize: Venus McGee-Ramírez

THE ADRIENNE WEISS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

Presenter: Professor Jerilyn Fisher

This contest is named in memory of **Adrienne Weiss**, a talented graphic designer who, until her passing, created our much-lauded Women's History Month posters. An early feminist, Adrienne Weiss volunteered as an artist with the Judy Chicago Dinner Party project (1974-79), permanently on exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum where Adrienne is listed among artist-contributors. She would be pleased to be remembered each year as we celebrate Women's History Month.

Each winning essay explains a quotation provided, and then elaborates a personal response to its meaning. Students see this year's quotations for the first time when they come to write their essays on site and composed them in two hours. Biographies of the authors are provided to the participants. In 2016, the quotations selected by our winners were based on ideas about women and gender from authors like Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Sandra Cisneros, Dolores Huerta, Anais Nin, and Elizabeth I, Queen of England.

Recipients:

First prize: Alma Cayasso
Diana Guerrier
Angel Guillermo
Barbara Hall

Second prize: Sharon Arias
Emi Buchan
Jenifer Vivar

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Announcers: Vice President Nathaniel Cruz & Dean Johanna Gómez

Presenters: President Dr. David Gómez & Provost Christine Mangino
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:

Leticia Afari	Yawu I. Essiomley	Miguel Palestino
Santtee Agrispin	Khalia Faulkner	Joydeth E. Patrick
Rabiat Ajao	Wendy P. Fernández Guaba	Tamilee M. Pérez Pichardo
Ramel S. Archie	Justine Galbraith	Sylsha Peterson
Israel J. Armijos	Isamar Garrido-Rodríguez	Mahir D. Rafi
William O. Ashong-Katai	Michele J. Gerard	Sanjiya Rahman
Shiraz Bagaru	Lorena Gómez	Ernesto Ramírez
Ryan Bannon	Winsome Grant	Verónica Renovales
Joan Christine A. Barreto	Jessica Gutiérrez	Alpha Reyes
Joshua Bawa-Nyambika	Arisleida Guzmán	Andreína Reyes
Christina S. Benjamin	Julys Guzmán DeJesús	Julian G. Robinson
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Elizabeth Blanquel	Juliet Hernández	Stephanie Rodríguez
Abdelilah Boulkadi	Diana Herra	Frances E. Rolón
Emi F. Buchan	Kodjo J. Kassegne	Vincent G. Russo
Altagracia Burgos	Keniatta O. Kennedy	Solanlly Santos
Jacqueline E. Cabrera	Liliana Lajara	Thomas I. Saudi
Gigi Campos	James Liang	Salimata Seck
Erik P. Carlson	Barbara Lyn-Fenton	Donita Session
Genevieve Carr	Audracy Massakidy	Jinal Shah
Oseloka Kingsley Chira	Oumar Ahmed Saloum Mbaye	Liliana V. Tenesaca
Luz A. Contreras	Melissa Mcintosh	Biljana Trajkoska
Cydney Chandelle Cottman	Michael Medina	Feissal Traore
José A. Deschamps	Jesús Mercado	Amy Vargas
Khadidiatou Diallo	Karla Muñoz	Yahelly Vega
Mariama Diallo	Vanesa Navarro Terreros	
Ashly Altagracia Domínguez	Melissa C. Nichols	
Dylan M. Easterday	Samuel Opoku	

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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.