

## 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*

**THIRTY-FIRST HONORS CONVOCATION**

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

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## **PROGRAM**

<b><i>Welcoming Remarks</i></b>	Dr. Christine Mangino Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Dr. David M. Gómez President
<b><i>Invocation</i></b>	Mr. Fabian Francis Honors Program
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Dr. Héctor López Chair of the College Senate
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Mr. Adrian Quiñonez Student Government Association
<b><i>Announcers</i></b>	Vice President Nathaniel Cruz/ Dean Johanna Gómez
<b><i>Presentation of Special Awards</i></b>	President Gómez/Provost Christine Mangino/Vice President Rodríguez- Chardavoyne/ Vice President Carrión-Silva/ Vice President Cruz
<b><i>Presentation of Departmental/ Unit Awards</i></b>	Provost Mangino/Department Chairs/ Unit Coordinators
<b><i>Presentation of Special Awards</i></b>	Provost Mangino/Hostos Staff
<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	Provost Christine Mangino

## **RECEPTION**

## 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:** Ms. Jessica Granda

#### **The Silver Medal**

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Carolina Murillo

#### **The Bronze Medal**

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Beatriz Isabel

### **Nursing**

#### **The Centerlight Health System Nursing Scholarship**

The CenterLight Health System Nursing Scholarship is awarded to talented students with financial needs enrolled in their final year of study in the Nursing Program. A GPA of 2.7 or higher is required.

**Recipients:** Ms. Salimata Coulibaly  
Ms. Remona Griffiths  
Ms. Abigail Nuñez  
Ms. Shanika Reid  
Mr. Mounirou Zorome

### **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. Shanika Reid

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### **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. Salimata Coulibaly

### **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. Remona Griffiths

### **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:** Ms. Shannon Peguero

#### **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. Oksana Sinetar

#### **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. Amanda Sue

### **Radiologic Technology**

#### **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:**

**Gold:** Mr. Emmanuel Paulino

**Silver:** Ms. Maiko Hirose

**Bronze:** Mr. Sandy Bretton

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## **BEHAVIORAL, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**Presenters:** 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:** Mr. Neville Chambliss  
Ms. Mariama Diallo  
Ms. Michele Gerard  
Ms. Dayseana Overton  
Ms. Camelia Robinson

### **Criminal Justice, Public Administration, and Paralegal Studies Unit**

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

#### **Criminal Justice**

**Gold:** Mr. Saadiq Newton-Boyd  
**Silver:** Ms. Adelaida Preda  
**Bronze:** Mr. Victor Peguero

#### **Public Administration**

**Gold:** Mr. Onassis Porto  
**Silver:** Ms. Shauntrelle Conde  
**Bronze:** Ms. Wanda Pena

#### **Paralegal Studies**

**Gold:** Ms. Mia Cruz Worthy  
**Silver:** Mr. Francisco Silverio  
**Bronze:** Mr. Miguel Polanco

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## **BUSINESS**

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

### **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 (AS)**

**Gold:** Ms. Shana De Andrade  
**Silver:** Mr. Maksudur Rahman  
**Bronze:** Ms. Jessica Molina

#### **Accounting (AAS)**

**Gold:** Ms. Galina Sagno  
**Silver:** Ms. Yesenia Argueta  
**Bronze:** Ms. Mahamadou Doucoure

#### **Business Management**

**Gold:** Mr. Pedro Rivera  
**Silver:** Mr. Pindwende Jerel Romba  
**Bronze:** Mr. Inrich Timamo  
Mr. Emmanuel Barochin  
Ms. Lusy Palacios

### **Office Technology Program**

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

**Gold:** Ms. Faith Brown  
**Silver:** Ms. Ruzdelania Lora

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Presenters:** Professor Madeline Ford 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. Idritza Acevedo  
Ms. Natali Coronado  
Ms. Marlyn Navedo  
Ms. Berlin Muriel

### **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:** Mr. Luis Ojeda  
**Silver:** Ms. Nathasa Lloyd  
**Bronze:** Ms. Gia Hamilton

### **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.

**Gold:** Ms. Gissel Santiago Perez  
**Silver:** Ms. Traciann Holness  
**Bronze:** Mr. Walter Velas

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### **Community Health Award**

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

**Gold:** Ms. Shirley Moreno  
**Silver:** Mr. Lamone Colter  
**Bronze:** Ms. Anita Bhattacharjee

### **Physical Education Unit Award**

The Physical Education Unit Award is given to the graduating students with the highest GPA's within a minimum of two (2) Physical Education classes.

**Gold:** Ms. Gia Hamilton  
**Silver:** Mr. Walter Velas

### ***ENGLISH***

**Presenter:** Professor Craig Bernardini

### **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:** Mr. Abraham Mihad  
**Silver:** Ms. Dayseana Overton  
**Bronze:** Mr. Neftali Pabon

## **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 2014-2015 are:

**Gold:** Ms. Kahdijahra Adams  
Ms. Anita Bhattacharjee  
Mr. Emmanuel Paulino

**Silver:** Ms. Janet McKenzie

**Bronze:** Ms. Joanne Carpenter

### **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.

**Recipients:** Ms. Cindy Álvarez  
Ms. Anita Bhattacharjee Doxen  
Ms. Samantha Maldonado  
Ms. Joba Minier  
Ms. Maria Oben  
Ms. Sheakira Perry-West  
Ms. Carmen Rivera  
Ms. Damaris Rodríguez  
Ms. Jewel Wong

## **HUMANITIES**

**Presenters:** Professor Rees Shad 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:** Ms. Krystique Ector  
Ms. Victoria Beriah

### **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).

**Recipient:** Mr. Ojedele Paloma

#### **Excellence in Animation:**

**Gold:** Mr. Biarly Abreu  
**Silver:** Mr. Jesse Stephen  
**Bronze:** Mr. Joseph Torres

#### **Excellence in Design:**

**Gold:** Ms. Jewel Wong  
**Silver:** Mr. Jesús Paz  
**Bronze:** Ms. Karlene Almonte

#### **Excellence in Game Design:**

**Gold:** Mr. Antonio Álvarez  
**Silver:** Mr. Jossian Aquino  
**Bronze:** Mr. Jonathan Suarez

#### **Excellence in Music:**

**Gold:** Mr. Ojedel Paloma  
**Silver:** Mr. Miguel Palestino  
**Bronze:** Mr. Armani Martínez

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**Excellence in Painting and  
Drawing:**

**Gold:** Ms. Genovera Carranza  
**Silver:** Ms. Jazmín Sabino  
**Bronze:** Ms. Giselle Gutiérrez

**Excellence in Photography:**

**Gold:** Mr. Karim Moubarak  
**Silver:** Ms. Erika Aponte  
**Bronze:** Mr. Christian Díaz

**Modern Languages Unit**

**Spanish**

**Gold:** Ms. Shirley Moreno  
**Silver:** Ms. Yasnayra Cabral  
**Bronze:** Ms. Lorraine Ubaldo

**Visual and Performing Arts Unit**

**Excellence in Theater:**

Ms. Karen Báez  
Ms. Xiomara Estévez  
Mr. Jistine Marshall  
Ms. Candice Francis  
Mr. Darío Peralta  
Mr. Ojedele Paloma  
Ms. Tabitha Pérez  
Ms. Zaira Ramos

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## **LANGUAGE AND COGNITION DEPARTMENT**

**Presenter:** Professor Karin Lundberg

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

Students Who Have Received Passing CAT-W (Writing) and CAT-R (Reading) Scores  
Students who passed both the CAT-W and CAT-R Examinations the first time they took them are:

### *Spring 2014*

Ms. Esther García (ESL 86/88)  
Ms. Marcia M. Hernández (ESL 86/88)  
Ms. Sara Ladino (ESL 86/88)  
Ms. Cristina Mulas (ESL 35)  
Ms. Jackelinee Pomares (ESL 35)

### *Fall 2014*

Mr. Deiby Arvelo (ESL 93)  
Ms. Diana Cruz (ESL 82/84)  
Ms. Mary L. Paulino Ortiz (ESL 93)  
Ms. Adaluz Tavárez (ESL 93)  
Ms. Awa Toure (ESL 93)

### *Spring 2015*

Ms. Sarah N. Dini (ESL 93)  
Mr. Juan S. Lopera (ESL 93)

### Student Who Has Shown Evidence of Great Persistence and Determination

Showing great persistence and determination, Ms. Maria Acosta has passed the CAT-W Examination after several attempts.

Mr. Manuel Abreu  
Ms. Glenny Báez  
Ms. Karina Cabrera  
Ms. Elaine Estrella Veloz  
Ms. Ingris Guzmán  
Ms. Arelis Solano



Students Who Have Shown Evidence of Great Enthusiasm for their Studies

Students who have been nominated by their teachers because they have made great progress in their studies are:

Mr. Breidy Pichardo

Professor Thomas Mencher, Mr. Pichardo's teacher and mentor, wrote the following about his student:

"Mr. Breidy Pichardo started at Hostos in the ESL 25 level. I was his teacher. If I were asked to describe in one word what distinguished him from his peers from the very beginning, I would point to his perseverance. However, at the same time I would not want to forget his unflagging enthusiasm and unquenchable optimism, which nurtured his determined and disciplined approach towards his studies. Mr. Pichardo is unquestionably one of the best English language learners I have ever met in my 30+ years of teaching at Hostos. He has achieved native-like fluency, not due to much that I did for him as his teacher, but due to his marvelous talents and his lively, enthusiastic love of learning. His good humor, commitment and diligence have worked in great harmony to put him on the list of graduates this summer. He is on his way to a brilliant future as a Mathematics teacher. Mr. Pichardo will be missed by many at Hostos. We all wish him the best. We know his ebullient and endearing personality and intellectual gifts will take him far."

Students Who Have Rendered Great Service to the College Community

Mr. Lassana Sissako

We are delighted to honor Lassana Sissako with this award. Mr. Sissako is an international student from the country of Mali who is graduating this summer with a major in Business Management. Because of his entrepreneurship, he has been able to pay for his own education. But he has also rendered great service to the college community while pursuing his studies at Hostos. As a member of the Leadership Academy, he has participated in many initiatives, representing his Hostos peers at a variety of events such as the Model UN Competition in Washington, D.C., the New York State Model Senate Session in Albany, and the CUNY Emerging Leaders Conference in New York City. His dedication to community efforts has been reflected in his work in soup kitchens and other venues responding to the needs of the homeless and the poor. His work with his Hostos peers at the Somos El Futuro Conference was truly reflective of his personal values because, as a man of the future, Lassana Sissako does not only want to become a successful businessman. Through his success, he also hopes to return to his country and give back to the community and help to make Mali more prosperous by creating jobs through the expansion of businesses. His

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parents named him well. In his language, “Lassana” means “being handsome, beautiful, and good, a benefactor to all human beings.”

## **LIBRARY**

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

**Presenters:** Professor Madeline Ford and the faculty members of the Library

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

**Writing:** Ms. Chee Chee Bourne  
Ms. Danielle Stelluto

**Art:** Ms. Karlene Almonte  
Ms. Xiomara Estévez

## **MATHEMATICS**

**Presenters:** Professor William Baker and the 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:** Mr. Ayeni Temitope

### **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:** Mr. Bryan De León Ortega  
Mr. Jallow Modou

### **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.

**Recipient:** Mr. Yakadjene Bagnikim

### ***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 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:** Ms. Leslie Vázquez

#### **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. Kemar Wellington

#### **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.

**Recipient:** Ms. Salimata Coulibaly

### **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.

**Recipient:** Ms. Jenny Monción Peña

### **Engineering Award**

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

**Gold:** Mr. Kane Vinson

**Silver:** Ms. Santa Barrott

## CUNY AWARDS

### ***2015 CAUCUS CUNY SCHOLARS PROGRAM***

The Caucus CUNY Scholars Program is a local internship program for students who are interested in the service of the New York State Legislature. The Program allows students to learn about the work performed by the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus, as well as the services provided by the New York State Legislature to communities of need in the City of New York.

The Caucus CUNY Program was established for students who wish to study the community service in New York State, but who are unable to relocate to Albany for a full spring semester. Selected students are assigned to the district offices of New York State legislators comprising membership on the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus. The assignment of students to district offices is based on their residence, policy interests, skills sets, etc. Once assigned, students perform substantive tasks such as constituent case management, legislative research and assistance, and a host of other responsibilities.

**Presenter:** Ms. Lisanette Rosario

**Recipient:** Ms. Sandra-May Flowers

### ***CUNY SERVICE AWARD***

The CUNY Service Award is presented to those students who have excelled in the classroom and beyond. This award is presented each year to students who achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0, have participated in Hostos Community College activities and have engaged in community outreach programming. Students who meet the criteria will have to write an essay on how participating in these activities have enhanced their college experience.

**Presenter:** Ms. Melissa Blass

**Recipients:** Ms. Stephanie Benítez  
Ms. Anita Bhattacharjee  
Ms. Fatima Hernández  
Ms. Cintya Jiménez

## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

### ***CARLOS AND EDDIE GONZÁLEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE MERIT AWARD***

This special award is named after two staunch leaders very dear to our college community, Carlos and Eddie Gonzalez. They were raised in a family of eight children, born in El Barrio to parents who had come from Puerto Rico seeking to reach the American dream. Carlos L. Gonzalez (1934-1987) an Associate Professor at Hostos Community College attended night school after working all day, earning his Master's degree from Hunter College. He worked as a Counselor since the College chartered class of 1970. He considered his job as one of including students' involvement for the promotion of social justice. He instilled in them pride in their own work, the value of education, and the importance of community involvement. In 1986 the College honored his memory by dedicating its Counseling Center in his name. Edward (Eddie) Gonzalez Jr. (4/20/32-10/13/09) also attended night school completing a Master's degree in Urban Affairs from Hunter College. After various enriching working experiences, he shared his wealth of knowledge teaching at Cornell University's Labor & Industrial Relations Extension Division and leaving a sound curriculum and a legacy in labor negotiations. Once he retired, he continued his hard work serving on many non-profit boards. Eddie was a peacemaker by nature, relentless fighter against injustice, a proud union organizer, an explorer, and an arts collector, always cherishing his most beloved collection: his family and friends.

The lives of Carlos and Eddie Gonzalez are worth emulating. Carlos and Eddie worked to better the life of others through education and developed a great love for people from their mother, a pillar of spiritual strength and their father a man willing to pass up a meal to save money for his children.

**Presenters:** The González Family, Ms. Elba Cabrera, Professor Lizette Colón and Professor Héctor Soto

**Recipients:** Ms. Stephanie Benítez  
Ms. Cassandra Deen  
Ms. Mariluz García  
Ms. Paloma Pichardo  
Mr. David Prince  
Mr. Rafael Roa  
Mr. Walter Velas

### ***DON ELIO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD***

Elio Robertson (1910 – 2008): At the age of 79, Don Elio entered Hostos to fulfill his dream to graduate from college. Don Elio actively participated in college activities, served as president of the College Discovery Club, and organized numerous cultural events. After completing his associate degree, Don Elio attended Hunter College where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Black and Puerto Rican Studies. Throughout his college experience, he served the college community, inspired students, faculty and staff. He always provided a very positive outlook for life.

The Don Elio's Community Service Award acknowledges the importance of advocacy and community service. The award recognizes College Discovery students who undertake leadership roles in the college/community and are directly involved in giving back to the community and establishing positive role models by being a living example.

**Presenter:** Professor Lizette Colón

**Recipient:** Ms. Ashley Vásquez

### ***ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTER***

**Presenter:** Mr. Raymond Perez

#### **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 2015 semester and will graduate in June or September 2015. 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 he/she may have.

**Recipients:** Mr. Jallow Modou  
Mr. Starlyn Reyes

## ***HOSTOS STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AWARDS***

**Presenter:** Mr. Jason Libfeld

The Hostos Student Leadership Academy has five divisions: The Hostos Student Ambassador Program, The Student Orientation Services Team, The Hostos Emerging Leaders Program, The Hostos Volunteer Corps and The 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

The Hostos Student Leadership Academy awards scholarships to undergraduate student leaders for their academic achievement, personal character development, leadership qualities and contributions to the college. Candidates are selected to receive the Student Leadership and Service Award for their exhibited leadership skills, their dedication to stewardship, mentorship, servant leadership and a commitment to working in the community, both on the Hostos Community College campus, with the City University of New York and in the communities of New York City and New York State. The Student Leadership Academy Advisory Council serves as the selection committee for the review of candidates. Each of this year's recipients has completed at least 40 hours of community service in each semester that they have been in the Academy, while maintaining a GPA of 3.25 or higher and attending mandatory weekly workshops to prepare them for their leadership roles.

### Hostos Student Leadership Academy Leadership and Service Award

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

**Recipients:** Mr. Orlando Roche  
Mr. Walter Velas

### Hostos Emerging Student Leadership and Service Award

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

**Recipients:** Mr. Ameen Alhubaishi  
Ms. Cintya Jiménez



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### Non-Traditional Leader Award

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

**Recipients:** Ms. Pamela Brown  
Ms. Zaira Bello

### 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 15th, 2015.

This is the single greatest honor that can be bestowed on a Student Leader in CUNY 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.

**Recipient:** Ms. Yunerys Liriano

Ms. Liriano has a 3.572 GPA and is studying Business Management. She has served as a member of the Hostos Student Government Association both as a Senator and as Campus Affairs Commissioner. Yunerys has volunteered for more than 189 hours over the course of the 2014-2015 School Year. She has served as a member of the Ernesto Malave Leadership Academy for 2014-2015. She is also an America Needs You Scholar.

As a member of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy, Yunerys has served as the Chair of the Friday Ambassador Workshop Series and the Seventh Annual Winter Workshop Series. Yunerys was part of a group of students who helped to rebuild a home of Hurricane Sandy survivors with the organization Friends of Rockaway, participated in MLK Day National Day of Service assembling baby blankets for children in shelters, fed the hungry at Part of the Solution Soup Kitchen, packed bags of food for families at the New York Common Pantry, planted flower bulbs in Joyce Kilmer Park, mulched and planted trees at Mullaly Park and lead a team of Hostos students at AIDS Walk NYC. She has helped students on the Hostos campus by conducting campus tours, helping at registration and at the SGA hosted Club Fair, Valentine's Day Event and Welcome Day Event.

Yunerys was selected to be a participant in the 2014 National Model United Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. where she helped to represent Greece. She has also represented the City University of New York at the 2014 and 2015 Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus Conference, the Somos El Futuro Conference in Albany,

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the 2014 and 2015 CUNY Emerging Leaders Conferences and the College of Staten Island Leadership Conference. Yunerys was selected to represent the 33rd New York Senate District at the 2015 New York State Model Senate Session Project.

**Recipient:** Ms. Jenny Monción-Peña

Ms. Moncion-Pena has a 3.197 GPA and is studying Liberal Arts and Science. Jenny is passionate about the sciences and literature and will be studying with the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program studying Environmental Diversity in Cartagena, Columbia this summer. Jenny is the President of the Biological Sciences Club and recently served as one of two student representative on the Executive President Search Committee to find a new President of Hostos Community College. She has volunteered for more than 142 hours over the course of the 2014-2015 School Year.

As a member of the Hostos Student Leadership Academy, Jenny was the Chair of the Student Leadership Academy Film Series. She participated in MLK Day National Day of Service assembling baby blankets for children in shelters, was part of a group of students who rebuilt a home of Hurricane Sandy survivors with the organization Friends of Rockaway, packed bags and distributed them to over 200 families with the Second Chance Christian Center Food Pantry, sang holidays songs and gave out gifts to seniors at the Chinatown Senior Citizen Center. On the Hostos campus, Jenny helped to raise money for scholarships at the Giving Tuesday/Give to Hostos event, helped students register for classes, volunteered to document seminars as part of Black History Month and helped students apply for and receive information about scholarships at the SLA Scholarship Orientations.

Jenny has represented CUNY at the Somos El Futuro Conference in Albany and the CUNY Emerging Leaders Conference. She was selected to be a part of the 2015 New York State Model Senate Session Project and represent the 63rd Senate District. Jenny was also part of a team that travelled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2014 National Model United Nations, where the group represented Greece.

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### **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 6 recipients of the Dream. US Scholarship in the fall of 2014, who are currently studying at the college

Ms. Diana Funez  
Mr. Alberto Gómez García  
Ms. Analilia Méndez  
Ms. Vayravi Miranda Luna  
Ms. Elena Nepomuceno  
Ms. Sosima Vázquez

## HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDS

### ***THE HOSTOS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD***

**Presenters:** President David Gómez  
Provost Christine Mangino  
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. Kane Vinson  
**Salutatorian:** Ms. Camille Stanford

### ***JUDITH Z. POTACK & DOROTHY HAUSBERG FUND***

The Judith Z. Potack & Dorothy Hausberg Fund is provided to support graduating nursing students who have a financial need to cover the fees of post graduate qualifying exams, including the nursing licensure examination fee, the registration fees for the nursing licensing examination, and the fees associated with the review course in preparation of the licensure examination.

**Presenter:** Professor Hamide Laucer

**Recipients:** Ms. Salimata Coulibaly  
Mr. Angel Segarra

### ***KWANZAA SCHOLARSHIP***

**Presenter:** 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:** Mr. Ifeanyi Obinali

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***THE GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ ROOM AND THE SOUTH BRONX REVIEW***

**Presenters:** Professor Andrew Hubner  
Professor Matthew Moses  
Professor Charles Rice-Gonzalez

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.

**Recipients:** Ms. Jessica Boyce  
Ms. Keisha Brown  
Ms. Alma Cayasso  
Ms. Khafre Evelyn  
Mr. Bellarmino Ortega  
Ms. Stephanie Rodríguez  
Ms. Nayary Santana

## **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 3.90 GPA or higher

**Recipient:** Ms. Shana De Andrade

### ***E-PORTFOLIO CONTEST***

**Presenters:** Mr. Carlos Guevara  
Ms. Lisa Tappeiner

The ePortfolio Contest award recognizes the students whose ePortfolios excelled significantly in demonstrating their academic and professional development. The ePortfolios 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:** Ms. Angélica Rodríguez  
**Second Prize:** Ms. Joan Christine Baretto  
**Third Prize:** Mr. Stalyn Miguel Tejada Hernández  
**Fourth Prize:** Mr. Fabian Francis  
**Fifth Prize:** Mr. Thomas Saudi

### ***HOSTOS 175 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST***

**Presenters:** Professor Ernest Ialongo  
Professor Orlando Hernández

Hostos175 Student Essay Contest for papers exploring any aspect of the life and work of Eugenio María de Hostos.

Submissions from students who have completed ENG 110:

**Gold:** Ms. Camille Stanford  
**Silver:** Ms. Zuleyka Peña

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Submissions from students who have yet to complete ENG 110:

**Gold:** Ms. Suma Roy

Submissions from students who wrote their paper in Spanish:

**Gold:** Mr. Isamar Garrido Rodriguez

**Silver:** Ms. Antonia Williams

### ***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, composed in two hours. Biographies of the authors are provided. In 2014, the quotations selected by our winners express ideas about women and gender by Kofi Annan, Michael Cunningham, Dolores Huerta, Ian McEwan, and Dorothy Sayers.

**Recipients:** Ms. Ladi Adoba  
Ms. Antara Chowdhury  
Ms. Mauritius Jackson  
Ms. Rafik Michael  
Ms. Alexandra Rivera  
Ms. Yolanda Thornton  
Ms. Raisa Valerio  
Ms. Chelsea West

## **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**Presenters:** President 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:**

Ade	Chrystelle	Navedo	Marlyn
Aly	Ingy	Newton-Boyd	Saadiq
Aquino	Jossian	Opoku	Queen
Brown	Faith	Ortega De León	Bryan
Cabral	Yasnayra	Pabón	Neftalí
Cartagena	Amy	Paulino	Emmanuel
Chambliss	Neville	Pich	Sela
Chowdhury	Mobin	Porto	Onassis
Cruz Worthy	Mia	Pritchett	Varnell
De Andrade	Shana	Ramírez	Martin
Diallo	Mariama	Restrepo	Gissel
Dore	Walter	Reynoso	Suly
Drayton	Andia	Rivera	Pedro
Facey	Jason	Romba	Pindwende Jeremie
Freeland	Hannah	Rosario	Jenny
García	Janna	Rosario	Rosanna
García Lopez	Fidel	Saavedra	Denise
Glover	Bobby	Sampson	Jodi-Ann
González Dilone	Aliffe	Seymour	Georgia
Harrison	Brenell	Sinetar	Oksana
Kassim	Rania	Stanford	Camille
Martínez	Pablo	Stewart	Eric
Mceachin	Marian	Takayasu	Hiroko
Meléndez	Maryann	Tang	Janet W
Miha	Abraham	Taveras	Michel
Minaya	Naville	Tremasova	Anna
Moreno	Shirley	Vinson	Kane
Murillo	Carolina		



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*Ms. Sheryce Woolery*

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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.