### EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

# 36<sup>th</sup> HONORS CONVOCATION MAY 28th, 2020

A VERY SPECIAL VIRTUAL CEREMONY & CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS' AWARDS & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



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# HONORS CONVOCATION

The Senate Scholarship and Awards Committee and the Office of Academic Affairs are proud to present:

The Hostos Community College Thirty-Sixth Annual Honors Convocation

Thursday the twenty-eighth day of May in the year two-thousand twenty at six o'clock in the evening

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# A MOMENT TO REMEMBER 2020

The Senate Scholarship and Awards Committee (SSAC) and the Office of Academic Affairs are pleased to welcome you to this very special celebration of students' scholarship and achievement at the 36th Annual Honors Convocation.

Although it is unfortunate that we are celebrating this year's event virtually, our pride in this year's class of honorees could not be grander. This class of academically superior students has been overcoming one of the biggest, most life-changing, disasters in recent history. Our student scholars and achievers have overcome more than the ordinary trials and tribulations to excel in their studies and extra-curricular activities; we could not be prouder.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every corner of our lives. It has made completing the semester and one's college degree that much more challenging and unsettling. This year's honorees have been caring for loved ones who became sick; some are mourning the loss of loved ones. We especially hold these students in our hearts.

Many students are juggling home-school teaching with other parenting responsibilities. They are working remotely and serving on the front-lines while they complete their coursework and honor their commitment to academic excellence. This class best represents the Hostos tradition of facing challenges with resilience, persistence, and excellence.

You have excelled here at Hostos Community College, and you are prepared for your next step. We are so delighted to celebrate you, our student achievers and future leaders.

Enjoy this virtual Honors Convocation.

You make Hostos proud. You are Hostos.

Sincerely,

The Senate Scholarship and Awards Committee & The Office of Academic Affairs Team

# WELCOME TO VIRTUAL HONORS CONVOCATION

# Congratulations, Class of 2020!



### **CEREMONY PROGRAM**

NATIONAL	Rafael Torres, Emmanuel
ANTHEM	Torres, and Jonathan Torres
OPENING	Christine Mangino
REMARKS	Provost and Vice President
GREETINGS	David Gomez President of Hostos CC
STUDENT	Assetou Doucore
ADDRESS	Salutatorian - Class of 2020
DISTINCT AWARDS	Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Dean's List, Scholastic Achievement
DEPARTMENT AWARDS	Academic Departments
SPECIAL PROGRAM AWARDS	Non-Academic Programs
CLOSING	Christine Mangino
REMARKS	Provost and Vice President

Thank you to the Honors Convocation video producer: Ms. Rocio Rayo

# SALUTATORIAN'S ADDRESS

Good morning dear students, professors, family members, and school board members.

I salute you all with a warm greeting. My name is Assetou Doucoure, and it is with great honor that I stand before you as Hostos class of 2020 Salutatorian. It's unfortunate that we have to meet under such circumstances and I hope you are all well and pushing through these challenging times.

Where do I begin! Well, two years ago, I embarked on a journey hoping it will lead me to better life opportunities. I was scared, and I was filled with ambiguous emotions when I began to take on this life-changing decision. Given the situation of the country when fear and hatred were being used to discriminate based on race, gender, religion, and social class. I, unfortunately, fell in that disadvantaged social status as an immigrant, a mother, an African woman, and a Muslim woman. Although I was terrified of what could happen to me and many others like myself, I believed in the excellent fate of New York City. I applied to Hostos Community College, and Hostos has embraced me as one of their own. I became part of the community where resilience, determination, and hard work were embodied in the entire college.

The journey was not easy, tackling school work and my job and being a mother of two beautiful children led to unceasing sleepless nights. I remember crying in the library, having to leave class early

# SALUTATORIAN'S ADDRESS CONTINUED

to go pick up the kids, or rushing to catch the train after classes to make it to work. However, thanks to amazing professors, classmates, colleagues, my family, and most importantly, my courage and determination, I was able to reach culmination and now graduate as Hostos class of 2020 salutatorian. I believe no one can determine what one is capable of achieving but oneself. Therefore, I believe one shouldn't put self-constraints when it comes to following one's dream. Take the risk, move out of your comfort zone, break barriers, and explore your powers and potential; you will never fail. My life is a testimony of that.

As I pursue my nursing degree at a four-year university, there are two elements Hostos has instilled in me, and I promise to carry them with me everywhere I go, which are the values of community and resilience in whatever I do. I shall certainly embrace these life lessons for a lifelong. Hostos has been the first step, and the only door that was open to guide me through exploring my potential, and I will forever be grateful for that. Hostos Class of 2020, I encourage you all to continue pushing and never give up on your dreams no matter how many impediments that are trying to hamper your way to excellence. Congratulations to you all and wish you all the best of luck as some of you are ready to embark on new journeys for more astonishing achievements.

Your 2020 Class Salutatorian Assetou Doucore

### **DISTINCT AWARDS** Awards of Academic Distinction

### Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The Hostos Foundation offers scholarship awards to the Hostos students who intend to continue education as fulltime 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.

### 2018-2019 Dean's List

The Dean's List is a distinct academic award bestowed on students who earned a GPA above 3.5 while taking a minimum of 12 academic credits each semester for two consecutive semesters. These students did not have any withdrawals, repeats, incompletes, D, or F grades. The 2019-2020 Dean's List awardees will be honored during the 2021 Honors Convocation.

### **Scholastic Achievement**

The Scholastic Achievement Award is earned by students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Traditionally, these students are recognized by their gold stoles which are bestowed during the Honors Convocation ceremony and worn by the honorees during the college's commencement (graduation) ceremony.

### **DISTINCT AWARDS** Awards of Academic Distinction

Presented by: President David Gomez and Provost Christine Mangino



# Valedictorian

Blasina Tavarez (top photo)

Graduating with an A.A.S. degree in Office Technology



# Salutatorian

Assetou Doucore (bottom photo)

Graduating with an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts

Awards of Academic Distinction

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

Ronald Acevedo Araba Acheampong Leslie Acosta Tamara Adams Muiz Agbaje Jose Aguilar Jolene Alava Luis Alba Pamela Alcantara Rodriguez Kenneth Alexander Reda Algofi Aida Almonte **Arlene Almonte** Yanna Almonte Agueda Pamela Almonte Perez Althara Alrubay Maha Alzoukari Patience Amoah Christiane Mich Amouga Ngono Shardelle Anderson

Estefani Arroyo De Lopez Rosina Asiamah Alpha Bah Jessica Bahena Johana Bajana Jordi Balbuena **Crystal Barnes** Jalen Barr Ashley Barreto **Oury Barry Meryann Basset Isatou Batchilly** Brianna Beazer Luciana Bell Nefertiti Bey Anthony Booth **Angelie Briglall** Ange Camus Ephr Brou Samantha Burgos Christiana Burton Madeline Calderon Jereily Camacho

Awards of Academic Distinction

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

**Toniel Cameron** Heidy Carrasco **Massiel Carrasco** Tameka Cassaberry Keysi Castillo Juribel Castillo Acevedo Briana Castro Cesar Castro Xiaoxue Chang **Trenece Chang Johnson** Steve Cheuveret Alicia Clarke **Pedro Claudio Kevin Coffie Daniel Colon** Martha Colon **Evelyn Coronel** Amani Cottoy **Jafreisy Cruz** Johanna Cruz Rosangella Cruz Dominguez Abigail De La Rosa

Ricardo De La Rosa Hawa Dem Sasha-Gay Denton-Brown **Emily Diaz Rebecca Diaz** Nuria Michela Diaz De Taveras Jade Dixon **Dailin Duany Gomero** Isolanni Duran **Kristine Fejaran** Anabel Felix **Fliana Felix Anthony Feliz** Laura Feliz **Christi Ferrer Santos Gladys Ferrin Herrera** Antonio Flores **Bernmanette Florez** Sylvia Florius **Justice Furye Destiny Garcia** 

**Awards of Academic Distinction** 

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

Juliette Garcia Maria E Garcia John Gargano Jamiyla Gillin **Melody Goncalves** Vasconcellos Breana Gonzales Sandra Gonzalez **Demetrice** Gore Joanne Grell Dayleni Grullon Katlin Guity Minorka Guzman Aynur Hakimi **Christina Harding** Ayishetu Haruna **Christopher Heralall** Ja'reece Hines Lizfedith Huertas Lopez Xheni Hysa Francesca Iodice **Ashley Jimenez** 

**Theanys Jimenez** Jendry Jimenez De los Santos Nicole Jorge Alimata Kabore Wenindiligde Kabore Aaron Kassardjian Amdiya Kyemtore Jacqueline LLoyd Elsa Lalin Harriet Lambert Edith Leon Najera Marinela Lesko Aliecha Lindo **Yessica Liriano Greeily Lopez Bruno** Nataly Lopez Lopez Abssa Maiga Kassandra Maldonado Jeda Malloy Helen Mantuano

Awards of Academic Distinction

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

Julio Marine **Cynthia Martinez Kimberly Martinez** Mabel Martinez Yusuke Matsuoka Princesse Mirei Mbome Moukoury Nickolette Mccormack Philomena Mehany Rayssa Melendez Jassiel Del Milagros Mena Paulino Yelitza Mercedes Natallie Mercier **Tishana Miller Duhaney Elvira Miranda** Maria Mohammed Iliana Montalvo Martha Montanez Christina Moreno Michael Moreno Shanel Muirhead Sadia Zannat Nipa

Massiel Nunez Torres Onyinyechi Obineche **Kingsley Odae** Marie Michele Oleme Mbarga Rassambnewende Ouedraogo **Cristopher Oviedo Richard Palacios** Annmarie Paniagua Bielka Pena **Rosanna** Perez **Gabriel Phang** Zuleika Rosanny Pichardo Sierra Pickett Kelvin Pineda Sylenia Pineiro Torres Alexandra Pisano **Daniel Placencia Estefany Polanco Yonnely Portes** 

Awards of Academic Distinction

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

Margaret Quezada America Rahimee Emeli Ramos Brito **Jhodapsy Reyes** Johan Reyes Jesse Rivera **Debra Rivers Rossy Rocha Mercedes** Jaime Rodriguez Justo Rodriguez Mery Rodriguez Michalle Rodriguez Diana Roldan Kateryn Romero Moreta Pamela Rosario Janel Rosario Felix Raysa Rosario Martinez **Tanasia Rowe** Ramon Russell Amar Saeed Asma Saeed **Blessing Salau Owen Salazar** 

Aichata Sambo **Dominick Sanchez** Leana Santana Paola Mercedes Santana Tavarez Gloria Santiago Jeraldine Santiago **Gayane Sarkisyants** Namketa Savadogo Dayhana Segura Del Orbe Julissa Sepulveda Allison Simpson Kemari Simpson Alexa Solis **Eva Soriano Gomez** Ivan Sosa **Reina Soto** Reyna Soto Alpha Sow Jeremy Suarez Lucia Suarez Sonah Syllah

**Awards of Academic Distinction** 

# 2018-2019 Dean's List

Blasina Tavarez Donakaye Taylor Gilliard Marilenny Then **Carlos Thompson Jimenez** Nicole Tobal **Keishla Torres** Enkeleda Troci Yaasmi Abdul Umar **Fredy Valladares** Marysol Velez **Evelyn Villanueva Devon Williams** Lizve Wispe Maria Yagual Irene Yau

**Awards of Academic Distinction** 

# 2020 Scholastic Achievement

Araba Acheampong Stirlyn Ackon Lissachelle Aguasvivas Jose Aguilar Jennifer Akoto Vanessa Arcos Marisela Arias Samantha Asiedu Laurie Avila Alpha Bah Jessica Bahena Johana Bajana **Isatou Batchilly** Luciana Bell Madeline Calderon Jereily Camacho Massiel Carrasco Tameka Cassaberry Carina Castillo Briana Castro Lung Hin Chan

Steve Cheuveret **Reziatul Chowdhury** Alicia Clarke Pedro Claudio Edith Cologo **Deborah Colon Elizabeth Colon Erasmo Concepcion** Natalie Correa Amani Cottoy Haiyue Cui Marina Danilov Ricardo De La Rosa Abigail De La Rosa Lliamel Teresa Desangles Lopez Jade Dixon Assetou Doucoure **Dailin Duany Gomero** Nicholas Dujon **Anabel Felix** 

**Awards of Academic Distinction** 

# 2020 Scholastic Achievement

**Angelica Feliz** Anthony Feliz **Janet Fleitas** Sylvia Florius Sanwax German Garcia Jorge Gonzalez **Raquel Gonzalez** Alexander Gonzalez Sierra **Christopher Heralall** Ja'reece Hines Lizfedith Huertas Lopez **Antoine Hunter** Xheni Hysa Francesca Iodice **Theanys Cheyenne Jimenez Estevez** Hua Jin Carla Joseph Kwabena Larbi Jun Lin Jacqueline LLoyd

Nataly Lopez Lopez Johanna Magana **Rita Marfo Emma Marte** Mabel Martinez **Cynthia Martinez** Yusuke Matsuoka Rayssa Melendez Corcino Jassiel Del Milagros Mena Paulino Alyssa Mercado Yelitza Mercedes Natallie Mercier Alec Mirabito Luisa Molina Martha Montanez Mercedes Monzon Christina Moreno **Michael Moreno** Somaya Nasher Sadia Zannat Nipa

**Awards of Academic Distinction** 

# 2020 Scholastic Achievement

Jafar Novruzov **Kingsley Odae** George Okofo Marie Michele Oleme Mbarga Elmer Ortiz Leonardo Ortiz Rassambnewende Ouedraogo Hawa Oumar Eric Owusu Alexandra Pagan **Jeffreys** Paulino **Rosanna** Perez Elizabeth Perez De Belliard **Nelsy Pina Arias** Kelvin Pineda **Carlos Pineda Leon** Chi Poon America Rahimee Khublall Ramlochan

Johan Reyes **Bianka Rodriguez Peguero** Marlenne Rosado **Rudy Rosales** Fatoumata Sakho Ebbin Sanabria **Dominick Sanchez** Jose Armando Sanchez Diaz Gloria Santiago Sarah Shakeel Thinlay Sherchokpa **Yasmin Solomon** Reina Soto Shaquira Stewart Lucia Suarez Blasina Tavarez Wilfredo Torres Suleman Trawally **Carleny Valentin Charles Vega** 

#### Awards of Academic Distinction

### **2020 Scholastic Achievement**

Evelyn Villanueva Martinez Bianca Villar Damien Yule

#### **Early College Scholastic Achievement**

The Early College students who officially graduate from their high schools in July are recognized for completion of a Hostos Community College degree while maintaining a 3.7 GPA or higher.

Kousso Monnet Johenni Rodriguez Isatu Waggeh Rosa Heily Ashley Mejia



### Allied Health Sciences Department Dental Hygiene Awards

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Presented by Salim Rayman and Charles Drago

Gold Award Presented to the student with the highest GPA in dental hygiene courses who has shown overall outstanding clinical proficiency and has demonstrated a commitment to the future of the dental hygiene profession.

Nallelis Peralta

Silver Award

Awarded to the student with the second highest GPA in dental hygiene courses and for outstanding clinical performance.

**Glenys De Leon** 

Bronze Award Awarded to the student with the third highest GPA and demonstrating leadership potential in the dental hygiene profession.

**Terby Saadh** 

#### **Radiologic Technology Awards**

Presented by Charles Drago

Gold Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Radiologic Technology program.

#### Raghda Nashir

Silver Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the Radiologic Technology program.

#### Ana C. Castillo De Bretton

Bronze Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the Radiologic Technology program.

Kady Drame Natasha Kowlessar



### **Allied Health Sciences Department**

#### Nursing Awards (Registered Nurse, RN)

Presented by Edward King

Gold Award Presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Registered Nurse program.

Thinlay C. Sherchokpa

Silver Award

Awarded to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the Registered Nurse program.

#### Akamziocha Dike

Bronze Award Awarded to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the Registered Nurse program.

Cindy E. Walker

#### Nursing Awards (Licensed Practical Nurse, LPN)

Presented by Edward King

Gold Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the Licensed Practical Nurse program.

#### Suleman Trawally

Silver Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the Licensed Practical Nurse program.

#### Alicia R. Knight

Bronze Award

Presented to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the Licensed Practical Nurse program.

#### Maria E. Espinoza



### **Allied Health Sciences Department**

#### Nursing Awards (Evening Program RN)

Presented by Edward King

Gold Award Presented to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in the evening Registered Nurse program.

Jafar Novruzov

Silver Award

Awarded to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average in the evening Registered Nurse program.

#### Sandra Ruiz

Bronze Award

Awarded to the student who has achieved the third highest grade point average in the evening Registered Nurse program.

Claudia Romero Almanzar

### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Department**

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Awards**

Presented by Marta Rivera and Kristopher Burrell

The Behavioral and Social Sciences Department Awards are for students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0 and have taken classes from at least two of the department's three units.

Gold Award **Jose Aguilar** 

Silver Award Francesca lodice

Bronze Award Isatou Batchilly

Honorable Mention Lucianna Bell



#### **Office Technology Awards**

Presented by Sandy Figueroa

The Office Technology Program Awards are presented to the graduating students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement. A bronze, silver, or gold medal is presented to the student with the third, second, or highest grade point average.

Gold Award Blasina Tavaraz

Silver Award Ercilia Peguero

Bronze Award Sara Guilamo Contreras

#### A.A.S. in Accounting Award

Presented by Hector Lopez and Claude Fernandez

Gold Award Rayssa Melendez Corcino

> Silver Award Madeline Calderon

Bronze Award Katlin Guity Oliva

#### A.A.S. in Forensic Accounting Award

Presented by Hector Lopez and Claude Fernandez

Gold Award Rudy Rosales



### **Business Department**

#### **Business Management and Accounting Award**

The Business and Accounting Program Awards are presented to the graduating students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement. For each program, three students with the highest grade point average (minimum GPA of 3.5) are awarded a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

Presented by Hector Lopez and Claude Fernandez

Gold Award Rayssa Melendez Corcino Rudy Rosales

> Silver Award Madeline Calderon

Bronze Award Katlin Guity Oliva

#### A.S. in Accounting Award

Presented by Hector Lopez and Claude Fernandez

Gold Award Pedro Claudio

Silver Award Dailin Duany Gomero

Bronze Award Khublall Romlochan

#### A.S. in Business Management Award

Presented by Hector Lopez and Claude Fernandez

Gold Award Jereily Camacho

Silver Award Elizabeth Perez De Belliard

> Bronze Award Massiel Carrasco



### Education Department Aging and Health Studies Awards

The Aging and Health Studies 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.

Presented by Eunice Flemister

Gold Award Grace Laidford

Silver Award Stephanie Torres

Bronze Award Jessica Shepherd

#### **Health Education Awards**

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

Presented by Elys Vasquez-Iscan

Gold Award America Rahimee

Silver Award Ja'reece Hines

Bronze Award Mery Rodriguez

Honorable Mention Nayrodis German

#### **Early Childhood Education Awards**

The Teacher Education Program awards are presented to three graduating students for outstanding academic achievement and/or leadership potential.

Presented by Jacqueline DiSanto

Gold Award Ebbin Sanabria



### **Education Department**

Silver Award Carla Joseph

Bronze Award Emma Marte

Honorable Mention Nelsy Pina Arias

#### Paula Zajan Awards

Dr. Paula L. Zajan, professor and founder of the Early Childhood Education Program, died in June 1988 after a courageous battle with cancer. Dr. Zajan was dedicated teacher. She imparted her love of learning and teaching to students and left a bequest to the College to start a scholarship in her name.

Presented by Jacqueline DiSanto

Ada Pena Brandy Balbuena Carla Joseph Emma Marte

#### **Physical Education Awards**

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

Presented by Michael Gosset

#### Gold Award Amanda Calderon

Silver Award Nelsy Pina Arias

Bronze Award Esther Reid



### English Department Excellence in English Awards

Each spring, the English Department honors 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.

Presented by Andrea Fabrizio

Gold Award Marie Michelle Oleme Mbarga

> Silver Award Alexandra Pisano

Bronze Award Ladona George-Thomas

> Honorable Mention Humaira Lamia

#### **Activist in Women's and Gender Studies**

This award honors a student who has supported women, pro-feminist men, and/or people of diverse sexualities—on or off campus. The recipient 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 are nominated by faculty or professional staff, have earned at least 30 credits, and hold a GPA of at least 3.0.

Presented by Jerilyn Fisher

**Assetou Doucore** 

#### **Excellence in Women's and Gender Studies**

The Women's Gender Studies program is pleased to recognize Academic Excellence in Women's and Gender Studies. Outstanding essays of projects are submitted for nomination by faculty who are teaching courses that emphasize either discipline based and/or interdisciplinary perspectives on gender sexuality. A faculty committee for Women's Studies and Gender Studies judges the nominations. Winners are selected for their ability to reflect on, analyze, and illuminate issues in women's and gender studies as well as on the overall strength of the students' writing. Recipients carry a GPA of at least 3.0 and have earned at least 30 credits. Winner(s) of the competition for academic year 2019—2020 are:



Presented by Jerilyn Fisher

Onée Latimer Rumarie Denizard Alyssa Mercado Veronica Sanabria Sandra González Mary Lawson Ahmed Saleh Musleh Araba Acheampong Pablo Carela

### **Humanities Department**

#### **Humanities Award**

The Humanities Award is presented to students who demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the field of Humanities. Furthermore, recipients have shown excellent leadership and peer mentoring skills, distinction in participation of activities, and perseverance in progress and have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Presented by Maria Subert

Gold Award Margaret Quezada

Silver Award Vanessa Ventura

Bronze Award Brittany Lanzano

#### Latin American and Caribbean Studies - Voice of Change

A recognition of students who, as first generation immigrants to the United States, persist in the pursuit of their educational goals, professional aspirations, and social dreams. Both the students' own academic accomplishments and their support of other immigrant students and communities will be valued positively in the selection process, leading, to granting the awards.



Presented by Inmaculada Lara-Bonilla

Diannie Romero Martha Lora Muhammed Hunnicutt-Bey Susan Cortés Tiana Cordero

#### **Visual and Performing Arts Excellence in Theater Awards**

Given to students who have participated in a production of the Hostos Repertory Company or the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region 1.

Presented by Angel Morales and Natasha Yannacanedo

Ana Almonte Daquan Johnson David Rivera Genesis Almonte Geoff Grimwood Teia Torres

#### Visual and Performing Arts Excellence in Public Speaking

Awarded to students who excelled in public speaking and had been nominated to the CUNY-wide public speaking competition.

Presented by Maria Subert and Raffael Mejia

Ana Carmona Tousida Tiendrebeogo Wéylin Acevedo Yolanda Meléndez

#### Visual and Performing Arts Excellence in Painting and Drawing

Awarded to students who excelled in the painting and drawing class.

Presented by Ian Scott



### Gold Award Justine-Juliette Grindley

Silver Award Ester Reid

Bronze Award Erick Pontier

#### Media Studies Excellence in Digital Design

Awarded to students who excelled in digital design.

Presented by Simona Prives

Gold Award Sabrina Garcia

Silver Award Gerardo Castillo

Bronze Award Luis Reyna

#### **Media Studies Excellence in Audio Production**

Awarded to students who excelled in recording, mixing, and digital music.

Presented by Joseph Caravalho

Alisa Bush Padro Jaime Olmos Joseph Russell Nashon Headley Thomas Crews II

#### **Media Studies Excellence in Animation**

Awarded to students who excelled in animation

Presented by Andrew London

Gold Award Natasha Maria Villegas



Silver Award Lisbeth Estevez

Bronze Award Justine-Juliette Grindley

#### Media Studies Excellence in Music 101 Awards

Presented by Laura Andel and Irma Justicia

Amanda Cay Brittany Lanzano Jesus Arriaga Jesy Torres Marie Michelle Oleme Mbarga Wendy Flores

Honorable MentionArdiana SalovicEugene RussellJonathan Dent

#### Media Studies Excellence in Music 102 Awards

Presented by Laura Andel

Gold Award Anamelina Almonte Rojas

Silver Award Jaime Olmos

Bronze Award Michelle Trinidad

Honorable MentionAnthony RodriguezGabriel Estevez

Joseph Russell

#### Media Studies Excellence in Music 207 Awards

Presented by Laura Andel

Gold Award Alexis Casul

Silver Award Anamelina Almonte Rojas



Bronze Award Yusuke Matsuoka

Honorable Mention Kiara Martinez

#### **Excellence in Modern Languages**

Presented by Humberto Ballesteros Capasso

Excellence in French Jade Dixon

Excellence in Italian Yudeiri Rodríguez

Excellence in Spanish Stephanie Balbuena

#### **Excellence in Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

Awarded to students who excelled in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Presented by Inmaculada Lara-Bonilla

Claudia Escobar Dulce Hernández Michael Colon Natalie Lopez Rochelle Lis Salcedo

#### **Global Awareness Awards**

This award is presented to students who demonstrated excellence and keen understanding of the three major aspects of Humanities: multiple perspectives, hybridities, and diasporas.

Presented by Thomas Beachdel



Desiree Evans Glenda S Ortiz Angel M Rosario Bryan Shipley

#### **Excellence in Black Studies Awards**

Presented by Ana Ozuna

Gold Award Emonni Cropper

Silver Award Charles Nuch Dour

Bronze Award Jarrett Deavia Allen

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

Excellence in Game Design Award is given to students who demonstrate excellence in game design and development.

Presented by Juno Morrow

Gold Award John Arbaje

Silver Award Leonardo Ortiz

Bronze Award Jay Chaparro

#### **Excellence in Photography**

Presented by Michelle Cheikin

Gold Award Adil Rahman



Silver Award Luisanny Lopez

Bronze Award Khalid Wright

### **Math and Natural Sciences Departments**

#### **Excellence in Engineering Awards**

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.

Presented by Yoel Rodriguez

First Prize Kingsley Odae

Second Prize Sadia Zannat Nipa

Third Prize Francisco Javier Gómez Pérez

Honorable Mention

Scarlet Martínez Cardoze

Jasson Polanco

Estefania Peralta

### **Natural Sciences Department**

#### **Natural Sciences Awards**

The Natural Science Award is a special award given to students who have 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.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

Gold Award Sadia Zannat Nipa



### **Natural Sciences Department**

Silver Award Francisco Javier Gómez Pérez

> Bronze Award Araba Acheampong

#### **Mildred Hernton Awards**

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 is 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.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

Kaisi Ahn Balmer

#### Women in Science Award

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.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

Scarlet Martínez Cardoze

#### **Food Studies Awards**

The Food Studies Award is presented to the graduating student who has completed the requirements for the Associate in Science in Food Studies with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who has demonstrated academic excellence, dedication, and leadership addressing relevant issues within the food system, and supports the advancement of food justice in the college and the community.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

Alexandra Pisano



### **Natural Sciences Department**

#### **Environmental Stewardship Award**

The Environmental Stewardship and Community Service Award is presented a student in AA, AS, 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.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

Jeraldine Santiago

#### **Forensic Sciences 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 AS 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.

Presented by Francisco Fernandez

**Raydeniss Terrero Roque** 

# GENERAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FUND

These students are recipients of monetary awards supported by the General Academic Excellence Fund. They were selected by each academic department based on a set criteria. The number of recipients selected will differ year by year based on fund availability. This year three students were selected from each of the following academic departments.

#### **Allied Health Sciences Department**

Gold Award Raghda Nasir

Silver Award Sanwax Garcia

Bronze Award Thinlay Sherchokpa

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences Department**

Gold Award Jose Aguilar

Silver Award Francesca lodice

Bronze Award Isatou Batchilly

#### **Business Department**

Gold Award Blasina Tavarez

Silver Award Jereily Camacho

Bronze Award Pedro Claudio

#### **Education Department**

Gold Award America Rahimee

Silver Award Carla Joseph

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Bronze Grace Laidford

#### **English Department**

Gold Award Marie Michelle Oleme Mbarga

> Silver Award Alexandra Pisano

Bronze Award Humaira Lamia

#### **Humanities Department**

Gold Award Margaret Quezada

Silver Award Vanessa Ventura

Bronze Award Brittany Lanzano

#### Language and Cognition

Gold Michelle Russel

Silver Marisela Arias

Bronze **Hyein Jang** 

#### **Natural Sciences Department**

Gold Award Scarlet Martinez Cardoze

> Silver Award Alexandra Pisano

Bronze Award Jeraldine Santiago



### **Accelerated Studies in Associates Programs**

#### **ASAP Excellence Awards**

ASAP Excellence Award is presented to ASAP students on track to graduate with GPAs higher than 3.9.

Presented by Laura McGowan

Isatou Batchilly Johana Bajana Nataly Lopez Jose Aguilar Marie Michele Oleme Mbarga Evelyn Villanueva Antoine Hunter Jade Dixon

### **Athletics Department Awards**

Presented by Eric Smiles and Marquee Poole

Student Athlete Academic Excellence Award Men's Basketball Korey Williams

Presented by Eric Smiles and Davernee Winston

Student Athlete Academic Excellence Award Women's Basketball Myandra Dusquesnay

### **Academic Achievers**

Presented by Mayi Libfeld

Ileyla Saavedra Serge Galvane Yanira Arias Yudeiry Rodriguez Isabel Neira Abdoul Aziz Niem

### The Dream U.S.

A fund has been created that provides DREAMers with scholarships for quality, affordable college education that will lead to career-ready degrees. The goal is to enable over 4,000 highly motivated, low-income, DREAMers to graduate with career-ready degrees over the course of the next decade.

Presented by Mayi Libfeld

Massiel Hernandez Vivian Gonzalez Janayha Morris Eduardo Camacho

### Student Leadership Academy Awards Excellence in Leadership

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.

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Maritza Martinez Nuha Assaidi Sandra Robert

#### **Excellence in Leadership and Service**

The Hostos Student Leadership Academy has five divisions: Hostos Student Ambassador Program, Student Orientation Services Team, Hostos Emerging Leaders Program and the Hostos Volunteer Corps. 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 United States and they support efforts and initiatives important to all of the students who attend 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 volunteer service are acknowledged with the following awards for their efforts and achievement.

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Lliamel T. Desangles Lopez Kelvin Plneda Yanira Arias Layla Saavedra

#### **Emerging Student Leadership and Service Awards**

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

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Mattherson Cabrera Tiana Cordero Golvis Tavarez Santos Muiz Agbaje

#### **Non-Traditional Leader Award**

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

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Leaghton Ozoria Lusleidy Perez Amani Cottoy Denisse Feliz Andre Thompson Isabel Neira Sanchez Mustafa Ahmed Julian Adams

#### 27th Annual National Character & Leadership Symposium at the U.S. Air Force Academy Participant Award

The annual National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS) is the United States Air Force Academy's flagship event on character and leadership. It brings together distinguished scholars, military leaders, corporate executives and world-class athletes to motivate and equip participants for honorable living and effective leadership. Our student honorees were selected to attend the conference at no cost to them based on their involvement in leadership activities on campus, volunteering, and community service. Their participation in the conference aims to enhance their own understanding of the importance of sound moral character and good leadership.

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Sandra Robert

**Phi Theta Kappa Awards** USA Today All New York Scholars

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold: 1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and (2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in higher education, serving nearly 1300 colleges in all fifty united states and nine sovereign nations. Members of the All-New York Academic Team are recognized for the academic achievements, leadership accomplishments, and engagement in community service.

Presented by Jason Libfeld

Anthony R. Feliz Kingsley Odae

#### Hostos Lincoln Academy Awards Academic Excellence Awards

These high school students from Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science, a CUNY Early College Initiative high school, are graduating from high school at the same time as receiving an Associate in Arts degree from Hostos Community College. These students were able to complete this incredible accomplishment – and maintain a 3.5 (or higher) GPA. These students are able to transfer directly into a senior college with at least 60 credits. These focused and determined students continue the legacy of Hostos and are quickly becoming their generation's leaders. They give us all hope for our future.

Criteria: Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science students graduating from high school who have: 1. Earned a Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree 2. Earned a college GPA of 3.7 or higher

Presented by Rocio Rayo

Mejia Ashley Addison Mary Waggeh Isatu Johenni Rodriguez Monnet Kousso Rosa Heily

#### **Academic Achievement Awards**

Criteria: Hostos-Lincoln Academy of Science students graduating from high school who have: 1. Earned a Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree, 2. Earned a college GPA of 3.5 or higher

Presented by Rocio Rayo

Tambadou Aminata Thomas Heavyn Fofana Nana

### **Honors Program Awards**

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.

Presented by Cynthia Jones and Ernest Ialongo

Brandon Jines Reynaldo Martinez Isatou Batchilly Massiel Carrasco Eliezer Dumois Golvis Tavarez Mohamed Aden Kaisi Balmer Alisa Bush Nataly Lopez Ebbin Sanabria

### HERO Early College Academy

#### **HERO Academic Achievement Awards**

Health Education and Research Occupations High School (HERO High) was founded in 2013 through a partnership of the New York City Department of Education, Hostos Community College (CUNY) and Montefiore Hospital.

Presented by Ashanti Diggs and Kimberly Smith

Francis Catalino Rosario

#### **HERO - Allied Health Award**

Presented by Ashante Diggs and Elizabeth Wilson

Amar Alsaidi

#### **HERO - ASAP Academic Achievement Award**

Presented by Elizabeth Wilson and Laura McGowan

Amar Alsaidi Daniella Castillo



### **College Now Awards**

#### **College Now Pathway Award**

For the student who has successfully earned at least 15 credits (the equivalent of one college semester) through College Now.

Presented by Travarez Geter and Elizabeth Wilson

1st Place Iqra Basharat

2nd Place Nadia Ripa

2nd Place Bassrou Juwara

#### **College Now Persistence Award**

For the student who has successfully earned at least 15 credits (the equivalent of one college semester) in consecutive semesters through College Now with no withdrawals and earning a C or better.

Presented by Travarez Geter and Elizabeth Wilson

Cristina Del Rosario

### **C-STEP** Awards

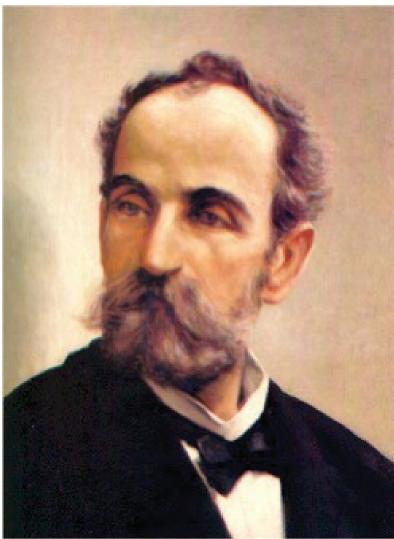
Presented by Moise Koffi and Diandra Jugmohan

C-STEP Leadership and Service Award Bielka Pena

> C-STEP Award for Excellence Kingsley Odae

C-STEP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Alpha Bah

# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2020!







#### Eugenio Maria de Hostos

### Congratulations, award recipients!

Thank you to all the families, loved ones, and friends who have supported our Honors Convocation recipients during their academic journeys at Hostos Community College.