## **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 lisla 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

## TWENTY-NINTH HONORS CONVOCATION

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

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**Greetings** Dr. Héctor López

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**Greetings** Ms. Sandra May Flowers

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Presentation of Special Awards President Matos Rodríguez/ Provost Coballes-

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Presentation of Departmental/

**Unit Awards** 

Provost Coballes-Vega/Department Chairs and

**Unit Coordinators** 

Presentation of Special Awards Provost Coballes-Vega/Hostos Staff

Closing Remarks Provost Coballes-Vega

**DINNER** 

#### **DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**

#### ALLIED HEALTH

**Presenters:** Professor Geraldine Ruiz and the members of the

Allied Health Department

## **Dental Hygiene**

## The Gold Medal

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

**Recipient**: Ms. Adriana Monedero

#### The Silver Medal

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

Recipient: Ms. Li Zong

#### The Bronze Medal

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

Recipient: Ms. Jaewah Lee

#### Nursing

#### RN AAS GRADUATES:

## The Gold Medal Nursing Award

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Abigail Amponsah

## 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. Rogaya Banani Abdou

## The Bronze Medal Nursing Award

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

**Recipient:** Mr. Carlos Valerio

#### LPN GRADUATES

## **The Gold Medal Nursing Award**

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

**Recipient:** Mr. Taylor R. McMahon

## The Silver Medal Nursing Award

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

**Recipient:** Mr. Moses Osazee

## 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. Kadine Ranger

## Radiologic Technology

## American Society of Radiologic Technology (ASRT) Program Winner

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

#### The Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement

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

Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement: Radost Malinov-Yontcheva

Gold: Ms. Radost Malinov-Yontcheva

Ms. Simone Marshall

Silver: Mr. David Garcia

Bronze: Ms. Lystar D. Maracello

Mr. Allen Niles

#### 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: Ms. Daisy Alequin-Bobe

Ms. Kary Jiménez Ms. Brook Kinder Ms. Shalim López Ms. Akua Mensah

Ms. Elizabeth Rodríguez

## **Social Sciences Unit**

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

Gold: Ms. Angeline Cadle-Sinatra

Ms. Adelyn Castro Ms. Karyann Jiménez Ms. Fiona McDonagh

#### Public Administration, Criminal Justice, 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.

## **Public Administration**

Gold: Mr. Marcus Ochoa
Silver: Ms. Raisa Paredes

## **Criminal Justice**

Gold: Ms. Joey L. Snavely Silver: Ms. Frances Orta

## **Paralegal Studies**

Gold: Ms. Elizabeth López

Silver: Ms. Arisleyxy M. Contreras

#### **BUSINESS**

Presented by: Dr. Héctor López, Professor Claude

Fernandez, and Professor Sandy Figueroa

## **Business and Accounting Program**

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

**Accounting** 

Gold: Mr. David Ramos
Silver: Ms. Josefina García
Bronze: Mr. Ashmini Chitan
Mr. Tigawinde Diop
Mr. Gabriel Nieves
Mr. Jhassel Nuñez

Ms. Katty Rodríguez Mr. Abdou Karim Samba

**Business Management** 

Gold: Ms. Majory Marekera
Silver: Mr. Vitalis Nujimem
Bronze: Ms. Jhana Nolasco
Mr. Walter Tax
Mr. Marvin Vargas

## Office Technology Program

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

Gold:Ms. Hania MeñdezSilver:Ms. Silvia CastilloBronze:Ms. Madelin More

#### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Presenters**: Professor Elvir Dincer and the

members of the Education Department

## The Paula L. Zajan Early Childhood Education Scholarship Award

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

life. She was very devoted and committed to the Early Childhood Education Program and to Hostos Community College. Her contributions have enriched the lives of many students. Her magnificent spirit continues in the legacy she left behind.

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

**Recipients:** Ms. Yesenia Galván

> Ms. Elorin Ferreras Ms. Jessica Lugo Ms. Giselle Trabal

## 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).

Ms. Berta Ventura Gold: Silver: Ms. Andrea Ward **Bronze:** Ms. Mary Velasquez

## **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.

Ms. Keneca David Gold: Ms. Lee Yean Lim Silver: Bronze: Ms. Ingrid Quezada

Ms. Omolola Sunmonu

#### **Community Health Award**

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

Gold: Ms. Ruth Tayares Silver: Ms. Alexandra Cordero Bronze: Ms. Lizette Machuca Ms. Michelle Rosario

#### **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: Ms. Joey Snavely
Silver: Ms. Adelyn Castro
Bronze: Mr. Jose Castro
Honorable Mention: Ms. Melissa Bracero

Ms. Amoy Taylor

#### **EXCELLENCE IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

**Presenter:** Professor Jerilyn Fisher

The Women's and Gender Studies Option is pleased to recognize Academic Excellence in Women's and Gender Studies with awards for winners of an essay competition. Submissions by high achieving students come from faculty teaching courses which emphasize discipline-based and interdisciplinary perspectives on gender and women's studies. A faculty committee for Women's Studies and Gender Studies judges the essays submitted for review. Winners are selected on the merit of the students' ability to reflect on, analyze, and illuminate issues in women's and gender studies as well as on the overall strength of the student's writing. Winners of the competition for academic year 2012-2013 are:

First Place: Ms. Melissa Bracero

Ms. Jemair Lewis

Second Place: Ms. Joey Snavely
Third Place: Ms. Quiana Queen
Ms. Isamaris Rivera

## Student Activist Award 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.

Recipient: Ms. Sabenny Madrigal

#### **HUMANITIES**

**Presenters**: Professor Carlos Sanabria and the members of

the Humanities Department

## **Black Studies Unit**

## The Gold Medal Black Studies Award

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

**Recipients:** Mr. Jean Batista

Mr. Philip Ellison

**Media Design Unit** 

Recipients:

**Excellence in Design:** Mr. Keithly Adams

Mr. Margarito Balbuena

Ms. Yulisa Trejo

**Excellence in Photography:** Mr. Nathan Quiles

Ms. Allison Rodríguez

**Excellence in Music:** Mr. Gilberto Burgos

Mr. Josh Castillo Mr. Lenin Ovalles

Game Design: Mr. Brian García

Mr. Ajmer Lawson Ms. Chris Thomas

**Excellence in Animation:** Mr. Josue' A Advincola

Mr. Lee Jacob Hilado Mr. Kristopher Rodríguez

## **Game Design Competition:**

**Project Battleground:** 

First Prize: Mr. Chris Aiken

Mr. Markim Chambers
Mr. Dontae Richardson

Second Prize: Mr. Jossiam Aquino

Mr. Robby Gonzalez Mr. Ajmer Lawson Mr. Edward Rowe

**Third Prize:** 

Hackers of Cyberspace: Mr. Fritz W. Nerette Jr.

Fourth Prize:

Core Runners: Mr. Stevie Delvillar

Mr. Marcos Dominguez Mr. Jackson Viellagas

**Modern Languages Unit** 

**Spanish** Gold Ms. Joanna Sanchez

Silver Mr. Carmelo Rosario
Bronze Ms. Yeniffer Flores

**Visual and Performing Arts Unit** 

Art: Gold: Mr. Earl Quick

**Silver:** Mr. Brian Stroud **Bronze:** Mr. Eddie Torres

**Excellence in Theater:** 

**Recipients:** Ms. Nancy Acosta

Mr. Cesar Acuria Mr. George Alvarenga

Mr. Juan Escobar
Mr. Vilo Jacquez
Ms. Giselley Ortiz
Ms. Tabitha Pérez
Mr. Ebrahim Rasheed
Ms. Isamaris Rivera
Mr. Lyn Robinson

Ms. Jennifer Jenesis Scott

#### Ms. Maria Vasallo

#### LANGUAGE AND COGNITION DEPARTMENT

The Language and Cognition Department awards are presented to the students who have outstanding academic performance and achievement in English Language Arts.

**Presenter:** Professor Karin Lundberg

**Recipients:** Mr. Jean Carlos Aquino Suarez

Ms. Olga Bakai Ms. Katherine Colon Mr. Reynaldo Gomez Ms. Jaimhil Guzman Ms. Heydi Nugra Ms. Emerlin Ortega

#### LIBRARY

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

**Presenters:** Professor Madeline Ford

Professor Miriam Laskin Professor Jennifer Tang

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

Writing: Mr. George Alvarenga

Mr. Arkady Grunin Mr. Joseph Kosseh

Art: Mr. Ebenezer Arthur

Ms. Guadalupe Galindo Ms. Stephanie Pimentel

#### **MATHEMATICS**

**Presenters:** Professor Daniel Maysonet 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. Thomas Báez Tactuk

#### **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.

**Recipient:** Mr. Ibrahim Alassani

#### 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. Jhonatan Bocio De León

**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. Emilie Bouda

#### 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:** Ms. Shaniqua Henry

#### 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. Eun-Hye Kim

## **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:** Mr. Ediberto Saldaña

#### **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. Thomas Báez Tactuk

Silver: Mr. Ricky Bhola Bronze: Mr. Elvis Boves

#### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

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

The late Carlos L. González, an Associate Professor at Hostos worked with students, the faculty and the neighborhood since the College chartered class of 1970 promoting pride in their work, the value of education and the importance of community involvement. The life of Carlos L. González is worth emulating. He attended night school after working all day and earned his master's from Hunter College. He worked to better the life of others through education and develop a great love for people from his mother, a pillar of spiritual strength and his father a man willing to pass up a meal to save money for his children. We wish to underscore how strong his commitment was to a cause once he believed in it. In 1971, when the city's fiscal crisis threatened the College's existence, Carlos was one of the people in the College Community who took an active part in the nineteen day takeover. As a result, forty people were arrested. He was among them. His efforts contributed greatly to the survival of the College and its mission.

He not only carried out his battle; he spearheaded the day to day struggle to deliver high quality services to students. He provided those services at the College, as a counselor, for sixteen years. His struggles were not in vain. His spirit touched all those who knew that wonderful human being, and remains with them. Today, the Hostos Community, the Counseling Center and the González family, friends and colleagues are proud to present this honorable award to students with a minimum GPA of 2.5, 24 accumulated credits and who have shown commitment to social justice and great dedication to the college and their communities.

**Presenters** The González Family, Ms. Elba Cabrera, and Professor

Lizette Colón

Recipients: Ms. Sabenny Madrigal

Mr. Raisa Paredes Mr. Darío Peralta Ms. Kilsis Pérez Ms. Isamaris Rivera Mr. Danny Rodríguez Ms. Lesny Suazo

#### ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTER

**Presenters:** Ms. Gabriella Burd

Ms. Simone Sylvester

#### 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 2013 semester and will graduate in

June or September 2013. 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. Robert Jaccoi

Ms. Shai Johnson

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

**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

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Makea Lowe **Recipient:** Ms. Latoya Speller

## **Hostos Emerging Student Leadership and Service Award**

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Jaquonna Hardy

**Recipient:** Ms. Fevidaury Valerio Arias

#### Non-Traditional Leader Award

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Elvia Bustos Acevedo **Recipient:** Mr. Radhames Toribio

## **Hostos Student Leadership Academy Debate**

This year, the members of the Leadership Academy held a debate on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in which academy members discussed the values of morality, honor, honesty and life and death in the case of The Myth of Sisyphus by Albert Camus.

First Prize: Mr. George Alvarenga

Second Prize: Mr. Vilo Jaquez

Third Prize: Mr. Reginald Gardner Honorable Mention: Ms. Jaquonna Hardy

Ms. Maria Fernanda Ruiz Pozo

# Honor Code Representatives at the National Conference on Ethics in America at West Point

Each year Hostos Community College is the only college in the City University of New York that sends two students attend the National Conference on Ethics in America at the Military Academy at West Point to discuss the Honor Code, as well as morality and ethics in education institutions, the military and the World today.

Participant: Mr. Juan Escobar

Participant: Ms. Sandra May Flowers

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Students who are selected for these awards have GPA's above 3.5 and have committed to doing more than 40 hours of volunteer service a semester. Each of the students selected was also recognized by the National Model United Nations Conference for their efforts at the Conference In Washington, D.C. and have each

**Recipient:** Mr. George Alvarenga **Recipient:** Mr. Dario Peralta

## **CUNY Corps Program Fellowship Participants**

Students are selected each year to be a part of the CUNY Corps program run by the Central Office of the University. The students attend bi-weekly workshops and engage in volunteer activities around the City and on their home campuses. Students commit to doing over 100 hours of volunteer service. This year all of th participants helped to build a house with Habitat for Humanity in Syracuse, new York and were recognized by the Chancellor for their efforts in assisting Hurricane Sandy Victims.

Participant: Ms. Emile Bouda

Participant: Ms. Elvia Bustos Acevedo

Participant: Ms. Latoya Speller

Participant: Ms. Oyamiwa Walker

## **CUNY Student Investment Ambassador Program Fellowship Participants**

Students are selected each year, based upon their motivation to take part in the political process and their demonstrated skill in volunteering at civic activities. As members of the Student Investment Ambassador Program, the students take part in bi-weekly workshops at a central office location and also represent the university at meetings with local and regional politicians, at political events and in service activities focused on informing the community about legislative issues.

Participant:Mr. Philip David EllisonParticipant:Ms. Jaquonna HardyParticipant:Mr. Julio PascualParticipant:Ms. Ruth Romero

#### **HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDS**

#### THE HOSTOS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**Presenters:** President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega

Vice President Esther Rodríguez-Chardavoyne

Vice President Ana Carrión-Silva

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

Recipients: Valedictorian: Mr. David Ramos

**Salutatorian:** Ms. Synthia Davis

#### HONORS PROGRAM

**Presenters:** President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

Provost Carmen Coballes-Vega

The Hostos Community College Honors Program provides an enriched academic, cultural and social experience to intellectually inquisitive and motivated students. The program offers students an academic environment that values and promotes critical thinking, analytical writing, and research and information competency skills through an innovative and challenging curriculum. Students complete at least 3 Honors courses or contracts during their degree, conduct 15 hours of community service per term, and participate in a variety of cultural activities, while maintaining a minimum of **3.2 GPA**. The transcript of the successful Honors Program graduate indicates that the student has fulfilled all requirements of the Honors Program

**Recipients:** Mr. Ibrahim Alassani

Ms. Coral Cardona Mr. Reginald Gardner Ms. Melissa Jiménez Ms. Majory Marekera Mr. Mark Rivera

#### 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:** Ms. Emile Bouda

## THE GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ ROOM AND THE SOUTH BRONX REVIEW

**Presenter:** Professor Andrew Hubner

The García Márquez Room wishes to recognize students who have shown a commitment to pursuing a continuing interest in creative writing. The members of the The García Márquez Room 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.

**Recipient:** Ms. Lorraine Lecter

Ms. Amber Oliver Mr. Richard Reyes Mr. Abakar Souleyman

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

#### ASAP AWARDS

**Presenter:** Ms. Laura McGowan

#### **ASAP PERSISTANCE AWARD**

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

**Recipients:** Mr. Jhonatan Bocio De León

Ms. Jemair Lewis Ms. Jhanna Nolasco Ms. Stephanie Pimentel

## DIGITAL MEDIA

# THE RAVENFOX FUND: SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SOCIAL INNOVATION

**Presenter:** Professor Rees Shad

The Dylan Isaac Ravenfox Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to remember and honor a passionate young man who valued humanity, the considered life, and devotion to the arts. This scholarship was established to recognize and support current students of excellence enrolled in the media programs at Hostos in order to encourage and facilitate their continued endeavors in media development, media education, and social innovation.

Ravenfox Fellows: Mr. Chris Aiken

Mr. Kidany Cabrera Ms. Amara Dioubate Mr. Daniel Eusebio Ms. Waleska Martínez Mr. Xavier McGarrity

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

**Presenter:** Mr. Carlos Guevara

The E-Portfolio Contest recognizes the work of the students in creating their e-Portfolios. The criteria for the e-Portfolio contest are design, reflection, artifacts/documentation, and quality of writing.

Recipients:

First Prize:
Second Prize:
Ms. Jenesis Scott
Ms. Masiel Urena
Ms. Emma Suarez
Honorable Mention:
Ms. Miguelina Curiel
Ms. Lesli Galvez

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**Presenter**: Professor Jerilyn Fisher

Students competed by writing an essay in two hours on site. Each essay explained and reflected on a quotation the student selected from among several they were given to choose from. Each quotation was accompanied by a brief biography about the author. The quotations expressed ideas about women and gender--wise words by women like Mary Wollstonecraft, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Luisa Capetillo, Margaret Sanger, Audre Lorde, Wangari Muta Matthai, Gloria Steinem and Zadie Smith.

## **Electives Level (pre-requisite ENG 111):**

Ms. Eddine Baret Ms. Ellyd González Ms. Rebecca Rodriguez

## **English 111 Level (pre-requisite ENG 110)**

Ms. Sandra Joseph

English 110 Level: (pre-requisite ENG 91 and CATW pass)

Ms. Inez Gallon

## English/ESL 91 Level:

Ms. Nare Kun

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#### **CEREMONIAL MUSIC**

#### Cello Suite #3 in C

by Johann Sebastian Bach performed by Mstislav Rostropovich

#### Deliliah

performed by Clifford Brown and Max Roach

## The Shepherd

By Duke Ellington

#### Heaven

By Duke Ellington

## Caprice #24 in A Minor

By Niccolò Pagini performed by Alison Balsom on principle trumpet

## Vocalise, Op. 34/14

By Sergei Rachmaninoff performed by Alison Balsom on principle trumpet

## Aida – Act 2: Gloria AllEgitto, Ad Iside

By Giuseppe Verdi

## Swan Lake, Op. 20 – 8 Danse De Coupes

By Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

## **Fanfare For The Common Man**

By Aaron Copeland

#### **EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS**

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

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

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