

## 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*

**THIRTIETH HONORS CONVOCATION**

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF MAY,  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN,  
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. Carmen Coballes-Vega Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Dr. Félix V. Matos Rodríguez President
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Dr. Héctor López Chair of the College Senate
<b><i>Greetings</i></b>	Mr. Dario Peralta Student Government Association
<b><i>Announcers</i></b>	Vice President Nathaniel Cruz Dean Christine Mangino
<b><i>Presentation of Special Awards</i></b>	President Matos Rodríguez/ Provost Coballes- Vega/Vice President Rodríguez-Chardavoyne/ Vice President Carrión-Silva/ Vice President Cruz
<b><i>Presentation of Departmental/ Unit Awards</i></b>	Provost Coballes-Vega/Department Chairs and Unit Coordinators
<b><i>Presentation of Special Awards</i></b>	Provost Coballes-Vega/Hostos Staff
<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	Provost Coballes-Vega

## **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. Rosemary López

##### **The Silver Medal**

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

**Recipient:** Mr. José Contreras

##### **The Bronze Medal**

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

**Recipient:** Ms. Rosetta Violetti

#### **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. Khagendra Bhatt

##### **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. Sannette Forrester

##### **The Bronze Medal Nursing Award**

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

**Recipient:** Mr. Nicholas Iacovino

## **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. Eunice Dunu

### **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. Isabella Annan-tagoe

### **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. Ichrak El-yousfi

## **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 2014 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:**

**Gold:** Mr. Mobin Chowdhury

**Silver:** Ms. Sela Pich

**Bronze:** Ms. Hamid Jesurun

## ***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. Melany Castillo  
Ms. Janna García  
Ms. Leydi Payano  
Ms. Jannerys Rosado  
Ms. Ana Ventura

### **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:** Mr. Khagendra Bhatt  
Mr. Vitalis Nujimen  
Mr. Neftalí Pabón  
Ms. Thaelis Suriel

### **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. Jorge Ortíz  
**Silver:** Mr. Steve Hing  
**Bronze:** Mr. Adrian Rios

### **Criminal Justice**

**Gold:** Mr. Jaryn Pou  
**Silver:** Ms. Densy Ventura Castro  
**Bronze:** Mr. Trevon Paul



### **Paralegal Studies**

**Gold:** Ms. Shiomara Rivera  
**Silver:** Ms. Ximara Rodríguez  
**Bronze:** Ms. Lizzette Carter

### ***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**

**Gold:** Ms. Rosaymi Santos  
**Silver:** Mr. Dodo Gassama  
**Bronze:** Ms. Rosanny Durán

#### **Business Management**

**Gold:** Ms. Rodline Joseph  
**Silver:** Mr. Yaya Karamoko  
**Bronze:** Ms. Franchesca Cornelio

### **Office Technology Program**

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

**Gold:** Ms. Natacha Lake  
**Silver:** Ms. Lila Santiago  
**Bronze:** Ms. Keisha Walker

### ***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. Dayansky Anéz
- Ms. Sheontae Cooks
- Ms. Yenika Guzmán
- Ms. Urda Martínez
- Ms. Tiffany Washington

### **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:** Ms. Diani Tapsoba  
**Silver:** Ms. Sandra Pang  
**Bronze:** Ms. Kiera Peppers

### **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. Aurea Fajardo  
**Silver:** Ms. Deyinery Gómez  
**Bronze:** Ms. Michelle Williams

### **Community Health Award**

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

**Gold:** Ms. Ruth Jean Baptiste  
**Silver:** Ms. Nicole Summers  
**Bronze:** Ms. Kimberly Maldonado

## **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. Eric Stewart  
**Silver:** Ms. Kayly LaCroix  
**Bronze:** Ms. Georgia Seymour

## **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 2013-2014 are:

**Gold:** Ms. Brittany Rojas  
**Gold:** Ms. Melissa Ruiz  
**Silver:** Ms. Kayly LaCroix  
**Bronze:** Ms. Lamone Colter  
Ms. Eliaiza Lopez

### **Women's and Gender Studies Award for Activism**

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. Angellica Sitnyakovskaya

## **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:** Mr. Timothy McGhee  
Ms. Samantha Tirado

### **Media Design Unit**

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

**Gold:** Mr. Caleb Vixama  
**Silver:** Ms. Ashley Roman  
**Bronze:** Mr. Josué Advincola

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

**Gold:** Ms. Miguelina Curiel  
**Silver:** Ms. Gisvell Brito  
**Bronze:** Mr. Caleb Vixama

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

Mr. Markim Chambers  
Mr. Jose Cantres  
Mr. Dontae Richardson  
Mr. Bryan Garcia

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

Mr. Raúl Pérez  
Mr. Ojedele Paloma

#### **Excellence in Painting and Drawing:**

**Gold:** Ms. Makea Lowe  
**Silver:** Ms. Karlene Almonte  
**Bronze:** Ms. Beverly Scudder

#### **Excellence in Photography:**

**Gold:** Ms. Ashley Ferrera  
**Silver:** Ms. Gisvell Brito  
**Bronze:** Ms. Ashley Roman

**Modern Languages Unit**

<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Gold</b>	Ms. Maria Pérez
	<b>Silver</b>	Mr. Shirley Moreno
	<b>Bronze</b>	Ms. Ana Ventura

**Visual and Performing Arts Unit**

<b>Excellence in Theater:</b>		Ms. Melany Castillo
		Mr. Jean Estupinan
		Mr. Clinton Langston Jr.
		Mr. William Nuñez
		Mr. Ojedele Paloma
		Mr. Raul Pérez
		Mr. Ebrahim Rasheed

***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:

*ESL 35/ESL 36*  
*Spring 2014*  
Ms. Cristina Mulas  
Ms. Jackelinee Pomares

*ESL 86/ESL 88*  
*Fall 2013*  
Ms. Denice Caba Santana  
Ms. Sharmin Jahan  
Ms. Yokasta Manana  
Ms. Araliz Marte  
Mr. Pedro Minaya

*Spring 2014*  
Ms. Esther Garcia  
Ms. Marcia M. Hernandez

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*ESL 91/ESL 92*  
*Spring 2014*  
Mr. Israt Jahan  
Ms. Osdolina Maldonado  
Ms. Hatije Tarelli

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.

Ms. Maria Acosta

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. Seyiti Moussa	<i>ESL 25</i>
Ms. Mary Paulino Ortiz	<i>ESL 35/36</i>
Ms. Altagracia Burgos	<i>ESL 36</i>
Mr. Sakhr Aldaylom	<i>ESL 84</i>
Mr. Wady Reynoso	<i>ESL 84</i>
Ms. Sara Ladino	<i>ESL 88</i>
Mr. Conghui Deng	<i>ESL 91</i>
Ms. Arelis Solano	<i>ESL 91</i>
Ms. Aida S. Almonte	<i>ESL 91/92</i>

Students Who Have Rendered Great Service to the College Community

We are delighted to honor Ugurcan Bas with this award. He is an international student from Turkey who has passed both the CAT-W and CAT-R Examinations and who does his utmost to succeed in his college studies while working diligently to pay for his education.

Mr. Bas is a graffiti artist. He helped design the set for "Welcome to Arroyo's" this semester.

Mr. Ugurcan Bas

## **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:** Mr. Santtee Agrispin  
Mr. Eric Stewart

**Art:** Mr. Umno Ragmunde  
Ms. Zaira Ramos

## **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. Maskana Adedjouman

### **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:** Ms. Tanzila Ahmed

### **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:** Ms. Franchesca Cornelio

### ***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:** Mr. Kemar Wellington

### **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. Sarah Nagadya-Sanders

### **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. Helena Curbelo



### **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.

**Recipients:** Mr. Ifeanyi Obinali  
Mr. Dario Peralta

### **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. Maskana Adedjouman  
**Silver:** Mr. Angel Cuevas Rodriguez  
**Bronze:** Mr. Denis Loxha

### **Forensic Science Award**

The Forensic Science Award is presented to a student enrolled in Forensic Science Dual Degree program who has accumulated 50 or more credits towards an AS degree and has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Participation in research activities, such as LSAMP, PRIZM, summer internship, etc., is a plus, but is not absolutely required.

**Recipient:** Ms. Joanie Rosario



### ***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.

**Presenters:** Professor Lizette Colón  
Professor Carmen Mondesire

**Recipients:** Ms. Yunerys Liriano  
Ms. Jaline Ortiz  
Mr. David Santos

### ***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. Kapano Dobosu  
Ms. Makeda Winfield

### ***STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD***

**Presenter:** Mr. Jason Libfeld

#### **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

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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.

**Recipients:** Ms. Rosanny Durán  
Mr. Abrahma Miha  
Mr. Trevon Paul  
Ms. Ana Ventura  
Ms. Gloria Ventura

## 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:**      Ms. Shalim López  
**Salutatorian:**                      Ms. Rosaymi Santos

### ***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

**Recipient:**                              Mr. Maskana Adedjouman

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***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 Christine O'Reilly

**Recipients:** Ms. Khagendra Bhatt  
Ms. Davina Joseph  
Ms. Venita Lutale  
Ms. Rachael Viechweg

***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. Delroy Aikins

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

**Presenters:** Professor Andrew Hubner  
Professor Matthew Moses

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

**Recipients:** Ms. Eddine Baret  
Mr. Ryan Bannon  
Ms. Gia Hamilton

Ms. Camille Stanford

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### ***ASAP (ACCELERATED STUDY IN ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS) AWARDS***

**Presenter:** Dean Christine Mangino

#### **ASAP Excellence Award**

ASAP Excellence Award is presented to any ASAP student graduating with a 3.90 GPA or higher

**Recipient:** Mr. Maskana Adedjouman

#### **Faster than ASAP Award**

The Faster than ASAP Award is presented to any ASAP student who graduates within 18 months of being admitted to Hostos.

**Recipients:** Ms. Chrystelle Ade  
Ms. Leydi Payano

## ***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. Esteban Advincola  
Mr. Margarito Balbuena  
Ms. Ashley Fererra  
Mr. Ajmer Lawson  
Ms. Maria Oben  
Mr. Jose Palacios  
Mr. Miguel Palestino  
Ms. Ashley Roman  
Mr. Rey Vargas

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

**Presenter:** Mr. Carlos Guevara

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. Maria Vassalo  
**Second Prize:** Ms. Joan Christine Baretto  
Ms. Makea Lowe  
**Honorable Mention:** Mr. Luis Arias  
Mr. Ugurcan Bas  
Ms. Miguelina Curiel Baldonado  
Mr. Feliberto Feliz  
Ms. Ashley Ferrera  
Ms. Darlenne Ortiz  
Mr. Eric Stewart

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

**Presenters:** Professor Ernest lalongo  
Professor Orlando Hernandez

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

In the category for students who are enrolled in or have completed ENG 110:

**First Place:** Ms. Kendra Francilot  
“Can Education and Autonomy for all Improve Society?”

**Second Place:** Mr. Luis Ojeda  
“The Ethical Development of a People: A Review of Eugenio María de Hostos’ Work.”



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In the category for students who submitted their essay in Spanish:

**First Place:** Mr. Marlon Guzmán  
“Hostos, Un Pensador Empírico.”

**Second Place:** Ms. Berkis Berroa  
“Eugenio María de Hostos y su lucha por la educación de la mujer.”

### ***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, over the years, created many of 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), which is 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. Rita Agboli  
Ms. Cinthia Alcántara  
Ms. Shiraz Bagaru  
Mr. Ryan Bannon  
Mr. Alain Elie  
Ms. Sara Ladino

## **SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Presenters:**

President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez  
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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:**

Maskana	Adedjouman		
Jehad	Alawi		
Yakaris	Amador	Alfredo	Matthews
Natalia	Baez Santos	Katerin	Méndez
Wendi	Balestra	Tabatha	Palmer
Angeline	Cadle-sinatra	Sandra	Pang
Nathalie	Castillo	Trevon	Paul
Amy	Cruz	María	Pérez
Krismyn	Del Rosario	Wilfredo	Piñeiro
Abdoulaye	Diallo	Paola	Ponce
Thierno	Diallo	Widaly	Quezada
Yolanda	Fernández-santos	Vanessa	Riley
Shaniqua	Freeman	Carolina	Rodríguez
Sijan	Gauchan	Joanna	Sánchez
Dayana	González	Rosaymi	Santos
Marlon	Guzman Valdera	Nielly	Soto
Hodo	Hassan	Maimouna	Sy
Rodline	Joseph	Diani	Tapsoba
Yaya	Karamoko	Couly	Traore
Julie	Katz	Yulisa	Trejo Aquino
Shalim	López	Lenny	Urbáez
Denis	Loxha	Caleb	Vixama
Galyna	Lytvyn	Leda	Zadrina
		Jessica	Ziliani

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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.