Hostos Community College Leadership

David Gomez, President

Christine Mangino
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Esther Rodriguez-Chardavoyne
Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Nathaniel Cruz
Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Management

Peter Mertens
Interim Vice President for Adult and Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Ana Martinez
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Varun Sehgal
Assistant Vice President of Information Technology

College Deans

Ann Mester, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
Johanna Gomez, Assistant Dean of Student Life
Ana Isabel Garcia Reyes, Associate Dean for Community Relations
Babette Audant, Assistant Dean, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning
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

**Virtual Ceremony Links**


Honors Convocation is made possible by  
significant sponsorship from college offices including:

Office of Administration and Finance  
Office of Institutional Advancement  
President's Office

Thank you!
Members
Damaris-Lois Y. Lang, Chairperson
Maria Subert, Vice-Chairperson
Ronette A. Shaw, Secretary
Joseph-Kwame Gyan
Theresa L. Crenshaw-Hammonds
Sherese Mitchell
Victoria Munoz
Rocio Rayo
Yoel Rodriguez

Virtual Convocation Team
Rocio Rayo - team lead & video producer
Victoria Munoz
Yoel Rodriguez
Sarah Brennan
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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Presenter(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>National Anthem</strong></td>
<td>Rafael Torres, Emmanuel Torres, and Jonathan Torres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Opening Remarks</strong></td>
<td>Christine Mangino Provost and Vice President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Greetings</strong></td>
<td>David Gomez President of Hostos CC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Student Address</strong></td>
<td>Assetou Doucore Salutatorian - Class of 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Distinct Awards</strong></td>
<td>Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Dean's List, Scholastic Achievement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Department Awards</strong></td>
<td>Academic Departments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Special Program Awards</strong></td>
<td>Non-Academic Programs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Closing Remarks</strong></td>
<td>Christine Mangino Provost and Vice President</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

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.

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
Christian Burton
Madeline Calderon
Jereily Camacho
DISTINCT AWARDS

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
- Eliana Felix
- Anthony Feliz
- Laura Feliz
- Christi Ferrer Santos
- Gladys Ferrin Herrera
- Antonio Flores
- Bernmanette Florez
- Sylvia Florius
- Justice Furye
- Destiny Garcia
DISTINCT AWARDS
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
DISTINCT AWARDS
Awards of Academic Distinction

2018-2019 Dean's List

Julio Marine  Massiel Nunez Torres
Cynthia Martinez  Onyinyechi Obineche
Kimberly Martinez  Kingsley Odae
Mabel Martinez  Marie Michele Oleme
Yusuke Matsuoka  Mbarga
Princesse Mirei Mbome  Rassambnewende
Moukoury  Ouedraogo
Nicolette Mccormack  Cristopher Oviedo
Philomena Mehany  Richard Palacios
Rayssa Melendez  Annmarie Paniagua
Jassiel Del Milagros Mena  Bielka Pena
Paulino  Rosanna Perez
Yelitza Mercedes  Gabriel Phang
Natallie Mercier  Zuleika Rosanny
Tishana Miller Duhaney  Pichardo
Elvira Miranda  Sierra Pickett
Maria Mohammed  Kelvin Pineda
Iliana Montalvo  Sylenia Pineiro Torres
Martha Montanez  Alexandra Pisano
Christina Moreno  Daniel Placencia
Michael Moreno  Estefany Polanco
Shanel Muirhead  Yonnely Portes
Sadia Zannat Nipa

Nipa
DISTINCT AWARDS
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
DISTINCT AWARDS
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
DISTINCT AWARDS
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
DISTINCT AWARDS
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
**DISTINCT AWARDS**

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Allied Health Sciences Department

Dental Hygiene Awards

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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 Iodice

Bronze Award
Isatou Batchilly

Honorable Mention
Lucianna Bell
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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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:
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

English Department

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.
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Humanities Department
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
Humanities Department

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Humanities Department

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 Mention
Ardiana Salovic  Eugene Russell  Jonathan 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 Mention
Anthony Rodriguez  Gabriel Estevez  Joseph Russell

Media Studies Excellence in Music 207 Awards
Presented by Laura Andel

Gold Award
Alexis Casul

Silver Award
Anamelina Almonte Rojas
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Humanities Department

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Humanities Department

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Humanities Department

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
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

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

Kasi 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 to 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
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 Iodice

- 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
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
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 Pineda
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 Heavy
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
Ebben 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.