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THREE FORMER HOSTOS STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

From left, Dorian Molina, Sabrina Ventura and Jessica Collins (Photo credit: David Wentworth/Columbia University).

On Sunday, May 16, 2010, three former Hostos Community College students received baccalaureate degrees from Columbia University’s School of General Studies. In the fall of 2006 and 2007, Dorian Molina, Sabrina Ventura, and Jessica Collins enrolled in the Global Scholars Program, a partnership between Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College that prepares students for careers in international affairs and national security. After Global Scholars graduate from Hostos, they may be accepted for a BA or BS program at Columbia’s
School of General Studies or its School of International and Public Affairs. Funded by grants from the United States Departments of State and Defense, the program honors Congressman Jose E. Serrano, Representative of New York’s 16th District, who was instrumental in its creation.

Dorian Molina began the Global Scholars (GS) program at Hostos in 2005 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Columbia University’s School of General Studies. While a student in the School of General Studies, Dorian attended the Rangel Scholars Summer Program in Washington, D.C. in 2008. He also completed an internship in urban and social policy at the School of Public Affairs. This summer, Dorian will have a Congressional internship through the Rangel Fellows Program with Congressman Serrano.

Sabrina Ventura enrolled as a GS student in the fall of 2006. Volunteering for Columbia University’s Community Impact program, she mentored students who were studying for their GEDs. Sabrina is also a board member of Small Steps Now, Inc; which has provided funding for a school for Haitian and Dominican children in the Dominican Republic. After graduation, Sabrina also plans to enter Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs to pursue a master’s degree in public administration. She will also be studying economic and political development.

Jessica Collins began the Global Scholars Program in the fall of 2007. As a GS student, Jessica was the senior class vice president in the general studies student council. She has been accepted into Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs. After graduating, she plans to participate in New York City’s teaching fellows program, earn a master’s degree in education, and pursue a career in the New York City Department of Education.

For further information visit: [http://globalscholars.net/about_students.html](http://globalscholars.net/about_students.html) and [http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/oaa/globalscholars.htm](http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/oaa/globalscholars.htm)

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