

CUNY BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM MENTORGRAM

September 2007

The Class of 2007: 176 Graduates, 58% with Graduation Honors

*An occasional communication with
colleagues serving as mentors to CUNY
Baccalaureate students.*

RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Did you know? Almost 50% of CUNY BA Graduates go on to Graduate School!

Monica Agrest, Ph.D., Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages, CUNY Graduate Center,
with a Tuition Fellowship, University Fellowship, and Teaching Assistantship

Andrea Artz, M.F.A., History of Art and Cultural Studies, School of Fine Arts, University of Leeds / UK

Tabitha Berry (2005), Ph.D., English, Rutgers University/New Brunswick

Esther Chambre, M.A., Azrieli School of Jewish Education, Yeshiva University

Semantha Charles (2006), Georgetown University Medical School

George Chevallier, M.A., History, Lehman College/CUNY

Alejandra Cunningham, Ph.D., Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center, with a Dean K. Harrison Tuition
Fellowship*

Lisa J. Davis, M.F.A., Department of Media, SUNY Buffalo, with a full tuition scholarship, Dean's Fellowship and
Schomburg Minority Fellowship*

Kristen De Joseph, M.Phil. Research Masters, Linguistics, Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands*

Adam Faulkner, M.A., Linguistics, Georgetown University*

Michelle Goguen, M.A., Art Education, City College/CUNY

Elise Gornish, Ph.D., Ecology, Florida State University, with a Teaching Assistantship

Michelle Grasberg, M.S., Teaching Literacy, St. John's University*

John Hague, New York Law School

Mahmud Hasan, M.A., South Asian Regional Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Tennessee Jones, M.F.A., Fiction Writing, Hunter College/CUNY

Laura Ligouri, M.A., Women's Studies and Anthropology, Brandeis University, with a full scholarship

Denise Osborne, M.A., Applied Linguistics, Teachers College/Columbia University*

Marie Penny, M.S., Library Science, Queens College/CUNY*

Roman Palitsky, Harvard Divinity School

Keisha Phillips, M.S., Industrial Organizational Psychology, Baruch/CUNY

Yevgeniya Przhobelskaya (2006), M.A., Childhood Education, Queens College/CUNY

Sue Sepe, M.S.W., Fordham University's School of Social Service

Karen Shulman, M.A., Government/Conflict Resolution and Diplomacy, Interdisciplinary Center of
Herzliya

Jeannette Sierra (2006), M.S., Speech Language Pathology, Nova Southeastern University

Kim Smith, Master's, Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, City College/CUNY

Jennie Stern, Master's, Touro College School of Education

Shlomo Stern (2006), Ph.D., Psychology, Pace University

Tina Suszynski (2006), M.A., Arts in Education, Harvard University

Farzana Umar, M.A., Islamic Studies, Columbia University

Noe Venable, M.A., Religion and Secondary Education, Harvard Divinity School*

Kerton Victory, Ph.D., Biosciences, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, with a full tuition
scholarship and a \$23,000 stipend*

Camille Watson, M.S., Library Science, Long Island University

Elka Weiss, M.S., Clinical Nutrition, NYU Steinhardt School of Education

Sybil White (2006), M.A., English, Brooklyn College/CUNY

**Recipient of a CUNY BA/BS Alumni Scholarship*

EXCERPT: COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY KEYNOTE SPEAKER RICHARD D. PARSONS, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, TIME WARNER INC.

With the ages of the grads in this class ranging from 20-something to 60-something; many of you have already done a ton of good and made something of yourselves. . . . For people like you – and me -- failure is not an option. Harper Lee, author of the 1960 classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, ” said it best: “Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.” That is the spirit of the CUNY Baccalaureate Program and I’m certain it’s the spirit of this graduating class.

The most striking aspect of this graduating class, aside from your maturity and accomplishments, is your diversity. You are a mirror of the changing face of America. As the nation’s largest urban university in the nation’s largest city, CUNY has always been a leader in demonstrating the value of diversity. This university and its long line of successful graduates have also proven over and over again that education is the great equalizer. No matter where you come from. No matter your race or gender or economic background, education in general, and a CUNY education in particular, has always been the passkey to progress and self-fulfillment.

SOME JOB OFFERS, RAISES, AND PROMOTIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2007

Janice Bligen obtained a job as a 5th grade teacher

Miriam Carey, dental hygienist, received a raise

George Chevallier, now freelance reporter for *The New York Times*

Varoon Deo-Singh, promoted to Media Coordinator at Fitzgerald Brunetti, Inc., Productions

David Eilenberg, promoted to Vice President at Merrill Lynch

Danette Gooden, promoted to a managerial position with a 30% raise at the NYC Department of Education

Jessica Horsford and **Hesper Franklin** earned raises from the NYC Department of Education

Michael Harari, promoted to Senior Director of Sales for Massey Knakal Realty

Joan Lashley-Grant received a bonus from Brooklyn Child & Family Services

Grace Malonga, lab technician at Medgar Evers College, earned a raise

Lamont Morales, earned a raise at Arts Connection, Inc.

Michael Miller new position in Human Services/Social Work as a Youth Specialist for Safe Space NYC

Keisha Phillips, new position as a junior research assistant at New York University

Karen Schulman, promoted to Project Coordinator at the Tolerance Center

Anna Stein earned a raise from Local 161 I.A.T.S.E.

Ann Soukeras, now a feature reporter at the *Queens Gazette*

Emily Tonge, Internship at Lehman Brothers

Brooke Townsend, now an Associate News Producer for Caribzone Media

Camille Watson, new position with the New York Bar Association

Elka Weiss, now Program Assistant at Harlem United

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