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 Przhebelskaya** (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 Herzaliya

**Jeanette 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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