RECENT GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES
(All 2012 grads, unless otherwise noted)

Did you know? 50% of CUNY BA students go on to graduate school! That’s higher than the national average (40%) of Bachelor degree recipients going to grad school!

Moussbaou Atchiba, Master’s in Biology, City College of New York
Gabriella Collantes, Master’s in Mental Health Counseling, Hunter College
Vladislav Davidzon (B.A. 2009), Master’s in Human Rights, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation
Raymond Downs (B.A. 2010), CUNY Graduate School of Journalism
David Firester (B.A. 2002), Ph.D. in Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center with an Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship (5 years of support plus tuition)
Melissa Fleck, Graduate Certificate in Non-profit Management and Leadership, SUNY/Albany
Becca Glaser (B.S. 2010), MFA in Creative Writing, Syracuse University, with a fully-funded Teaching Assistantship
Sueleen Globus, Masters in Liberal Studies, CUNY Graduate Center
Steve Jean (B.A. 2011), Masters in Liberal Studies, CUNY Graduate Center
Lakshman Kalasapudi, Master’s in Anthropology, University of Manitoba, with funding by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), part of the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF)
Laura Kingsley, MFA in Ceramic Sculpture, California College of the Arts with a highly competitive merit scholarship of $18,000 per year*
Diane Kolack, Master’s in Public Health, CUNY School of Public Health
Roman Levites, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law
Marilyn Louis, Master’s in Musical Theater, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, with a first year $5,000 scholarship
Cheryl Mazzeo, Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences, Albert Einstein College of Medicine with $31,000+ stipend and other benefits
Jennifer McDermott (B.S. 2006), Master’s, School of Visual Arts
Tom Moran (B.A. 2009), Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, CUNY Graduate Center
Martha Ortiz, Masters in Liberal Studies, CUNY Graduate Center
Dianne Phillip (B.A. 2011), Master’s in Education and Special Education, Touro University
Evelyn Reid, MS.Ed., Adolescent Urban Education and Biology, Long Island University
Robert Riggs, Ph.D. in Sociology, NYU (as a Henry McCracken Fellow: annual funding of over $23,500 for 5 years)*
Robin Roberts (B.A. 2011), Ph.D. in Physics, CUNY Graduate Center, as CUNY Science Scholar - full tuition and stipend
Khalsa Sant Mukh (B.S. 2011), Ph.D. in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center with an Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship
S. Therese (Tess) Savery-Connors, M.S. in Disaster Resilience Leadership Science, Tulane University*
Arlene Schulman, Master’s in Liberal Studies, CUNY Graduate Center
Yedidya Tabanpour, Naturopathic Doctorate and Master of Classical Chinese Medicine, National College of Natural Medicine
Alisha Thompson, M.A. in Mathematics, City College
Peter Tzannes, Master’s in Urban Environmental Systems Management, Pratt Institute
Mary-Caitlyn Valentisson, Ph.D. in Linguistics and Anthropology, University of Arizona with substantial UA funding
Ella Viola, M.S. in Biology, College of Staten Island*
Cleveland Waddell, Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, North Carolina State University with a Teaching Assistantship
Christopher Wegenaar, Ph.D. in Linguistics, CUNY Graduate Center
Rebecca Yonk, D.A. (Doctor of Arts) in English, St. John’s University

*Recipient of a 2012 CUNY BA Alumni Scholarship
In addition to the Alumni Association Scholarships, these other awards were presented at the 2012 Commencement:

The Abby Stein Award (for a John Jay student in the social sciences): Alyssa Zayas, Adolescent Psychology / Creative Writing. Alyssa will continue her education at John Jay in the Master's in Forensic Mental Health Counseling.

The Nan Bauer-Maglin Prize for Literary Studies: Arlene Schulman, English and American Literature: Fiction and Non-Fiction Genres. Arlene is a writer, editor, author, photographer and filmmaker who is continuing her education in the MALS program at the Grad Center.

The Lesley F. Hughes Health Sciences Award: Ashanti Dixon, Dance Science.

Ashanti will be applying to medical school and also plans to become a certified pre/post natal group fitness instructor.

The Dan Daley Journalism and Communications Award: Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson, Language, Culture and Society.

Mary-Caitlyn will attend the joint Ph.D. program in Anthropology and Linguistics at the University of Arizona.

The Pedro Leonel Lopez Memorial Award (for an immigrant who is first in family to earn BA/BS degree): Yuki Nitta, Analyzing Music and Dance. Yuki left Japan to come to the U.S. in 2005 specifically to study the performing arts.

The Barbara Kneller Memorial Award (for a student who started college at Kingsborough): Roman Levites, Technology and Law.

Roman will attend Cardozo Law School in the fall.

The Professor Diana Bowstead Memorial Award (for Women’s Studies): Marilyn Louis, Women and Francophone Culture of the African Diaspora. Marilyn applies the Women’s Studies courses she has taken to her work in the arts.

Faculty Mentors: Would you like to establish a named award through CUNY BA?

Establishing a named award at a college ordinarily requires a donation of at least $100,000. But through CUNY BA, you can establish a named award for just $500. This is a great opportunity to honor yourself or a loved one, while making a significant investment in a CUNY Baccalaureate student. The Abby Stein Award, noted above, is an annual award made possible by Professor Abby Stein, John Jay College, a CUNY BA graduate; the Nan Bauer-Maglin Prize is made possible by Professor Emerita Nan Bauer-Maglin, Borough of Manhattan Community College and former CUNY BA Academic Director. The Hughes, Daley, and Lopez Awards are made possible by CUNY BA alumni. The Barbara Kneller and Diana Bowstead Awards are made possible by CUNY BA Deputy Director Beth Kneller, in honor of her mother and her mother-in-law.

If you are interested in establishing a one-time or an ongoing named award to be given to a CUNY BA student, please contact Beth Kneller, Deputy Director, at 212-817-8238 or bkneller@gc.cuny.edu. Such a gift would be tax-deductible, subject to federal rules. Thank you.

Some Opportunities Secured by 2012 Graduates

Kaolita Cadet, Effective Writing and Speech Communications: Job with Seaside Learning.

Diana Forman, Media Studies / Gender Studies: Designed a mobile game now in development.


Thomas Lucas, The Development and Production of Television and Film / Writing and Performing for Television and Stage: Director of Show Development at Jade Town Productions and Executive Producer and Show Creator of the reality program Carolina Brawl.

Dan Lurie, Neuroscience / Philosophy of Mind: Research Assistant at the Child Mind Institute in the Center for the Developing Brain.

Diane Kolack, Sustainable Food Studies: Works for the Greenmarket program at GrowNYC.

Athena Kurry, International Political Economy / Sustainable Development: Hired by Brooklyn College to help develop new major in Urban Sustainability.

Charlesworth Mabheka, Global Health Policy / International Relations: Internship with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Ayodele Oti, Human Ecology / International Environmental Public Health: NYC Service Fellow at the NYC Dept. Of Service

Michael Prettyman, Religion / Writing: Adjunct instructor, Religion, Hunter College

Edwin Rodriguez, Brand Management: Creative Director at The Naked Flavor

Baruch Tauber, Urban Planning and Design: Fellowship in Israel as an intern for the urban planner of the Municipality of Jerusalem.

Ray Tebout, Economic Empowerment / Transitional Counseling Psychology: Director of Counseling and Mentoring, College Initiative.


George Vouderis, Iberian Literary and Cultural Studies / East Asian Studies: Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research in South Korea for 2012-13.

Ben Wasserman, Philosophy / Dynamics of Informal Education: Hired by Brooklyn College to coordinate the Philosophy, Ethics and Community Education program (PEACE), a program he designed and initiated.

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