CUNY BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
MENTOR PROGRAM
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The Class of 2007: 176 Graduates, 58% with Graduation Honors

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
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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