

ANNUAL AWARDS

2023

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 | 6:30PM
LEON M. GOLDSTEIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



ANNUAL AWARD

2023



P R O G R A M

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Gordon Alley-Young
Dean of Faculty

GREETINGS

Dr. Claudia V. Schrader
President of Kingsborough Community College

SALUTATORIAN REMARKS

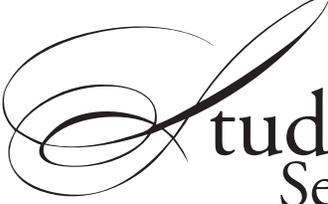
Chouaib Fadili

Introduced by Dr. Sharon Warren Cook
Vice President of Student Affairs

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Dinner Reception in the Marine and Academic Center (MAC) Lighthouse 2nd Floor
to follow after the completion of the ceremony.

*All awards presented at this annual award ceremony are made possible through generous donations to the
KCC Foundation.*



Student Service Awards

Introduced by Chrystal Cooper

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Eonisha Afflick	Alexis Cunningham	Michael Morris
Abid Ali	Chouaib Fadili	Aimon Mubeen
Ahmer Ali	Kurt Havercome	Hasan Nesimi
Manar Alshalfi	Sumaya Jashim	Magdaline Paul
Quaid Andrews	Shazielle Johnson	Shawnese Powdar
Laila Asif	Laurie Lopez	Maged Ba Qatyan
Francesco Bonvini	Annalisa Mateo	Dur-e Sameen
Joseph Bucci	Tatiana Montana	Maria Shah

BRONZE AWARDS

Henry Lee	Claire McPolin	Jamel Williams
Reina Martinez	Crystal Shields	Elton Zhong

SILVER AWARDS

Marianna D'Angelo	Gabriella Diaz	Alina Otchenashko
Michael Danso	Briana Guinn	Jaiden Pinnock
	Kristine McNulty	

GOLD AWARDS

Javere Johnson	Lourdes Gina Louis	Nikki Tam
Hanan Latiff	Chelsea Rivera	Jose Ventura
	Brianna Santos	



ave Scholarship

The WAVE Scholarship Program was created to assist students who are approaching their third semester at Kingsborough with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Neda Alomari	Leon Kapler	Terari Pessoa
Polina Bujac	Lillian Kleess	Bianca Riley
Clarckitundy Cajou	Nurabia Makins	Fnu Sadaf
Jolyphia Daniels	Haitam Masatoui	Seerat Sajid
Anna Dolina	Francis Nwokeji	Amir Shenouda
Jabor Forde	Cynthia Obi	Ramiyah Squires
Rebecca Hom	Briana Pacheco	



Special Service Awards

CHILD CARE CENTER MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Muriel Langsam

Debra Stewart

STUDENT AMBASSADOR SERVICE AWARD

Funded by the My Turn Students

Maged Ba Qatyan

STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Dr. Max Koch

Javere Johnson

ANTHONY F. RUSSO STUDENT LEADERSHIP SERVICE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Dean Anthony F. Russo

Nikki Tam

JOAN DE FREITAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Briana Guinn



**DEPARTMENT OF
ALLIED HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairperson and Presenter: Prof. Richard Fruscione

ADDICTION STUDIES AWARD

Evgenia Sherystuk

MENTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AWARD

Shavonna Smith

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AWARD

Kaylia Mitchel

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT AWARD

Lucy Alkilany

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Tessalia Castro

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Sherese Shakespeare

DEPARTMENT OF

ART

Chairperson: Prof. Thomas Eaton

Presented by Prof. John Descarfino

FINE ARTS AWARD

Manly Jiang

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION AWARD

Tiffany Weintraub

**DEPARTMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

Chairperson: Prof. Stuart Parker
Presented by Prof. Catherine Ma

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES AWARD

Damien Niesewand

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

Medjine Cetoute

EARLY CHILDHOOD/CHILD CARE AWARD

Taylor Lassen

EDUCATION STUDIES AWARD

Tabi Lettsome

**DEPARTMENT OF
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Chairperson: Prof. Mary Dawson
Presented by Prof. Alexander Mulligan

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT AWARD

Nawel Messaoudi

**DR. CAROL BIERMANN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Elizaveta Ulumbelashvili

JAMES GOETZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Abdullah Khaliq

**DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS**

Chairperson: Prof. Jeffrey Lax
Presented by Prof. Eric Rothenburg

ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AWARD

Keyan Powell

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM AWARD

Robert Struble

THE BUSINESS OF FASHION PROGRAM AWARD

Ashley Hall

FASHION DESIGN AWARD

Vanessa Perez

JULES A. HAGER GRADUATION AWARD

Mariani Svanidze

**MARK AND LAURIE SERUYA AND MARK AND GINA LEVY
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Elton Zhong

MAXINE MCGARVEY BUSINESS AND SERVICE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Professor Maxine McGarvey

Jacob Eisenbach

MAXINE MCGARVEY MARKETING AND SERVICE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Professor Maxine McGarvey

Karen Salazar

MURRAY ROTHENBURG ACCOUNTING AWARD

Funded in Memory of Murray Rothenburg

Manjinder Kaur

Tsymbolava Volha

**DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND PERFORMING ARTS**

Chairperson: Prof. Scott Cally
Presented by Prof. Thomas Rothacker

AVID TECHNOLOGY MOST PROMISING VIDEO EDITOR AWARD

Kayla Fulbrook

CLIFF HESSE SCHOLARSHIP

Stevon Gibbons

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

Funded in Memory of Professor Amy Bergenfeld

Justine Cox

MARION A. LIPTON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Nicole Nieves

MEDIA TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT AWARD

Kayla Fulbrook

SPEECH COMMUNICATION AWARD

Nicole Nieves

THEATRE ARTS AWARD

Galo Erazo

**DEPARTMENT OF
ENGLISH**

Chairperson: Prof. Ann M. Del Principe
Presented by Prof. Gregory Bruno

ENGLISH AWARD

Rachel Cyren

JOURNALISM AND PRINT MEDIA PROGRAM AWARD

Kristine McNulty

STEPHEN WEIDENBORNER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Damien Niesewand
Boisrond Thomas

**DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION**

Chairperson and Presenter: Prof. Donald Hume
Presented by Prof. Juan Franquiz

CATHERINE A. DACHTERA AWARD

Julia Russo

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM AWARD

Yanick Fritz

EXERCISE SCIENCE/PERSONAL TRAINING PROGRAM AWARD

Bernie Acevedo

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION AWARD

Celine Hodge

PATRICIA HAZLEWOOD SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARD

Anna Gilbert

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

Salvatore Bassini

RECREATION AND RECREATION THERAPY AWARD

Sebastian Baldera

**ROBERT LAWRENCE AND KAREN DENARD GOLDMAN COMMUNITY HEALTH
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Dana Ng

DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chairperson: Prof. Jacob Segal
Presented by Prof. Jacek Czarnecki

**DR. BERNARD KLEIN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Abraham Elsayad

HISTORY STUDIES AWARD

Zachary Norensberg

**LAWRENCE SUSS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Debra Stewart

PHILOSOPHY STUDIES AWARD

Amira Mekki

POLITICAL STUDIES AWARD

Ricardo Layne

DEPARTMENT OF
MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Chairperson: Prof. Rina Yarmish
Presented by Prof. Alfred Dolich

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS AWARD

Margarita Musaeva

COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM AWARD

Shani Tuachi

MATHEMATICS PROGRAM AWARD

Giovanni Carranza

MU ALPHA THETA SCHOLARSHIP

Funded in memory of Robert Siegel

Giovanni Carranza

DEPARTMENT OF

NURSING

Chairperson: Prof. Catherine Olubummo

Presented by Prof. Mary Shannon

NURSING ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Inga Borotko
Hilola Yusupova

NURSING SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Kristina Zelenyy

DEPARTMENT OF

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Chairperson: Prof. John Mikalopas

Presented by Prof. Richard Garavuso

CHEMISTRY AWARD

Mariyum Hussain

EARTH AND PLANETARY SCIENCE AWARD

Iryna Lezhenina

ENGINEERING SCIENCE AWARD

Julia Klokova

PHYSICS PROGRAM AWARD

Yurri Harbich

DEPARTMENT OF

TOURISM and HOSPITALITY

Chairperson: Prof. Anthony Borgese

Presented by Prof. Robert Ramsey

BORGESE FAMILY GRADUATION AWARD IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Saran Diallo

CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM AWARD

Shimin Xu

MARITIME TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Timothy Neckles

NEW YORK COUNCIL NAVY LEAGUE GRADUATION AWARD

José Calderon
Jason Hanlon
Earl Smith

TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY AWARD

Saran Diallo

VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE AWARD

Funded in Memory of Professor Jeffrey Ladman

Saran Diallo

**DEPARTMENT OF
WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

Chairperson and Presenter: Prof. Alfonso Garcia Osuna

HEBREW/YIDDISH SCHOLASTIC STUDIES AWARD

Funded in Memory of Professor Louis Milrod

Tamar Israeli

WORLD LANGUAGES AWARD

Elton Zhong

**THE
LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM**

Presented by Prof. Jacek Czarnecki

DR. FRANCES KRALJIC-CURRAN LIBERAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Established in Honor of the Kraljic Family

Rachel Cyren
Ronald Gere

LIBERAL ARTS AWARD

Elizabeth Mercado



**CHARLOTTE KELLER MARMAROS SCHOLARSHIP FOR
PROMISING PROFESSIONALS IN GERONTOLOGY**

Chelsea Rivera

DAVID B. SILVER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Rachel Turay - *First Prize*

Faiza Qaderi - *Second Prize*

Maria Shah - *Third Prize*

DEAN MARILYN CHERNIN STUDENT LEADER ENDOWED SERVICE AWARD

Nikki Tam

**GLADYS BROOKS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FOR
STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Tenelle Mapp

Damien Niese wand

Yi Zhang

**HARRY RITCHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR
PROMISING PROFESSIONALS IN GERIATRICS**

Jamel Williams

ISRAEL AND JULIA GLASSER SCHOLARSHIP FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bianka Campos

JOSEPH HINKLEY COMMUTER TO CAMPUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Richard Glazunov

David Stepanov

KARLENE AND MICHAEL GOODING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jared Lyn

KATHLEEN PAPPAGALLO STUDENT AMBASSADOR'S AWARD

Presented by Prof. Angelo Pappagallo

Hanan Latiff

KCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Funded by the KCC Alumni Association

Mengna Cao

Danilo Li

Brian Ramirez

**LEON M. GOLDSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Hanan Latiff

LUCILLE NIEPARENT MEMORIAL AWARD

Galo Erazo

MARIA GANCI-SPINAZZOLA COLLEGE NOW GRADUATION AWARD

Aneesa Leka

MILLIE AND MAURICE SINGER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Gabrielle Ramirez

NEW START PROGRAM AWARD

Gonzalez Macedo
Brianna Santos

OTIS HILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

*Funded by the KCC Alumni Association in Honor of Dr. Otis Hill,
Former Vice Chancellor of The City University of New York*

Dekeisha Decambra
Simon Ruvinov

REGINA S. PERUGGI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Yuntao Dai

SCIENCE SCHOLARS AWARD

Funded in Honor of Dean Thelma Malle

Julia Klokova

SUZANNE MURPHY AND JEFF BARKER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Genevieve Farrell

YUET CHUN & TAI YEE MA ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kyle Mai

HONORS PROGRAM AWARD

Sara Bei
Ximena Cazares
Tabi Lettsome
Leyla Nazarova

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

Sean Brady	Chouaib Fadili	Chaya Richman
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Leora Elnatanov	Elizabeth Mercado	Elton Zhong
	Damien Niesewand	

PRESIDENTIAL HONORS SCHOLARS CERTIFICATE

Nawel Messaoudi
Evgenia Sherstyuk

THE SALUTATORIAN AWARD

Chouaib Fadili

THE VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Funded in Memory of Fred F. Addes

Damien Niesewand

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