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CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

West Room
North & Biddle Room
Harvard Club of New York City
35 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036

Friday, June 22, 2018

PROGRAM

10:00 A.M.

Coffee Reception

11:00 A.M.

Welcome: Andrew Windsor

**Co-Chairmen's Address: Mr. Vijay Dandapani
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**2018 NYHTC & HANYC, Inc.
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The scholarship program is again honored to receive a special donation of \$25,000 from Mr. Mario Gabelli and the Gabelli Foundation. Mr. Mario Gabelli's father, Joseph Gabelli, was a longtime Local 6 member who worked in the food & beverage department as a sous chef in a number of shops, including the historic Hotel Astor and Savoy Plaza Hotel, as well as the University Club and Luchow's. As a result of this generosity, there are three additional scholarship recipients this year, all children of Local 6 food & beverage department employees. We sincerely thank Mr. Gabelli and the Gabelli Foundation for this generous donation.

2018 VITO J. PITTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

ALISON APEKU – The Wagner

At Harlem Village Academies High School Alison is the Secretary of the National Honor Society Chapter. She is the Captain of app development team at BridgeUp:STEM, Co-Captain of the Glee Club and a mentor at the Orchid Foundation. She has been a participant in the Brown University Pre-College Program, a member of the Cheerleading Squad and an Ambassador for Embrace Her Legacy Program. Alison also in many community and high school volunteer activities. She will attend the College of the Holy Cross and plans to study Economics.

LESLIE CABALLERO – The Pierre

Leslie attends Stamford High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a representative and President of AVID which provides academic support to fellow students. Her school involvement and community volunteerism is plentiful and diverse; STEMfest, Cancer Club, Vice President of the Jewelry and Metal Club, member of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Counsel, Bible Camp Counselor and Ferguson Library Assistant. She will be majoring in Engineering and will attend the University of Connecticut.

MELANIE CHIO – The Wagner

At Brooklyn Technical High School Melanie is President of the Chemical Engineering Major Executive Board, member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, participant in "Girls Who Code at Columbia University" and member of the Model United Nations. She was a finalist in the JP Morgan Chase's Youth Tech Challenge and a member of the overall winning team for the AT&T Women in Tech Hackathon. She will attend Stony Brook University majoring in Computer Science.

MEHREEN CHOUDHURY – London NY

Mehreen is a member of the National Honor Society at Manhattan Hunter Science High School. She is a member of the Yearbook Committee, Student Council, Robotics Club, Art Club, Culinary Club and the founder of the Knit and Stitch Club. Mehreen was a chosen as a researcher at NYU's C21 STEP Scholars Program as well as volunteers tutoring math and grammar for local students. She plans a career in Nursing and will attend New York University.

GLORIA DAS – Omni Berkshire Place & NY Marriot East Side

Gloria attends The Bronx High School of Science and is one of the schools Biology Regeneron representatives. She conducts research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, volunteers tutoring math and grammar, coaches youth in Indian Classical singing and playing the harmonium and is a member of Project Fire (Feminism: Inclusion, Rights, Equality). Gloria will major in Biology at SUNY-Buffalo in preparation for a career in medicine.

HUNTER DOBSON – Harvard Club

Hunter is a scholar at Francis Lewis High School. He volunteers much of his spare time at his church participating in various events to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, the Highland Care Center Nursing Home and the Outreach Program (Ending Hunger, Enriching Lives). He is also a member of the New York Road Runners. Hunter will major in History at St. John's University.

SALMA ELBOUTE – Millennium Broadway & Night Times Square

At Williamsburg Preparatory High School Salma is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as its Chapter Treasurer. She is a founder and member of the Muslim Club, partner within Student Government, chosen as a Youth Ambassador for The Korea Society and selected as a Global Fellow to represent the AFS Intercultural Program in Ireland. Salma's outside interests include traveling, softball, Muslim history and exploring new culinary experiences. She will be majoring in Business at Lehigh University.

VANESSA FERRERAS – Courtyard by Marriott Chelsea

Vanessa is a member of the National Honor Society and the English Honor Society at St. Catherine's Academy. She is Vice-President of the Student Council, Founding member of the Environmental Club, Secretary of the ANIME Club. Additionally, Vanessa is involved in the Photography, Praise Dancers, Knitting, Tennis and Dance Club. She will major in Biology at Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (Honors College).

KRISTI FUNG – The Maxwell New York City

Kristi attends Bard High School Early College Queens where she is a Student Ambassador, Peer Tutor and member of the Model United Nations. She is a member of the Red Cross Club, participates in the New York Tzu Shao Youth Association and is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese. Kristi's outside interests include classical music, traditional Chinese music, flute, guzheng, running and skiing. She will attend Stony Brook University majoring in Biology.

AVIK GOMES – Park Lane

At Hicksville High School Avik is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Math, English, French and Science Honor Societies. He is a member of the Robotics Club, the French Club, and the String Ensemble playing the violin. He participates in the pit orchestra for school musicals and runs Varsity Cross Country. Avik also tutors, teaches religious education and is a teacher for the Hicksville Tech Squad (HTS). He will attend New York University and will major in Computer Science.

ELONA HOFFELD – The Pierre

At the Institute for Collaborative Education, Elona is Editor of the Yearbook, Captain of the Girl's Softball Club and participates in School-wide Field Days running activities for younger students. While continuing to work a part-time job, she has also been an Environmental Intern and part of the winning *A Spring of Hope's* student philanthropy challenge, travelling to South Africa to witness the impact of clean drinking water. She will attend UMASS-Amherst (Honors) majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

SIMON HUANG – Double Tree Guest Suites Times Square

Simon attends Brooklyn Technical High School and is a member of the BTHS Dragon Boat Club and competitive DCH Racing paddler. Simon is a member of a competitive swim team; the Chelsea Blue Dolphins and is also an instructor with Dolphin swimming. He volunteers in his community at the local learning center tutoring middle-school students in SHSAT prep. He will attend Boston University majoring in Physical Therapy.

JOSIAH JONES – St. Regis

Josiah attends New Canaan High School and is a member of the Varsity Wrestling, Volleyball, Cross Country and Basketball Teams. He volunteers as a member of the Rams Council Foundation and is a participant in activities and events for the Service League of Boys. He was chosen as a representative for the *Experiment of International Living* travelling to Morocco to study its culture. Josiah will attend New York University majoring in Civil Engineering.

TASMIA KABIR – Hilton Times Square

At Bronx High School of Science, Tasmia is a member of the National Honor Society and Spotlight Editor for the school newspaper, Science Survey. She is also the Treasurer for the Muslim Students' Association, a member of the yearbook committee and events coordinator with Students Take Actions Now Darfur (STAND). She volunteers in her community at the local learning center tutoring middle-school students in SHSAT prep. She is the 2016 winner of the MIT Inspire Research competition for Political Science. Tamia will be attending Hunter-Macaulay Honors and majoring in Biochemistry.

MOHONA KAZI – Intercontinental Barclay

Mohona attends the Brooklyn Latin School and is the founder and President of the Feminist Student Union. She's a Saltz Internship participant at the American Museum of Natural History, a Tutorial Educational Assistant at MindMatters and works at school tutoring prospective Brooklyn Latin students in SHSAT prep. She also volunteers her time at the local Nursing Home assisting the residents. Mohona will be attending Baruch College and majoring in Biology.

DANIEL LI – Resorts World Casino NY

Daniel attends Brooklyn Technical High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and a Math Team Club captain. He is Co-President of the Ultimate Arts and Crafts Club, member of the Yearbook Committee and part of the Student Leadership within student government. Outside of school, Daniel works as an Electrical Engineering Aide at Con Edison Company and has acted as a Teacher's Assistant while volunteering at the local learning center. He plans on majoring in Electrical Engineering and will attend Boston University.

WILLIAM LI – Lexington Hotel

At Brooklyn Technical High School William is the founder and President of the Chinese Culture Club, member of the Math Team Club, Secretary of the Chinese Chess Club and member of the Young Entrepreneur Association. He has also interned at the Museum of American Finance and currently trades on the Stock Market. William is a volunteer member of the Red Cross, a camp counselor at the YMCA and tutored at a local learning center. He will attend Boston University majoring in Finance.

ANNA LIANG – Trump International & Dominick Hotel

Anna attends the NYC Lab School for Collaborative Studies. She is a MedDOCs participant having completed programs at The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She holds a black-belt in Taekwondo, serves as an Assistant Instructor teaching students this martial art and was recently awarded a scholarship to participate in the World Taekwondo Youth Camp in South Korea. She works part-time, is a Junior Instructor at Hudson River Community Sailing and is a Student Painter at the Queens Museum. She will attend SUNY Stony Brook and will major in Biomedical Engineering.

EMILY LIN – Double Tree Guest Suites Times Square

At Staten Island Technical High School, Emily is a member of the National Honor Society and Secretary for the “Girls Who Code” Club. She has worked at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, worked at a law office and interned with the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program. Emily is a member of the Cheerleading Squad and has worked with school and community organizations to develop a new vision for the Tompkinsville Park. She will attend Villanova University majoring in Civil Engineering.

KEVIN LOPEZ – Plaza Hotel

Kevin is a member of the National Honor Society, the Captain of both the Soccer and Lacrosse Teams and the Treasurer of the Student Government Organization at the A. Philip Randolph Campus High School. He is a member of the Swim Team and volunteers at the Office of the Coordinator of Student Affairs (COSA) on campus. Kevin also volunteers as a youth soccer coach, is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and has studied in Denmark in conjunction with Project Rousseau. He will attend Syracuse University majoring in Computer Engineering.

SYEDA LUBABAH – St. Regis

At The Young Women’s Leadership School of Astoria, Syeda was selected to participate in the Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program, is a representative for the school at its Open Houses and is in the Drama Club. She’s a Saltz Internship participant at the American Museum of Natural History, a Teacher’s Assistant at a Tutorial Center and is an Intern at her State Assemblywoman’s Office. Syeda is a participant for Embrace Her Legacy Program, Swims competitively and was presented with the NYC Service for School Program Award. She will attend Fordham University and will be majoring in Biology.

CHRISTIAN MENGER – Hilton Garden Inn

Christian is a Squadron Commander with the Air Force ROTC Program at Aviation High School. He is the Assistant Drill Instructor and c/Master Sergeant of the Color Guard Drill Team. Christian works part-time and volunteered at a Nursing Home as a Senior Care Nurse’s Assistant. He is the recipient of the Air Force Association Award and the Tuskegee Airman Award. He will be attending SUNY-Buffalo and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

AMINA NASARI – Double Tree Guest Suites Times Square

At Hicksville High School, Amina is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the English, Spanish, Math, Social Studies and Science Honor Societies. She is a member of the Key Club, Ecology Club, Student Government, Muslim Cultural Association, Interact Club and was a participant in the Chemistry Olympiad. Amina is a Laboratory Assistant at a pediatrics facility, is the Website Coordinator for the Breast Cancer Comfort Foundation and is a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She will attend Stony Brook University where she will major in Cell Biology.

JUANA YING NG – Peninsula New York

Juana is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Girls Who Code Club at Staten Island Technical High School. She is a member of the Step by Step Club, the Anime Club, Lifestyles Tech Café and plays on the Varsity Badminton Team. Juana volunteers her time at an animal rescue facility and tutors at a community learning center. Her interests include music, travel, graphic design and computer hardware. She will attend New York University majoring in Computer Science.

SHABIHA NISHI – Warwick

At Forest Hills High School Shabiha is President of the Muslim Student Association, Secretary of the Cardiology Club and Treasurer of Girl Up Club. She has interned at both the Life Science Research and Dermatophytes at New York Institute and is involved with the Ranger Conservation Corps (RCC) working on environmental restoration. Shabiha enjoys theater, photography and helping others learn more about the scientific field. She will attend City College of New York and will major in Mechanical Engineering.

KRISTINA PIDVIRNY – Warwick & Algonquin

Kristina is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Math and Social Studies Honor Societies at Leon M. Goldstein High School for Sciences. She is Captain of the Girls Varsity Swim Team, Manager of the Boys Varsity Swim Team, Secretary of the Red Cross Club and Co-founder/Vice President of the Animal Rights Club. Kristina is a competitive Ballroom Dancer and has won the Ballroom National Dance competition in the youth category. She volunteers at a homeless shelter, animal shelter and is a ballroom dance instructor at a local studio. Kristina will attend Stony Brook University and will major in Psychology.

ALEX POON – Andaz Wall Street

At Stuyvesant High School Alex is a member of the Business and Finance Society, the Math and English Club, Co-founder/President of the Fantasy Basketball League and member of the Red Cross Club. He is also a musician, skilled in both the trumpet and French horn, and has achieved First Chair in Concert Band for the French horn. He has interned as a Program Manager with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and volunteers as a Discovery Guide at the New York Aquarium. Alex will attend New York University and will major in Business.

SABIHA RAHMAN – Peninsula New York

At the Garden School Sabiha is a member of the Key Club. She has also participated in the Muslim Student Association, Robotics Squad, the Dance Team, Girls Learn and UNICEF. She volunteers at Red Cross events, at the emergency department of Elmhurst Hospital, tutors middle-school students in SHSAT prep and participates at events for the NYC Parks Department. She will major in Chemical Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology.

TAHMID RAHMAN – Ritz Carlton Central Park

Tahmid is a member of the National Honor Society at Hillcrest High School. He is a representative of the Model United Nations and was the recipient for Best Position Paper at the Change the World Model UN Conference. He volunteers at the Islamic center of North America and performs physician shadowing at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center. Tahmid will attend Adelphi University and will major in Biochemistry.

ALEXANDRA SACZAWA – Beekman Tenant Corporation

At the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Alexandra is a member of the National Honor Society and the Valedictorian of her 2018 graduating class. She is President of the Key Club, Vice President of her class, Treasurer of Bringing Unity through Youth Club, member of the Math Club, participant in the Science Olympiad and a member of the Global Ambassadors Club. Alexandra also plays Varsity Field Hockey, Lacrosse and Volleyball. She volunteers with Toys for Tots, numerous community food drives and works events at the local elementary school. Alexandra will study Science at Yale University.

MAHESH SAHA – Hotel Plaza Athenee

Mahesh is a member of the National Honor Society and Senior Caucus Chief of Staff at Stuyvesant High School. He is a member of the Public Forum Debate Team, Dragon Boat Team, Moot Court Team, a representative in Student Government and works at school tutoring prospective students in SHSAT prep. Mahesh participated in the National Judicial Competition with the Brooklyn D.A.'s Office in the Appellate Division where he won first place for the state. He will attend Williams College majoring in Political Science.

JENNIFER TAPAN – Parker New York

Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society at The High School for Health Professions and Human Services. She is a member of the Liberty Partnership Program, Women's Leadership Club and tutors students in Math and English. She has interned at YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities, volunteers at Mount Sinai Eye & Ear and teaches Catholic Catechist to elementary school children. Jennifer is on the Cross Country Indoor/Outdoor Track Team and plays the piano. She will attend Hunter College and will major in Biology.

AMY TORRES – Parker New York

At The Beacon School Amy is a member of the Photography Club and Teaching Assistant for AP Biology as well as Sophomore English. She volunteers for Project Able a program that brings attention to women empowerment issues in Tanzania and works for her District Representative in bringing awareness to issues in and around her community. Amy also tutors elementary school children in Math. She will major in Art & Archeology at Princeton University.

SOPHIA TSANG – Crown Plaza Times Square

At Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School Sophia is a member of the Science Honor Society, Key Club, Pre-Med Club, Zumba/Yoga/Pilates Club and the Asian Jade Society. She participates in the Panorama Dance Project, works with the NYPD in its Explorer Program and traveled to Taiwan to teach school children English. Sophia is also a Teaching Assistant at a Dance Studio. She will attend Hunter College and major in Nutrition.

FRANKLIN VILLANUEVA – Hotel Edison

At Thomas A. Edison C.T.E. High School Franklin serves as Parliamentarian for the National Honor Society Cabinet and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He is also a member of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), the Yearbook Committee, the Science Club, the Show Choir and Peer Group Connections Leader. Franklin volunteers at New York-Presbyterian Queens Hospital and enjoys singing and dancing. He will attend St. Johns University and major in Pharmacy.

LETICIA WOOD – Parker New York

Leticia serves as Parliamentarian for the National Honor Society, President of the National English Honor Society and member of the Math and Spanish Honor Societies at Academies of Englewood. She is Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, President of the Interact Club, Chairwoman for Project Speak-Up, Co-founder of the Coalition for Empowerment and Support and is the Junior State of America Regional Director of Activism. Leticia is an HR Intern at Seeds of Peace and also volunteers with the Ambulance Corps. She will attend Brown University and major in Cognitive Neuroscience.

ANNIE WU – Mandarin Oriental New York

Annie is a member of the National Honor Society at Stuyvesant High School. She is a mentor in the Big Sib Program where she volunteers guiding incoming students. Annie is Captain of the Varsity Girls Swimming/Diving Team that won the 2018 PSAL Championships. She is a Cellist in the school's Symphonic Orchestra and also performs for the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. She interned at the Food Bank of New York City, served as an EATWISE Ambassador and volunteers performing music at nursing homes. She will attend Baruch College and major in Business.

WERONIKA WYSZYNSKA – Mark Hotel

Weronika is a member of the National Honor Society at Forest Hills High School. She is a member of the Key Club, the Cardiology Club, the Carl Sagan Program, the Math Team and the Health and Nutrition Club. She interned at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital and was a Student Researcher at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Weronika also volunteered at New York Presbyterian Hospital and tutors elementary school students. She plays tennis and participate in Track and Field events. Weronika will attend St. Johns University and major in Biology.

SABRINA YANG – University Club

At Millennium High School Sabrina is Chief Editor of the Yearbook Club, is a Senior Officer of her class, a Leader in the Korean Club and participates in the Community Service Club. She is a Youth Leader for the Coalition for Asian American Children and volunteers as a Teacher's Assistant at the Chinese Methodist Center Corporation. Her interests include singing and dancing. Sabrina will attend Stony Brook University and major in Computer Science.

LAUREN YULIAWAN – St. Regis

Lauren serves as Treasurer for the National Honor Society and represents her class as Treasurer in Student Government at the Joseph A. Foran High School. She is Co-President of the Ski Club, member of the Lion Pride Club, Student Ambassador for Natural Helpers, participant in Mathletes and a member of the French Club. Lauren is a certified Zumba Instructor and competitive Dancer. She volunteers as an ambassador/aide at Yale New Haven Hospital's Pediatric Med/Card Surgery Unit. She will attend the University of Central Florida and major in Nursing.

WESLEY ZHAO – West 57th Street by Hilton Club

At Millennium High School Wesley is Fundraising Chairman of the Key Club, Team Leader of the Diverse Dance Club and acts as a Parent-Teacher Conference Chinese Translator. He is an Opportunity Network Fellow, has attended Carnegie Mellon University's Summer Academy of Math & Science and volunteers at NYC Cares as well as acts as a Teacher's Assistant at an elementary school. His interests include cooking, dancing, track and ultimate Frisbee. Wesley will attend Carnegie Mellon University and major in Business.

**2018 FRANK E. SARIS
CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER**

TAHMID AHMED – Harvard Club

Tahmid is a student at Brooklyn Technical High School. He is the Editor in Chief of the school newspaper-The Survey, as well as serves as the Technology/Physics Captain of Science Olympiad for the past three years. He is also a distinguished member of the National Honor Society and a State and Regional medalist in Science Olympiad. His interest and hobbies range from sports, to baking and creative writing. His writing entry placed second in the 2017 Hotel Trades Council Contest. Tahmid will study Physical Science at Harvard University.

2018 DIVISION A SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BRIAN CHAN – 6 Columbus

At New Utrecht High School Brian was selected as a Trailblazer as one of its academic top performers. He is a member of the Asian Club, the Anime Film Club and the Photography Club. Brian interned with the Brooklyn-American Association as a Teacher's Assistant and participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program at NYU Lutheran Medical Center. He will attend Hunter College and major in Nursing.

JOHNSTON LI – NYLO

At Brooklyn Technical High School Johnston is a member of the Key Club, Chess Club and is on the Track and Field Team. He volunteers at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce where he coordinates events, immigration fairs and lends his musical talent to entertain. Johnston's interests include playing the piano, computer coding, creating music and writing novels and stories. He will major in Computer Science and attend SUNY-Buffalo.

JACKY LIN – NYLO

At NYC Museum School Jacky is Lead Editor of the Literary Magazine, a member of the Science Research Club, Chess Club, Music Club and Photography Club. He volunteers in the Pediatric Emergency Room of Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center and has interned as a Compounding Pharmacy Technician at a community pharmacy. Jacky also interns at Morgan Stanley as a Reengineering Expense Associate. He will major in Science at DeSales University.

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