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CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON**

**Theater Ballroom I
& Ballroom II**

**Grand Hyatt New York Hotel
Park Avenue at Grand Central
New York, NY 10017**

Friday, June 21, 2019

PROGRAM

10:00 A.M.

Coffee Reception

11:00 A.M.

Welcome:	Mr. Andrew Windsor
Co-Chairmen's Address:	Mr. Vijay Dandapani Mr. Peter Ward
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2019 NYHTC & HANYC, Inc. Awards Presentation:	Mr. Lawrence Momo

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RYAN DWYER – Grand Hyatt New York
XANDER FANN – St. Regis New York
FEIZZA FAZILATUN – Omni Berkshire Place
MATTHEW GAMERO – New York Hilton
STANLEY GRULLON – The Redbury New York
JASMINE HUANG – Dominick Hotel
CITLALLI HUERTA – The Maxwell NYC
FARDEEN HUSSAIN – The Carlyle
HUBERT KOLODZIEJ – Hotel at Times Square
GLENN KONTOR – The Roosevelt Hotel
TSERING LAMA – Dominick Hotel
YAN FEN LIANG – POD 39
TIFFANY LIU – Park Lane New York
VASKAR MASKEY – Peninsula New York
OWEN MCKINNEY – Ritz Carlton Central Park
TIMOTHY NGUYEN – Doubletree Suites
IMAN OMAR – Omni Berkshire Place
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2019 VITO J. PITTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

BARBARA ADJEI – The Pierre

At the High School of American Studies at Lehman College (HSAS), Barbara is the creator and administrator of numerous foreign language blogs where she posts vocabulary lists, grammar explanations and language learning advice for about 5,000 followers. She is the President of the Drama Club, a member of the Environmental Club and participant in “Girls Who Code at HSAS” where she recently completed its Summer Immersion Program. Barbara also created a foreign language curriculum at her former middle school designed to teach children French to A2 level. Her hobbies include following tennis, coding/web design and reading. She will attend Dartmouth College and plans to study Linguistics and Computer Science.

AARON AGUDELO – Ritz Carlton Central Park

Aaron attends The Fieldston School and is a member of the Varsity Track and Field Team. He is also a musician, skilled in both the Violin and Bassoon, and has received multiple Fellowships for both instrumental and vocal excellence. Aaron has been a member of the world renowned Young People’s Chorus for over a decade performing three yearly concerts at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the Kaufman Concert Hall. In 2018, Aaron traveled with the Chorus to Japan, visiting 15 cities and giving 23 concerts. He will attend Colby College and will major in Mathematics and Science.

TAASEEN ALI – Plaza Hotel

At Stuyvesant High School, Taaseen is the Captain of the Varsity Fencing Team, President of the Computer for Science organization, plays the Flute as the principal chair for the Concert Band, is a member of the ARISTA Web Development Committee, a songwriter and tech crew member for the school’s SING! Performances and volunteers as a StuyPrep tutor for middle school students. He placed the 2nd in the 25th Annual Toshiba Exploravision Competition in science and technology. His hobbies include computer programming, writing music and playing guitar. Taaseen will attend New York University majoring in Engineering.

SUITY BANDYOPADHYAY – Parker New York

Suity is a member of the Pre-Medical Society at Stuyvesant High School. She is a member of the Copy Department for the school’s newspaper, a tutor in Math and English, an editor on the Yearbook Committee, a member of the stage and art crew for the school’s SING! Performances and works as a Monitor at the Attendance Office. Suity participates in Kuchipudi, classical Indian dance, as well as has run a marathon with the New York Road Runners. She plans to study Biochemistry and will attend the Macaulay Honors College-Hunter.

DAVID BUNETA – New York Hilton

David attends Marlboro High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. His many leadership roles include President of the Leadership, Experience, Opportunity Club, Co-President of the Science League, Youth Secretariat in Marlboro HS Youth and Government and Secretary General of the YMCA Northeast Regional Model United Nations. David is also a member of the French Club, volunteers as a lifeguard, is a current Board Member of the local non-profit “Casa Freehold”, is a classically trained pianist and is a SCUBA certified diver. David will major in Business at University of South Carolina as a Capstone Scholar.

RYAN DWYER – Grand Hyatt New York

Ryan attends Division Avenue High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, World Language and Math Honor Society. He is a member of the Key Club, the Broadcast Club, the Physics Club, a Peer Leader for freshman students, plays on the Varsity Basketball team and has achieved a Black Belt ranking having been on the Karate Team for all four years. Ryan volunteers his spare time at his church serving as an acolyte, established a new chapter of the Sea Scouts Troop, works with the Tuesday’s Children organization and has gone on two volunteer foreign aid trips (Thailand & Dominican Republic). Ryan will major in International Relations at Stanford University.

XANDER FANN – St. Regis New York

At The Bronx High School of Science, Xander is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a Senate representative in the Student Government. He is the co-captain of the Track and Field Team, an anchor for the school’s TV program - Wolverine TV, leads an outside Cross-country team of runners highly ranked city-wide, performs and competes internationally in competitions in Ballroom Dancing and has interned at various political offices. Xander is also a Counselor at CCHC Child Development Center and participates in the Cooper Union Saturday Architecture Program. He will be majoring in Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University.

FEIZZA FAZILATUN – Omni Berkshire Place

Feizza attends The Bronx High School of Science focusing on mathematics, high level programming and computer based studies. She is the Assistant Director of the Fazul Hasan Cadet Madrasah coordinating activities for participants, is an activist at the Bangladeshi America Community Council (BACC) and interns at law offices located in the Bronx and Manhattan focusing on immigration and nationality laws. Her other activities include the Speech and Debate Team, Amnesty International Club, the Red Cross club and participating in the Computer Science for Cyber Security at New York University. Feizza plans to study Computer Science and will attend the Macaulay Honors College-Hunter.

MATTHEW GAMERO – New York Hilton

Matthew attends Benjamin N. Cardozo High School and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is one of the founding members of the school's chapter of My Brother's Keeper, serves as the Conference Coordinator of the Model United Nations program and is a Board Member and the Executive Curator of Funding at the Gateway to Higher Education. Matthew is a member of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute, has interned at the office of an assembly member, promotes civic involvement as a founding member of his New York Boys State chapter and swims competitively. He will attend Columbia University majoring in Economics.

STANLEY GRULLON – The Redbury New York

At Regis High School, Stanley is a member of the Aquatic Science Club, Glee Club, Stage Crew and a founding member of the tutoring organization, MyCulture YourCulture. He is Editor of the Regis Yearbook and volunteers helping those in need through Search and Care. Stanley's hobbies include writing, drawing, singing and practicing Tai Chi. He is also fluent in three languages. Stanley will attend SUNY-Binghamton University and will major in Economics.

JASMINE HUANG – Dominick Hotel

Jasmine attends Brooklyn Technical High School focusing her academic passion in the field of Biological Sciences. While continuing to work a part-time job, she also volunteers her time at the Chinese American Planning Council, teaches swimming through Swim Safe New York and participated in a political campaign for her local state committee candidate. She is also a member of the H.O.P.E Club and the school's dance team, TechUnique. Jasmine will attend Villanova University majoring in Nursing.

CITLALLI HUERTA – The Maxwell NYC

At Yonkers International Baccalaureate World High School, Citlalli is a Student Representative in the Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) organization, is a member of the Varsity Swim Team and is Vice-President of the Meditation Club. She volunteers much of her time at the Adira at Riverside Rehabilitation Center and at the Hudson River Museum giving tours and being involved in art and Science workshops. Citlalli received the award for excellence from The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, won the Agent of Change award from YPIE and received the Beczak Center Volunteer Award. She will attend Trinity College majoring in Environmental Science.

FARDEEN HUSSAIN – The Carlyle

Fardeen attends The Bronx High School of Science and is a member of the History Club and the Red Cross Club. He works as a private home tutor mentoring students and interns as well at a tutoring academy assisting instructors in their daily work. Fardeen is a Research Assistant in the meteorological and environmental fields working on projects with a lab mentor from Drexel University. He is the Co-founder and Director of Finance for The International Alliance of Afghan Literacy (TIAFAL), a student run non-profit advancing education and literacy in Afghanistan. Fardeen will attend Columbia University majoring in Environmental Sciences.

HUBERT KOLODZIEJ – Hotel at Times Square

At Williamsburg High School for Architecture and Design, Hubert is a member of the Honor Roll. He volunteers his spare time at his church serving as an altar server, works as a volunteer in Polish Supplementary School and instructs students as a co-teacher at the YMCA Karate Club. Hubert holds a 3rd Degree Black in Shotokan Karate and competes in the World Championships, placing 4th at the 2018 IKD World Championship in Barbados. He is working towards qualifying for the 2020 Summer Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan. His other activities include soccer, skiing and swimming/diving. Hubert will be attending St. John's University and majoring in Homeland Security.

GLENN KONTOR – The Roosevelt Hotel

Glenn attends the University Heights High School where he is Secretary of the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Club and a member of the Track Team. He works as an academic tutor focusing on improving the reading and comprehension skills of first and second graders. He also interns at an architectural firm in Manhattan and works at a major clothing retailer as a Sales Brand Ambassador. Glenn will be attending Middlebury College as a Posse Scholar and majoring in Environmental Sciences.

TSERING LAMA – Dominick Hotel

Tsering attends Manhattan Hunter Science High School and is a member of the Yearbook Club and the Newspaper Club. She is also the Head Manager and Wrestler on both the Boys and Girls Varsity Wrestling Teams, having won multiple gold and silver medals. Tsering has participated as a trainee in a Health Internship Program, worked as a Lab Assistant and has served as a Rounding Volunteer at Mount Sinai West Hospital. She has interned as a Student Researcher in the Proskauer Educational and Readiness Program and at the American Museum of History. Tsering plans on majoring in Global Health and will attend Georgetown University.

YAN FEN LIANG – POD 39

At The Bronx High School of Science, Yan is the Copy Chief and Business Manager of the School's Newspaper and Yearbook committees, Secretary of the Greek Club and serves as Cabinet Advisor for the Student Organization. She is also Co-Captain of the Varsity Table Tennis Team, participates in the Big Sib program mentoring freshman, is a member of the Varsity Bowling and Varsity Handball Teams and has interned as a marketing editor for a social media company. Her hobbies include reading, writing and photography. Yan will attend Washington University in St. Louis majoring in Social Science.

TIFFANY LIU – Park Lane New York

Tiffany attends Staten Island Technical High School and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Hispanic/FUBU Club, the Filipino Club, Asian American Club and the Dance Club. She has interned at the NYM Medical Associates, volunteered assisting teachers at summer education programs and helps run fundraisers and other charity events. Tiffany has won three ABRSM piano awards and is certified in AutoCAD. She will attend SUNY Stony Brook and will major in Biochemistry.

VASKAR MASKEY – Peninsula New York

At The Dalton School, Vaskar is a member of the Science Team/Science Olympiad, French Club, Science Fiction and Fantasy Club, Asian Cultures Club and Men of Color Club. He is a Teacher's Assistant in the field of Computer Science, a Camp Counselor at The Dalton Summer Camp and has traveled to Fiji on an environmental trip. His hobbies include a love of cars and all things mechanical, art and photography. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

OWEN MCKINNEY – Ritz Carlton Central Park

At New Rochelle High School, Owen is a member of the National Honor Society, the Italian Honor Society, the Performing Visual Arts Education Program (PAVE), is section leader in the Chorale and participates in TheatreWorks. He is the Patrol Leader for Troop 4 of the Boys Scouts of America, a participant of the Musical Theatre College Auditions Dance/City Center, a member of the Ursuline School Drama Club, volunteers at the Sharing Shelf of Westchester and participates at the Westchester Sandbox Theatre. Owen will attend the Boston Conservatory majoring in Musical Theater.

TIMOTHY NGUYEN – Doubletree Suites

At Regis High School, Timothy is a member of the Speech Team, President of the Film Club, member of the Astronomy Club, Latin Peer Tutor for the Foreign Language Department, member of the Italian Cultural Society and member of the Regis Reparatory. He also serves as a Student Advisor for incoming freshman, is a member of the Marymount Musical organization, works as a Tutor for the Marymount School Summer Camp and is a Teacher of writing and publishing through a workshop called Kids Tales. His hobbies include Filmmaking, Piano and Theater. Timothy will attend Vassar College and will be majoring in Film.

IMAN OMAR – Omni Berkshire Place

At Lehman Manhattan Prep, Iman is a member of the National Honor Society, the President and Founder of the Science Club and Vice President and Founder of the Arabic Club. He is also a Student Ambassador Leader welcoming incoming students, an Actor and Stage Manager in school productions, is a writer for the Newspaper's Science Section and plays the Clarinet in the Band. Iman is also a Tutor for children with special needs, coordinates clothing drives and fundraisers for an orphanage in Egypt, volunteers at New York Presbyterian Hospital and is a Junior Associate Board Member for Gilda's Club. He will be attending Cornell University and majoring in Biology and Society.

ALISON PARISH – Courtyard by Marriott Herald Square

At The Spence School, Alison is President of the Student Council, a member of the Choreography Club, a member of the Science Team, plays the Flute in the school's Orchestra and is a dual-language scholar in French and Latin. She is a Tutor in Math, Science and Latin, coordinates clothing drives, volunteers her musical and artistic talents at the United Hebrew Homes and has interned at the Mt. Sinai Medical Med Start Program. Alison was one of only one hundred students selected nation-wide to be a member of the Disney Dreamers Academy. She enjoys reading, playing sports, dancing and listening to music. Alison will attend Princeton University where she will major in Molecular Biology.

SABINA PROCHOWSKI – Skyline Hotel

At Townsend Harris High School, Sabina is the Secretary of the Concert Band where she plays the Clarinet, a member of the Key Club and the Leader of both the Russian and Polish Festival of Nations (FON). She is a Polish language Tutor and Scholar, volunteers at the Red Cross, has worked on various political campaigns and currently works as an Assistant at a travel agency. Her interests include new technologies, music, travel, volleyball, dance, flag football and community service. Sabina will attend Rutgers University - Honors College majoring in Computer Engineering.

MADEHA RAMISA – The Michelangelo & New York Hilton

At the High School for Health Professions and Human Services, Madeha is a member of the Debate Club and involved in Peer Mediation. She has interned at the Mount Sinai Hospital Systems Biology Lab, volunteers at Queens Botanical Garden, trained at Columbia University in the Hb Bioforce Laboratory and is the winner of the Biomedical Engineering Design competition at Columbia University's Hk Maker Lab. Madeha works at the NYU Elmer Holmes Bobst Library. She will attend New York University and will major in Computer Science.

MARIA REYES-TORRES – London NYC

At The NYC Museum High School, Maria is a member of the Science Research Club, the Sustainability Club, the Varsity Volleyball Team and Co-Creator of the Volleyball Club. She is a member of the Mentor Fellowship Program, helps as an assistant at her Church and volunteers as a teacher/mentor for a summer enrichment program. Maria is focused on the environment/sustainability sciences and has implemented sustainable practices in waste management. Her hobbies include photography, crafts, interior decorating, painting and sewing. Maria will attend Hunter College and will major in Environmental Sciences.

NADIA TAVAREZ – Embassy Suites Secaucus - Meadowlands

Nadia is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Spanish Club at the Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School. She is a Peer Tutor in Chemistry and Math, has volunteered as an Election Canvasser for Education Matters, plays in the school Band and volunteers at the Jersey City Public Library. Nadia works as a Sales Associate at a national retailer and enjoys learning new languages, reading and playing music. She will attend New Jersey City University and will major in Chemistry.

BRIAN VALERIO – Novotel New York

At The Church Farm School, Brian is a member of the National Honor Society, the Multicultural Club, the Greenhouse Club and participates in the Relay for Life. He plays at the Varsity level for the Soccer, Wrestling and Lacrosse Teams and he is the Assistant to the Dormitory Faculty where he leads and guides students within their living quarters. He has also tutored grade-school students in math and reading. Brian will major in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Rochester.

FION WONG – Four Seasons

Fion is a member of the National Honor Society at The Bronx High School of Science. She is President and Choreographer of the Dance Club, member of the Key Club and the Lunar Club. Fion volunteers as an Interpreter/Translator at a Senior Center and Interns as a Nurse Assistant at a Medical Center. She has also volunteered at CaringKind, an Alzheimer's Association caring for victims of the disease. Fion will attend SUNY-Stony Brook University and will major in Biology.

AKUA YEBOAH – London NYC & Lowell Hotel

At Peekskill High School, Akua is the President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society, Vice President of the Math Honor Society, Vice President of the Science Honor Society, a member of the Social Studies Honor Society and President of the 2019 graduating class. She is a member of the Latino Club, the Student Representative for the Peekskill City School District, Treasurer of the 4-H Club, member of the Peekskill NAACP, volunteer Coordinator for the Special Olympics and plays Varsity Volleyball. Akua is also a private Math Tutor, Interns for an Ophthalmology office and is a Youth Health Promoter at HRHCare Center. She will major in Biology at Georgetown University.

CATHERINE YIP – Manhattan Club

At Stuyvesant High School, Catherine is Head Editor of Yearbook Business Team, Vice President of the Seekers Club and runs Cross-country for the Track Team. She is a Project Manager for the Chinatown Youth Initiatives, has volunteered as a member of the Coney Island Hospital Medical Unit and Interned at NYU Langone Skirball Institute. Catherine is also a volunteer Tutor in a Mentoring Program and plays the flute competitively. She will attend SUNY-Stony Brook University majoring in Marketing.

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MARIAH MENDEZ – Metropolitan Club

At Archbishop Molloy High School, Mariah is Vice President of the Spanish Club, member of the Track and Field Team, participates in the Baking Club and is a French Peer Tutor to her fellow students. She also is the Youth Ambassador for Project Nyame Nsa, serves on the altar at her church, tutors at the Briarwood Shelter helping children with their homework and works as a Sales Associate at a retail establishment. Mariah has interned in Marketing and Communications and is interested in Public Speaking and Law. She will major in English/Philosophy at Fordham University.

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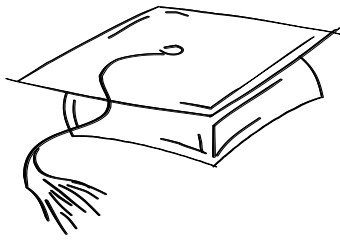
SUNNY KWONG – 11 Howard Hotel

At Brooklyn Technical High School, Sunny is the Manager of the Varsity Soccer Team and was a member of the Junior Varsity Team. She Interns with the Ranger Conservation Corporation, volunteered with the Upper West Side Story/City Arts organization and worked for the Lower East Side Ecology Center. Sunny is an Assistant Counselor for a Public BCA Afterschool Program and has worked as a Teacher's Assistant at the BCA Summer Camps. She will attend Hunter College and major in Science.

JEFFREY LIM – Arthouse Hotel

At Maspeth High School, Jeffrey is a member of the Model United Nations, the Law Club, the Green Club and the Science Club. He teaches swimming as an Instructor, volunteers at a clothing wholesale store and is a member of FASCA organization providing service to the Taiwanese community. He is a competitive swimmer, having qualified for the 2019 Junior Olympics in various events. Jeffrey will attend St. John's University and major in its 6-year Pharmacy Program.

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