The Hunter College 198th Commencement Exercises

Thursday, January 22, 2009
Assembly Hall
January 2009

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations! You have reached a most significant milestone in your life. Your hard work, determination and commitment to your education have been rewarded, and you and your family should take pride in your accomplishments and success. Hunter College certainly takes pride in you.

Your Hunter education has prepared you to meet the challenges of a world that is rapidly changing politically, socially, economically, and technologically. You are part of the next generation of thoughtful, responsible, intelligent leaders who will make a real difference wherever you apply your knowledge and skills. Endless opportunities await you. As you pursue your goals and move forward with your professional and personal lives, please carry with you Hunter's commitment to community, diversity and service to others.

We look forward to hearing great things about you, and we hope you will stay connected to the exciting activities and developments on campus. Please remember Hunter College and know that you will always be part of our family.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

\[Signature\]

Jennifer J. Raab
President
HUNTER COLLEGE
The City University of New York

Order of Exercises
Presiding: Jennifer J. Raab, President
Eija Ayravainen, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Processional
President’s Party, Members of the Faculty, and Candidates for Degrees

National Anthem
Eliana Kissner, Soprano
Bachelor of Music, Hunter College Class of 2009

Greetings
Rita DiMartino
Board of Trustees of The City University of New York

Iris Weinshall
Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning,
Construction and Management of The City University of New York

Charge to the Graduates
President Jennifer J. Raab

Honorary Degree
Richard Gilder
Founder and Senior Managing Member
Gilder Gagnon Howe & Co. LLC

Commencement Speaker
The Honorable Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez
New York Secretary of State, Hunter College Class of 1975

Valedictory Address
Nikoletta Digirolamo
Major: Biological Sciences

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees in Course
Vita Rabinowitz, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Richard Stapleford, Chairman of the Hunter College Senate
Shirley Clay Scott, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
David Steiner, Dean of the School of Education
Kenneth Olden, Acting Dean of the Schools of the Health Professions
Kristine Gebbie, Acting Dean of the School of Nursing
Jacqueline Mondros, Dean of the School of Social Work

Conferring of Degrees
President Jennifer J. Raab

Recessional
Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, Commencement Speaker
Recipient of President’s Medal

Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez was confirmed as New York State’s 65th secretary of state in March 2007. The first Hispanic to hold the position since it was established in 1778, she has come to her current position with an extensive background in the corporate, nonprofit, and government sectors.

Prior to her appointment, she was vice president of government and public affairs at Cablevision Systems Corporation. In the 90s Secretary Cortés-Vázquez gained national recognition for her work as the executive director of ASPIRA of New York, a renowned youth leadership development and education advocacy agency. She later served as president of the Hispanic Federation, a nonprofit network of 90 Latino health and human service agencies.

Secretary Cortés-Vázquez also has extensive experience in government. She served on the New York State Board of Regents from 2001-2007. As chief of staff to former New York State Assemblyman Roberto Ramirez, she oversaw the Puerto Rican Hispanic Task Force and the annual Somos El Futuro Conference. She also worked at the New York City Department of Aging for 14 years, becoming chief of the Bureau of Program and Resource Development. A Hunter College graduate, Secretary Cortés-Vázquez has a master’s degree from New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Richard Gilder
Recipient of Honorary Doctorate of Laws

Richard Gilder is one of the most respected figures in the financial world. He started his own brokerage company, now known as Gilder Gagnon Howe & Co. LLC, in 1968. A graduate of Yale (’54), he began his career with a temporary job on Wall Street—and has gone on to 50 highly successful years in the investment business.

Mr. Gilder’s love of his hometown has long been the focus of his philanthropic activities. He pioneered the renovation of Central Park; is a founding trustee of the Central Park Conservancy; and played a leading role in the transformation of the Hayden Planetarium and its parent, the American Museum of Natural History, into world-class institutions.

Among his many other projects and initiatives, he is the co-creator, along with businessman/philanthropist Lewis Lehrman, of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Yale’s Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition. In addition, he is a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History, co-chairman of the executive committee of the New-York Historical Society, a recipient of honorary degrees from Gettysburg College, St. John’s University, Lincoln College, and Yale. He is also a recipient of the 2005 National Medal of Humanities.
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Henry Ramazzotti
Denise Rogers
Patricia Schultz
Lance Somerfeld
Rhonda Sorger
Elissa Toubin
Cynthia Vargas
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City University Baccalaureate Program

The following are graduates of The City University of New York who consider Hunter College their “home” school.

Bachelor of Arts
Taslima Alam
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Loren F. Beckmann
Sharif W. Corinaldi
Vladislav Davidson

Zoya Grigoryan
Frank J. Jefferson
Joanna M. Ortiz
Tania Ritter
Steven S. Suthiana
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Gabriela Etzensberger

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Michelle Mantione
Aaron A. Rhames
Shiromi N. Wijemmane
Lu Bo Yu
HONOR SOCIETIES

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA
International Sociology Honor Society

Vincent Lau
Nadia Johari Ramzan

CHI ALPHA EPSILON
National Honor Society for Academic Excellence

Yuriy Bychkiv
Grace Wen

GAMMA THETA UPSILON
International Geographic Honor Society

Jane Gibbons
Ana Martiny

KAPPA DELTA PI
International Honor Society in Education

Mehreen Alam
Bridget Dolan Brown
Felicia Chang
Rosemary Cohen
Aileen David
Susan Finnerty

Kerry Fox
Jennifer Gardner
Megan Garson
Rachel Harrison
Asma Jaffrey
Glenda Jordan

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Ashira Malka
Linda Marsala

Sabrina Parada
Ellen Pratt
Sophia Solomon
Crystal Stevens
Keeron Thomas
Cynthia Vega

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Nu Chapter

Andrea T. Chesleigh
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Mengzhi Lai
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Departmental Honors, Prizes and Awards

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

**AFRICANA & PUERTO RICAN/LATINO STUDIES**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Skye Dobson
- Dallyssa Fana
- Shandanette Molnar

**Certificate of Academic Excellence**
- Skye Dobson
- Dallyssa Fana
- Shandanette Molnar

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Dorothy Kuer Memorial Award**
- Megan Hicks

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Barbara Dalmazzo
- Nikoletta DiGirolamo
- Julio Huerta
- Matthew Willis

**CHEMISTRY**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Kevin Laroche
- Shera Scott

**ECONOMICS**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- David Kay

**Academic Excellence in Economics (BA)**
- David Kay

**ECONOMICS: ACCOUNTING**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Raymond Hoffman
- Tatiana Vayavudskaya

**ENGLISH**

**Camilla Schweigger Scholarship**
- Jon Ford

**Roslyn Berson Stein Scholarship**
- Nina Puro

**FILM & MEDIA STUDIES**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Joanna Bednarz

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Jane Gibbons

**HISTORY**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Max Castro

**Lucy V. Goodwine Memorial Prize**
- Frank Proudfoot

**Dr. Thomas Hunter History Prize**
- Kujtime Bracic

**Paula Ens Scholarship**
- Enesa Kric

**JEWISH SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Billie Stein

**MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS**

**Dr. Thomas Hunter Mathematics Prize**
- Xiao Jin Ye

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Francesca Corbacho
- Oluwatob Jaiyesimi
- Jonathan Jordan

**Bhupinde Kaur**
- Jennifer Milosavljevic
- Anumita Mukherjee
- Frederick Paolletti
- Anthony Peters
- Jose Segura
- Bruce Spierer
- Jakub Walko
- Brendan Watkins

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Melissa Hernandez
- Dasha Kouznetsova

**Livingston Welsh Award for Excellence in Research**
- Dasha Kouznetsova

**RELIGION**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Robert Setton

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Departmental Honors (Graduate)**
- Andrew Brown
- Christina Colon-Marrero
- Kathryn Furlong
- Angela Kamisakis
- Barbara S. Kider
- Maureen Milasi

**Merle Frampton Certificate**
- Christina Colon-Marrero
- Elena D. Gall Medal
- Barbara S. Kider
- Angela Kamisakis

**SEEK**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Nahima Ahmed
- Karina Bello
- Yuriy Bychkiv
- Diana Castillo
- Jie Qing Chen
- Ernesto Espinoza
- Melissa Hernandez
- Olga Kandova
- Li Li
- Anita Moonsamy
- Ruby Nah
- Roksana Parveen
- Rania Rammal
- Ana Rodriguez
- Othneil Thomas
- Grace Wen
- Chandi Wise
- Na Zhang

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)**
- Petra Dunne
- Anna Krusinski
- Antonia A. Salerno

**Departmental Honors (Graduate)**
- Kathrin Ewald-Latham
- Adriana Jakubik
Barbara Sherry Memorial Award
Kathryn Furlong

Marsha R. Smith-Lewis Memorial Award
Maureen Milasi

Mary Solomon Award
Andrew Brown

SCHOOL OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES PROGRAM
James Felt Memorial Scholarship for Achievement
Michelle Isaacson

URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM
Certificate of Academic Achievement (Undergraduate)
Stacy Abbatiello
Ann Braunstein
Tamara Chasin
Anna Christensen
George Dudzic
Margaret Echevarria
Loren Goetz
Helen Gonsalves
Julie Granoff
Anne Imbornone
Mariya Junaid
Audrey Kessler
Gary Lebovics
Nicole Lund
Maja Mirkovic
Dafna Mor
Kerry Mossman
Malgorzata Rokoszak
Angelica Santana
Jennifer Schaeffer
Mor Sharvit
Carolina Sullivan
Andrea Sulfenfuss
Matthew Swader
Megan Sin Yee Tsoi
Michael Vagnetti
Suzanne Weinstein

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES PROGRAM
Certificate of Academic Achievement (Undergraduate)
Zhen Hua Lin
Marek Simm

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Departmental Honors (Undergraduate)
Wei Gu
Terezie Lancova

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Departmental Honors (Graduate)
Sabrina Berger
Elaine Chasan
Qiong Ping Lu
Antoinette Mims
Natalie McQueen
Jonathan Murphy

Reva Fine Holtzman Award for Excellence in Field Work
Katrina Butler
Gabriela Gomez

National Association of Social Workers, NYC Chapter,
Student Award
Laura Bell
Dear Graduates of the Class of January 2009:

Today you receive your degrees from Hunter College, and you begin your lifelong membership in our Alumni Association. We have been in existence since the earliest graduates organized to serve the College in 1872, and we look to you to continue our grand tradition.

A Hunter degree is a great achievement that will have wonderful consequences in your lives. You have completed a course of study at one of our country’s greatest public colleges, and you are now ready to make your way in your profession and in the world. And you have assured your future success. You have a worldwide family now of over 100,000 fellow alumni, and you’ve made contemporary contacts along the way who will be friends and colleagues for life. You enter a lasting relationship with your college and with your future fellow alumni, and you become part of a long and distinguished tradition of women and men who have added in every conceivable way to the good in the world.

We hope you will help us continue our tradition of alumni service to the College. Involvement in the Alumni Association, whether directly here in New York or elsewhere in a chapter—or in one of our new groups in cyberspace—will never cost you a cent, and it gives you an immediate and lifelong way to enhance the lives of your fellow alumni. Come to Alumni Association meetings (held three times a year) and see what we do. Come to the Birthday Luncheon in the spring and celebrate the birthdays of Hunter College and the Alumni Association with graduates from many periods of the College’s history. Join the Book Club or the Creative Writing Group. Get involved with a local chapter, or start a new one. Check in on Facebook, MySpace and LinkedIn. Serve on our Board of Directors and maybe as an officer! Serve as a mentor to an individual student or to a student club. Join with fellow alumni to cheer on our athletic teams. Be visible to the students, who need to see us around and hear us cheering all of them on as they make their way through the College.

Visiting and enjoying Hunter is easy with an Alumni Card that gives you access to the buildings and to the library, computer lab, recreational facilities and career development services. This is a permanent benefit that comes along with your Hunter degree. Call the Alumni Office (212.772.4087) to get the process started.

Above all, take pride and joy in your great achievement today, and keep Hunter part of your life tomorrow and forever. Welcome to the Alumni Association of Hunter College! See you soon!

Patricia Spence Rudden
President, Alumni Association of Hunter College
Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn by participants in these exercises are patterned after the attire of monks in the Middle Ages. Those who have earned the bachelor's degree wear a gown with a semistiff yoke, long pleated front, intricate shirring across the shoulders and back and long, pointed sleeves. The holder of the master's degree wears a similar gown, but the sleeve is square and closed at the end with the wearer's forearm coming through a slit near the elbow. Those possessing the doctor's degree wear gowns having broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color of the field of learning represented by the degree.

The hoods, over the shoulders and down the backs of the faculty, reveal the degrees and institutions of the wearers. The velvet binding or edging is distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. The lining of the hood, in silk, gives the color or colors of the institution granting the degree. The shortest hood is the bachelor's; the longest and the broadest is the doctor's; and the master's is midway between these in size. There is much duplication in the colors of the colleges; therefore, they will be left unidentified. However, there is a standard color for the subjects. The most common, including those used at Hunter College, are:

- Arts, Letters, Humanities ...................................................... White
- Business ........................................................................ Sapphire Blue
- Education .......................................................................... Light Blue
- Engineering ......................................................................... Orange
- Health Sciences .................................................................... Kelly Green
- Law ....................................................................................... Purple
- Medicine ................................................................................ Green
- Nursing ................................................................................ Apricot
- Pharmacy ............................................................................... Olive
- Philosophy .............................................................................. Dark Blue
- Sciences and Mathematics .................................................... Golden Yellow
- Social Sciences ....................................................................... Dark Blue
- Social Work ........................................................................... Citron
- Theology ................................................................................ Scarlet

Historical Notes

The Mace carried by the Grand Marshall, who leads the Processional and Recessional, was presented to the College by the Alumni Association at the ceremony marking the Centennial of Hunter College in 1970. It is used each year at Commencement and the Honors Convocation.

The lectern on the left side of the stage belonged to Thomas Hunter. The plaque on the lectern reads: “From this desk Dr. Hunter read the Holy Scriptures from 1850 to 1869 in old Grammer School No. 35.”

General College Honors

Eligibility for Graduating with General College Honors

- 3.500 - 3.749 ......................................................................... Cum Laude
- 3.750 - 3.899 ......................................................................... Magna Cum Laude
- 3.900 or higher ..................................................................... Summa Cum Laude
Mihi cura futuri

The Care of the Future is Mine

Hunter College Motto