

This is the last Manhattanville College News Summary for the 2012-2013 academic year. Have a wonderful summer!

Commencement 2013

Graduate Commencement

Manhattanville College celebrated its 172nd Graduate Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 16. Dr. David Berliner, Regents' Professor Emeritus of Education at Arizona State University, gave the keynote speech to Masters and the College's first Doctorial graduates in attendance. In total 379 candidates received graduate degrees.

Baccalaureate

Academic achievements were honored at the annual Baccalaureate and Honors Convocation on Friday, May 17, which showcased Manhattanville seniors' academic accomplishments over the past four years, including special awards for Superior Portfolios and Honors Portfolios. Guest speaker Marlene Sallo, '86, the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, addressed the attendees.



Undergraduate Commencement

Dina Temple-Raston, Counterterrorism Reporter for NPR News and award-winning author was the keynote speaker at the Undergraduate Ceremony held on Saturday, May 18. Raston's inspiring speech discussed her own experiences leading up to her current status as a renowned journalist and author. Senior Class President Annesha Edwards-Carter and Student Government President Justyn Richardson both also captured the crowd with heartfelt speeches about their experiences at Manhattanville. Additionally, special awards were presented on this day: the President's Prize to Edom Tsegaye, the Grace Cowardin Damman Award to Sarah Connors, the Eleanor O'Byrne Prize to Daniele Simoneschi, and the Provost's Prize to Ann Dantzig and Andrew Schiller.



School of Education First Doctoral Class, Awards Ceremony, New Partnership, and Statewide Literacy Journal

The School of Education (SOE) hosted a reception to honor the first four doctoral student graduates, Emily Hersh, Steven Moskowitz, Monique Reilly, and Margaret Ruller. A ceremony was held for graduates in the Masters and Doctoral programs to present awards for academic excellence, service to the college, innovative teaching, and leadership in the doctoral program. Also, a new partnership was formed with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies to provide graduate education credit for selected courses offered through the Institute. And The Literacy Department hosted an event to celebrate the inaugural issue as editors of *The Language and Literacy Spectrum*, the peer reviewed publication of the New York State Reading Association.



Van Galen Named CoSIDA Academic All-American

Senior Jessica Van Galen earned the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America honors for her work on the softball field and in the classroom. On the field, Van Galen was named the Freedom Conference Player of the Year and an NFCA All-East Region selection, after setting a new conference record with her .527 batting average, which ranked fourth in Division III. A double major in Education and Mathematics, with a 3.78 GPA, she also earned Manhattanville College's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Her selection marks the third straight year that the College has boasted an Academic All-American, and increases Manhattanville's all-time total to five.



GPS Host Minister of Education, Establishes New Partnership, Hires New Adjunct Faculty, and Teams with Chelsea Pier

On May 17, the Graduate and Professional Studies (GPS) at Manhattanville hosted Sra. Ligia Amada Melo, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology in the Dominican Republic. She met with President Jon Strauss, as well as various students from the Dominican Republic. GPS also partnered with Thornton Tomasetti, the engineering firm that provided the structural design for several of the world's tallest building structures, including the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the Taipei 101 in Taiwan, to deliver a LEED 201 course hosted by FUNGLODE (the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The course attracted 95 students along with media and professional accolades.

GPS is quickly expanding, and has hired many new adjunct faculty from distinguished careers and positions at companies such as JPMorgan Chase, CitiCard, MasterCard, Morgan Stanley, Wal-Mart, and Credit Suisse. Among them are the co-chair of the New York State Bar Association and the expert speaker for CNBC Italy. Additionally, the Sports Business Management Program set a record with 30 graduates in 2013 and will offer courses at the Chelsea Pier sports facilities in Stamford, CT.



Olivia Ecker '12 Selected As One of Westchester County's Wunderkinds

Each year *914 Inc.*, a magazine published by Westchester Magazine, selects the County's best and brightest business minds under 30. Ecker is currently the Facilities Coordinator at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where she began working in 2010 as a Communications Intern. Her successful internship developed into a part-time paid position during her senior year and a full-time position as the communications liaison with in the Facilities Department upon her graduation.



Retiring Faculty Honored

The Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Giving hosted over 200 members of the Manhattanville Community on Friday, May 17, to honor the College's retiring faculty members, Ann Bavar, George Castellanos, Everett Delahanty, Anna Gandolfi, Nancy Harris, Mary Ann Joyce-Walter, Gerard Kiernan, Arnold Koltun, Raymond Langley, John Murray, Marion Perret, Michael Posnick, Joan Rudel Weinreich, Cecilia Winters, and Kwan Ha Yim for their long-standing commitment and service to the College.



Alumni Lecture Series

Alumni Relations & Annual Giving capped off the semester with two New York City Lecture Series events. The first took place on May 1, with Trustee Don Callahan '78 discussing "Today and Tomorrow of Finance" with over 50 alumni in attendance, which was moderated by Professor of Economics, Nimish Adhia. The second lecture "Seeking a Just Peace: Prospects for a Solution to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict" given by Dr. David Gutman, assistant professor of History, took place on May 21, at the home of Maureen Bateman '64.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Manhattanville Undergraduate [Commencement Featured in Newsday](#)
- Manhattanville College [SOE CIS Program](#)
- Manhattanville College GPS Announces New [Chelsea Pier Relationship](#)
- SOE Professor Stephen Caldas Speaks on [Dual Language Instruction](#)
- Manhattanville College Lecturer Harvey Rachlin Published in [Jewish Press](#)