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#### Trustees' Award

Presented to the student whose positive contributions to University life and whose academic accomplishments exemplify the highest level of achievement attainable for an undergraduate.



**Leslie Archambeault, New York City, BA, history**

Graduating in three years with a QPA of 3.3, Archambeault received the Dean's Honor Scholarship, Pforzheimer Community Service Grant, and was a finalist for the Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship. She chaired the Senior Gift Committee, is a member of the Senior Week Planning Committee, Board of Trustees Civic Competency Committee, Programming and Campus Entertainment Board, Law Society, St. George Residence Hall Council, and Pace University Affairs Committee. She received the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award performing 900 hours of service at Bristol Hospital in Connecticut. After graduation, she will work for AmeriCorps in Sacramento, California, and intends to pursue a law degree.



**Charles J. Bilangino, Westchester, BBA, public accounting and finance**

With a QPA of 4.00, Bilangino is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Fraternity, Gamma Sigma Alpha, and on the Dean's List all semesters. He is a Golden Key International Honors Society inductee, listed in Who's Who in America's Colleges and Universities, winner of the Financial Executives International Academic Award, Ford Academic Award, Center for Community Outreach Service Award, Pleasantville Cottage School Service Award, and attended Pforzheimer Honors College. He has accepted a position with Ernst & Young as an auditor and plans to pursue a CPA.

#### Community Service Award

Presented to the undergraduate student whose active contributions to the life of the University community and to the endeavors of our neighbors in the surrounding community most admirably embody an appreciation for the value of social responsibility.



**Davis John Abraham, Westchester, BS, computer science, and BA, political science**

A three-year member of the Model UN Team, Abraham holds five Outstanding Delegation Awards, an Outstanding Delegate Award, Honorable Mention, and has led six conferences. Active in Student Government Association he later became chief of staff, Presidential Mock Convention; faculty assistant, Civic Engagement Series Project Pericles Road to the White House; and a member of President Caputo's Commission on Diversity. He was assistant to Presidential Candidate Senator John Kerry during the debates at Pace and is a congressional intern for Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey. He was inducted into Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, and received the Athletic Academic Achievement Award. He plans to attend Seton Hall University's Whitehead School of International Relations and Diplomacy.



**Vlada Smorgunov, New York City, BA, environmental studies**



From an early age, Smorgunov learned to enjoy working in gardens. Her love of botany and the environment helped her found the campus club, THINK Environment, which engages communities in environmental issues. With a 3.8 QPA, she is on the National Dean's List, and was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society. She is the recipient of the Center for Community Outreach Service Recognition Award and the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award Nominee. She was the layout editor of the Legend yearbook, senior editor of The Scribe, and actively participated in Campus Labor and Economic Justice and Amnesty International. She plans to work in nonprofit community development and enroll in graduate school to become a landscape architect.

### **The Henry Birnbaum Endowed Scholastic Achievement Award**

Presented to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student on the New York City campus who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

#### **Mikhail Sheynker, BA, history**

Sheynker and his family came to the U.S. from the Ukraine when he was 16. Less than a year after arriving, and with limited English, he came to Pace. However, these obstacles did little to stop him from earning an outstanding academic record of 3.94 QPA. His senior thesis explores the topic of how much President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew of the Holocaust from 1942 to 1944. Sheynker has also been honored with the Ben Ford Memorial Scholarship for studying law.

### **Academic Leadership Award**

Presented to the student who best exemplifies academic citizenship through the integration of academic achievement and leadership to serve as a role model for other students through the Center for Academic Excellence.



#### **Lyudmila Dmitrieva, New York City, BBA, accounting**

As a valued tutor in economics and accounting at the Center for Academic Excellence, Dmitrieva helped many students to reach their academic goals. Joining Beta Alpha Psi, the national business and financial information society, she sought new opportunities to serve her community, and was elected vice president of the organization in 2003. As a participant in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, she worked with other Pace students to provide free help to tax payers. She graduates with a QPA of over 3.8.

#### **Deborah Sequeira, Westchester, BA, political science**

In her first year at Pace, Sequeira served as secretary of her class. As a peer advisor in University 101, she mentored dozens of newly enrolled students. In the days following September 11, 2001, her leadership and global perspective was of inestimable value to UNV 101 students as she led discussions about the impact of the event. As president of Pace's award-winning Model UN Team, she has represented the University at local, regional, and national events, and she has coordinated an International High School Model UN conference in the Dominican Republic. She volunteered for two years as an English as Second Language teacher assistant at St. Ann's Elementary School in Ossining. She graduates with a 3.78 QPA.

### **The Charles H. Dyson Award**

Presented to the outstanding member of the Society of Fellows



#### **Eileen M. Brumitt, New York City, BA, English, and BA, history, minor in women's studies**

Brumitt has achieved a 3.53 QPA and is completing majors in both English and history and a minor in women's studies. An active member of the Dyson College Society of Fellows, she has attended weekend seminars and presented her research at the society's annual meeting in February. Brumitt is a member of the Pforzheimer Honors College and has served as a writing tutor and a research assistant to the Dean's Office. For the past two years, she has been working as an intern on the Harriet Jacob Papers Project. She has received the English department's Academic Writing award. In the fall, Brumitt will begin working toward her PhD in English at Lehigh University, where she has also been awarded a teaching fellowship.

## Scholastic Achievement Awards

Presented to students excelling in scholarship, effectiveness in class discussion, research, and general performance in a baccalaureate program.

### Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

#### **Dorota M. Kilian, New York City, BS, biology, minor in chemistry**

Kilian is graduating with a QPA of 3.94. For the past two years, she has worked as a lab technician, doing computational research to determine the three-dimensional structure of enzymes. Kilian has tutored students in organic chemistry. She is involved in a nationwide Polish student organization and is an active member of a youth group choir. Her summer projects include preparation for the GRE exam and she plans on attending graduate school next year for either microbiology or biochemistry.

#### **Marina Raydun, New York City, BA, history**

Raydun has achieved a 3.95 QPA while completing a degree in history. She was one of the founding members of the newspaper Ha-Emet and currently serves as its editor-in-chief. She is also the president of Hillel, the Jewish Student Association. She is an associate member of the Dyson College Society of Fellows and has completed internships at a number of places, including the law firm Fish & Neave, the Consulate General of Brazil, and the National Museum of American Indian. She plans to stay in New York while completing her law degree.

#### **David J. Rogovic, Pleasantville, BA, economics, minor in political science**

Graduating with a 3.99 QPA, Rogovic has received various awards, including Presidential and Dean's scholarships, and the Nathan Becker Memorial Scholarship, and he has been inducted into the International Economics Society. He has held internship and analyst positions with MBIA and Deutsche Bank. Rogovic is also an active member of the award-winning Model UN Team, Pace's environmental club, and a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. His future plans include studying abroad in Croatia in the fall of 2004, preparing for the GRE, and applying to graduate schools for an MPA degree.

### Lubin School of Business

#### **Tara M. Shivers, New York City, BBA, public accounting**

Shivers achieved Dean's List First Honors every semester and is graduating first in her class with a 3.97 QPA. She is a recipient of the Catherine Gerla Scholarship, the Pace Trustee's Recognition Award, and is a member of the Golden Key National Honour Society and Beta Gamma Sigma, the preeminent national honor society in business. In addition, Shivers was a peer accounting and writing tutor at the Pace Tutoring Center and a volunteer at the Arthur Ashe Academy for Health Sciences, SUNY Downtown Hospital, and North Shore Animal League. She plans to sit for the CPA exam this summer.



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### School of Computer Science and Information Systems

#### **Aaron Flocke, Westchester, BS, computer science**

Flocke was home-schooled by his parents until he was ready to attend college. He came to Pace on a full President's Scholarship. He was elected to the Alpha Chi and Golden Key Honor Societies. He currently works as an assistant programmer in the User Services branch of DoIT but is seeking employment outside the

University.

**Oleg Yunakov, New York City, BS, computer science**

Coming to the U.S. in 2000, Yunakov taught himself English and the same year was accepted to Pace University. In 2002 he was one of two students to win a nationwide competition for a fully funded, paid summer internship in the Argonne National Laboratory of the Department of Energy. He graduates with a 3.99 QPA.

**School of Education**

**Rosina M. Oleotti, Westchester, BS, early childhood development**

Oleotti completed her undergraduate studies in language and cognition in childhood education with a 3.81 QPA. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, Phi Lambda Theta, and Golden Key International Honor Society for academic excellence. At present, she assists students in math and reading at the Huntington Learning Center. Oleotti looks forward to continuing her education at Iona College to earn an MS in math education.

**Lienhard School of Nursing**

**Silvia R. Rizzo, Westchester, BS, nursing**

A resident in the Bronx, Rizzo is a graduate of the Dorothea Hopfer School of Nursing. She is currently a registered nurse working at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

**Outstanding Student of the Year**

Presented in recognition of scholarship and exceptional dedication to the ideals of their school.

**Dyson College of Arts and Sciences**

**Katrina Lynn Adams, New York City, MA, psychology**

Adams's entire graduate record QPA of 4.0 is rare and a testament to her consistent record of excellence. Her doctoral project research involves the mastering of a sophisticated coding instrument and a thorough appreciation of parent-child dynamics. Her clinical practice includes work at the Pace University McShane Center for Psychological Services, the Mount Sinai School of Medicine (Division of Child Psychiatry), and the Jewish Child Care Association (Foster Home Services).

**Heather Calchera, Westchester, MA, counseling**

Calchera has been a valued member of the Dyson College Advising office for the past two years. She is graduating with a 4.0 in the combined BA/MA program in psychology and counseling. During her internship with the advising office, Calchera participated in the registration and orientation program for freshman, creating more than 100 class schedules each summer. She has been inducted into both Psi Chi and Alpha Phi Sigma honor societies.

**Pasquale Bisecco, Westchester, MS, counseling**

Working full time at Four Winds Hospital and J&F Chatsworth, Bisecco has been able to achieve a 4.0 QPA in the combined BA/MA program in psychology and counseling. In addition to this demanding academic schedule, he has found the time to volunteer at Workman's Circle Nursing home. He has also participated in an MS Walk, an AIDS Walk and has made contributions to Psi Chi events. He has received a Pace Trustee Recognition Scholarship and is a member of the Pforzheimer Honors College.

**Melissa Mowder, New York City, MA, psychology**

Mowder began pursuing her MA as a nonmatriculated student and quickly was accepted into the program. She has maintained a 4.0 QPA in her master's work. She recently published an article in The School Psychologist based on a comprehensive paper she completed in her forensic psychology course. She will attend the PhD program in school psychology at Indiana University.

**Natalie Walker, New York City, MS, publishing**

Walker graduates with a 3.90 QPA. She received her undergraduate degree in art and archeology from Princeton University and will attend Pace Law School this fall. In her position as program coordinator for Dyson College's Center for Community Outreach, Walker builds partnerships with agencies to find volunteer

placements for our students. She also works with faculty members who are teaching civic engagement courses to plan and coordinate service projects.

### **School of Computer Science and Information Systems**

#### **Ian C. Stuart, Westchester, MS, computer science**

Stuart came to Pace in order to change careers, and he is currently looking for a job in his newly chosen field. He plans to continue and enhance his education by pursuing specialized certifications.

#### **David B. Ulmer, Westchester, DPS, computing**

Ulmer is a senior vice president and the chief technology officer for Sotheby's, responsible for Global IT organization. He holds a BA in chemistry, an MBA in finance, an MS in information systems, and an MS in computer science. He was elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges as an undergraduate and Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the national honor society for the computing sciences, as a graduate student. He has 24 years of experience as an IT manager and hopes to teach one day.

### **School of Education**

#### **Deborah August, Westchester, MEd, educational technology**

August graduated from Pace University with BA degree in literature and communications, with a minor in business administration, in 1976. She went on to a successful career in travel, but after September 11, 2001, she decided to change directions and go back to school. During her first semester, she secured a graduate assistantship in the School of Education. She graduates with a QPA of 4.0.

#### **Joanna M. Farhat-Costantino, New York City, MEd, education**

Farhat-Costantino graduated from Michigan State University with a BS in dietetics with honors. She worked as a registered dietitian in both the Chicago and New York City areas, then she decided that her teaching skills could be better utilized in an elementary education setting and decided to return to school.

### **Lienhard School of Nursing**

#### **Courtney Hennelly, New York, MS, family nurse practitioner**

A registered nurse, Hennelly graduated from Villanova University in 1997. She worked as a staff nurse at Children's Seashore House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, caring for infants and toddlers on ventilators. She moved to New York City to pursue a career in pediatric oncology. Hennelly now works as a clinical nurse IV at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on the pediatric unit. She has been a staff nurse on this unit for six-and-a-half years.

#### **Maryellen Venero, Westchester, MS, psychiatric nurse practitioner**

Venero earned a diploma degree in nursing in 1995 from St. Vincent's School of Nursing and a BS in nursing in 2003 from the Lienhard School of Nursing. She has practiced as a child/adolescent psychiatric nurse since 1996, working both in private and state facilities. She is currently nurse manager of the Children's Unit at Westchester Medical Center's Behavioral Health Center. Her future plans are to work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in a child/adolescent outpatient setting.

### **Academic Excellence Award**

Presented to the student in an associate degree program excelling in scholarship and general performance.

### **Dyson College of Arts and Sciences**

#### **Shanika Cherry, New York City, AA, English**

While working full-time at Verizon, Cherry completed her associate degree with a 3.32 QPA. She is already registered for summer courses, which will propel her to her next goal of a bachelor's degree in English, with a minor in political science. Her ultimate goal is attending Pace Law School.

#### **Bruce T. Caldwell, Westchester, AA, Fine Arts**

Caldwell achieved a 3.96 QPA while completing his associate degree. Prior to attending Pace, he attended college in Delaware and served as a medic in the air force reserves for six years. A self-taught painter, he was

the featured artist at the Shrub Oak Library, where his works included oil paintings and computer-enhanced images of soft pastel paintings, in September 2000. Caldwell has been inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for continuing students, and plans to pursue his bachelor's degree in fine arts here at Pace University.

### **Lubin School of Business**

#### **Audrey Daniel, New York City, AAS, business studies**

Daniel is an adult part-time student who resumed her studies in fall 2003 to fulfill her goal of finishing her Pace degree. She has succeeded in reaching the first part of this goal by earning her AAS degree in business studies with distinction in January 2004 and achieving the highest QPA of all 2004 Lubin School AAS graduates. She is continuing at Pace for her BBA in management and is a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society

### **School of Computer Science and Information Systems**

#### **Sandra L. Rivera, Westchester, AS, applied information technology—personal computer applications**

Rivera completed the Certificate in Personal Computer Applications for the Workplace Professional through the CLOUT program with distinction and went on to pursue an associate's degree. She hopes to earn a baccalaureate one day, perhaps in psychology. While at Pace, she did an internship at MetLife Financial Services that led to a permanent position as a general office assistant.

### **School of Law Faculty Award and Valedictorian**

Presented to the student with the highest academic achievement.

#### **Eileen Marie Mentone**

### **School of Law Dean's Award**

Presented to the day and evening division graduates of the class of 2004 who have made the most outstanding contributions to the School of Law.

#### **Crystal Michelle Barrow, full-time**

Barrow entered Pace Law School as a part-time student, juggling a night classes with a job with the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization. Committed to achieving her goal of obtaining a law degree, she resigned her position and became a full-time student. Crystal was president of the Black Law Students Association and has also helped craft the Gorton High School project, which will provide inner city children with an opportunity to be involved in the law school.

#### **Tama Suzanne Monoson, part-time**

### **Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence**

Presented to faculty by their colleagues in recognition of classroom performance, understanding of students, high standards of intellectual integrity, and ability to serve as an inspiration.

### **New York City**

#### **Wiley Mangum, Management and management science**

After graduating from West Point with a BS in engineering in 1950, Mangum served in Korea. He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge and later a Silver Star for Valor and a Purple Heart during the fighting around "T-Bone" Hill in 1952. Mangum went on to earn master's degrees from Baruch College and New York University and a PhD from Fordham University. For the past 24 years he has taught management and management science at Pace University, New York City. He is the advisor to Pace's chapter of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science. He also advises about 40 management science undergraduate students in the management science program.

#### **Thomas O'Sullivan, Philosophy and religious studies**

O'Sullivan has served as the chairperson of the philosophy and religious studies department since 1998. He also teaches environmental studies and philosophy courses. He has published a study of the sixth-century

Welsh writer Gildas and a students' introduction to the New Testament, and he is a significant contributor to *Vera Lex*, the journal of the International Natural Law Society. Under his mentorship, Pace students have gone on to graduate study at Harvard, CUNY, Tufts, and Fordham. He has been on the executive committee of the Dyson College Society of Fellows since 1990 and has presided over many of its weekend retreats, where students and faculty debate issues of contemporary significance.

## **Westchester**

### **Diane Cypkin, English and communications**

Cypkin holds a PhD from New York University. She teaches courses in public speaking, argumentation and debate, and interpersonal communication, as well as oral interpretation, introduction to theatre, and acting. Her many publications include in-depth papers on a diverse collection of people, such as right-wing speakers Charles A. Lindbergh and Father Coughlin. With many years professional experience as an actress and singer on the New York stage, she has given her students, along with Pace administration, faculty, and staff, the opportunity to experience the power of the spoken word through participating in her many and various poetry and play events—most especially, her holiday show on the Pleasantville campus.

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