

The City College  
of New York



Division of Interdisciplinary Studies  
at the Center for Worker Education

13th ANNUAL   
CWE DIVISIONAL  
GRADUATION

*Ceremony*

**Wednesday, May 29 2024, at 6 PM**

The City College of New York  
Aaron Davis Hall  
Marian Anderson Theater

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**129 CONVENT AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10031**

## CLASS OF 2024 ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Carlos Aguasaco

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES

### WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Juan Carlos Mercado

DEAN, DIVISION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Dr. Tony Liss

PROVOST, THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

### SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS

Tiffany Ramirez Duncan

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES

### PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Dr. Gail Buffalo

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Dr. Andrew Aprile

DOCTORAL LECTURER, DIVISION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

### PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S DEGREES

Dr. Susanna Rosenbaum

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAS

### VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

CHRISTANYA SYMPLICE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### REMARKS FROM THE CCNY CWE ALUMNI GROUP

Renotti Alexander '96

PRESIDENT, CCNY CWE ALUMNI GROUP

### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Tamara Valderrama

JAZZ VOCAL STUDENT, THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

### CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Carlos Aguasaco

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES

## VALEDICTORIAN

Christanya Symplice

B.S. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Christanya Symplice, a first-generation graduate born to immigrant Haitian parents, embarked on her higher education journey amidst the pandemic, earning a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. Motivated by a profound desire to effect positive change, she passionately engages in volunteer work, connecting children with sponsors through Food for the Hunger and supporting therapeutic horsemanship programs at the Bronx Equestrian Center. Her philanthropic efforts extend to organizations like the Red Cross and Bridging Africa and Black America Incorporated, where she installs carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for Bronx families. Honored with the Edward I. Koch Fellowship, Christanya interned at the NYC Department of Education's Office of School Performance, gaining insights into educational policies. Committed to growth, she participates in the Racial Justice Fellowship, tackling racial and socio-economic disparities in education. As a recipient of this fellowship, she completed an internship at RESI at Teachers College, Columbia University, engaging in initiatives aimed at tackling amplified racial and socio-economic disparities in education precipitated by the pandemic. Christanya's journey exemplifies resilience and a commitment to serving her community.

## SALUTATORIAN

Tiffany Ramirez Duncan

B.A. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES

Tiffany Ramirez Duncan, a Bronx native and first-generation college student, embarked on her academic journey amidst the challenges of the pandemic. Juggling roles as a mother, caregiver, and full-time employee, she navigated through the obstacles with resilience and excelled academically, earning a remarkable 3.982 GPA in her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, focusing on Disabilities Studies. Her dedication to excellence earned her a place on the Dean's List every semester and induction into Phi Beta Kappa. What's more, she dedicated herself to community service, advocating for ASL integration and supporting the disabled. Transitioning to a teaching role in Austin, Texas, Tiffany continues to inspire others with her unwavering dedication and perseverance. Her journey symbolizes the transformative power of resilience in the face of adversity.

## THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

### CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Mariea Bowman  
Louis Charles  
Emily Crespo  
Racine Higgins \*\*  
Taylor Jarrell  
Rosemarie Liz \*\*\*  
Moisella Long \*  
Josefany Lopez-Rojas \*\*\*  
Fausta Luna  
Nikki Matos  
Zuleyka Perez  
Elaine Perez-Rojas \*\*\*  
Carlos Quiroz  
Joyce Ribí  
Jaydy Salce \*\*  
Sade Thomson \*\*

#### JANUARY 2024

Mecaira Bridgewater  
Natonía Cazaubon  
Miriam DeJesus  
Edward De LaRosa  
Tiffany Ramirez Duncan \*\*\*  
Tatiana Felter  
Catherine Ferguson  
Johanna Ferrierra  
Dalixa Fuchu  
Kelli Johnson  
Narene Lawrence \*\*

Lisa Livesay \*\*\*  
Jessica Melendez \*  
Naydelyn Nieves  
Eskimo Omolade  
Le'Garland Parker  
Naomi Payano  
Alexis Pierantoni  
Genesis Rosario  
Pamela Santos  
Jahaira Vega  
Asher Yanovsky \*\*\*

#### JUNE 2024

Nadine Andre \*  
Lisette Ayala \*\*\*  
Monica Costa \*  
Dashauna Dawson \*  
Dakaríe Downie \*\*  
Jacqueline Espinoza \*  
Brianna Frias  
Daniry Gomez  
Gabriel Gossman-Ruiz \*  
Gabrielle Greenaway  
Farley Gulston \*\*\*  
Tania Guzman \*\*  
Simone Haynes  
Jason Herbert \*\*  
Estefania Jaramillo \*  
Ayoka Johnson \*

Sybil Johnson \*\*  
Alejandra Maldonado  
Cynthia Martinez  
Rui Miguel Martins Coias \*\*\*  
Landria Meehan \*\*  
Geraldine Miranda  
Anajunie Monjuene \*  
Angelica Naxi \*\*  
Diana Nazar  
Brittany Ramos  
Angelita Rivera  
Celia Rowen \*\*  
Eileen Ruiz \*  
Vanessa Sanchez \*  
Sally Sandoval  
Janice Sanguinetti \*\*  
Tracey Sercia \*\*  
Shakeema Simons  
Patriece Spann \*\*\*  
Vandita Subick \*\*  
Dena Thomas  
Anabel Trotman \*\*\*  
Diana Vivas \*\*  
Pamela Zambrano

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

Maya Barbosa  
Nataly Cando  
Sofia Llop

### CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Evelyn Acosta \*\*\*  
Linda Anselmo \*\*  
Lissett Astudillo \*\*  
Rosemarie Carty \*\*  
Chamberlain Grisy \*\*  
Franchesca Cruz \*\*\*  
Brianna Diaz \*\*\*  
Rainbow Farr \*\*  
Kelsey Gordils \*\*\*  
Suany Jeffrey \*\*  
Lizbeth Morel \*\*  
Julenny Morel \*\*\*  
Cameron Mouzon \*\*  
Nalesha Mursalim \*\*\*

Shannon Plunkett \*\*  
Jordan Reneau \*  
Destiny Rivera  
Erika Salce-Puello \*\*\*  
Karimah Saleh \*\*  
Christanya Symplíce \*\*\*  
Yslandy Tavares \*\*  
Emily Tejada-Postigo \*\*  
Irina Volkov \*\*\*  
Marlene Williams \*\*  
Natalia Zhírova \*\*\*

#### JUNE 2024

Jewel Ayuso \*  
Michelle Caines \*\*\*

Andrea Cajilima \*\*\*  
Joseline Calle \*\*  
Ivonne Diaz Vargas \*\*  
Hinda Hussin \*\*\*  
Dania Marcelino \*\*\*  
Delcy Nieves \*  
Francia Petit \*  
Shayna Pressley-Troche  
Alina Reyes \*\*  
Maria Rivera \*\*  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Jacqueline Rosas Mejias \*\*  
Catherine Tapia \*\*  
Elaine Zerbo Guerin \*\*\*

### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN THE STUDY OF THE AMERICAS

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Angie Keyser

#### JANUARY 2024

Janet Sanchez

#### JUNE 2024

Phyllis Archibald  
Kevin Brown  
Edwin Done Tirado

Carlos Gomez  
Lisa Rifkind  
Gina Rodriguez  
Charles Thornton

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This is a list of candidates for graduation and not an official list of graduates.