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Great Work Marvin!



Congratulations to Marvin Pineda, a Carlos Rosario School graduate who recently completed his first year at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC).

Marvin started classes at Carlos Rosario in 2008 as an ESL level 2 student. This was just one year after he moved to the United States from his home country of El Salvador. In the fall of 2012, after graduating from the Carlos Rosario ESL program, Marvin started working toward his BA degree in accounting at UDC. Marvin said that the Carlos Rosario School taught him to dream big. To others who are working to achieve their dreams Marvin says, "Nothing is impossible in this life. You can achieve your goals, if you are determined to do it."

Fall 2013

Message from the President



What an exciting beginning to the fall 2013 school year!

I have no words to express how honored I am to share that in September we opened the doors to the new Sonia Gutierrez Campus in northeast DC.

On October 9th we hosted a grand opening event attended by more than 250 guests including elected officials, community leaders, donors, and other supporters. Mayor Vincent Gray, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Councilmembers Kenyan McDuffie, David Catania, Jim Graham, Anita Bonds, and Jack Evans along with school leaders and key supporters shared in the celebration by reflecting on the School's role in our community. I was also proud to recognize the work and dedication of celebration sponsors, developers, architects, and the building construction team. The grand opening was a chance for us all to celebrate the meaning of the American dream, as it is brought to life by the many students who have risen to meet the challenge.

We are as committed as ever to helping all students achieve their dreams, regardless of obstacles, even when others may say it is impossible. Together with our friends and supporters we will be here right alongside our passionate, dedicated students opening doors and providing stalwart support.

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Winner of the Hugh A. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award



Congratulations to Carlos Rosario School President and Founder Sonia Gutierrez on receiving the Hugh A. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award from the Hispanic Bar Association of DC! This award recognizes

community organizations and individuals with ties to DC who demonstrate "unwavering commitment and achievement to public service and dedication to the principles of equality, cultural respect, and social justice." Ms. Gutierrez will receive the honor at the Equal Justice Awards Reception, Thursday Nov. 7, along with three other awardees.

HBA-DC President Jaime Areizaga-Soto said: "We are excited about awarding these honorees and are inspired by their accomplishments and their selfless dedication to social justice and equality." Read more: www.hba-dc.org.

We are proud to announce the new Carlos Rosario School Flickr page.

View our photos on 

Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2014

Congratulations to Carlos Rosario School Chief Academic Officer Allison R. Kokkoros for being selected as a member of Leadership Greater Washington's Class of 2014. This organization aims to foster cooperation among established and emerging leaders in the region. Previous



Celebrating Our New Workforce Development Campus



Photo credit: Beverlie Lord/Satsun Photography

On Wednesday, October 9th the Carlos Rosario School celebrated the opening of the Sonia Gutierrez Campus with an event that featured remarks from elected officials, community and school leaders.

More than 250 guests received tours of the building that included demonstrations by students of the culinary arts, computer support specialist and nurse aide training programs.



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Mayor Vincent Gray provided remarks during the opening ceremony, saying "[This ceremony] is a powerful statement about the work that Sonia has done for so many years in this city. This is absolutely a wonderful statement about the

continuing investment in education."

Ms. Sonia Gutierrez recognized leading 40th Anniversary donors Marriott Foundation, Meyer Foundation, and Bank of America, and acknowledged celebration sponsors and other supporters.

Ms. Sonia Gutierrez told the crowd, "Today we celebrate the power of the human spirit."

Look at How Far We've Come!

This fall at 514 V Street NE, Washington, DC we opened the doors on the new Sonia Gutierrez Campus! For the past two years we have worked closely with developers, architects, and the building construction team to construct a state-of-the-art workforce building in the Eckinaton neighborhood. This 50,000 square foot

members include, among many other respected leaders, Councilmember Jim Graham; economist and writer, Julianne Malveaux; Scott Schenkelberg, President and CEO of Miriam's Kitchen; and our own Carlos Rosario President and Founder Sonia Gutierrez who is a graduate of the class of 1998.

Ms. Kokkoros is participating in the organization's 10-month Signature Program, dedicated to in-depth discussions of regional issues.

Check out our new channel!

View our videos on 

Thank You Maria Esther for Your Volunteer Service!



Maria Esther López started volunteering in Janett Arandia's Computer Literacy class

three years ago, after completing the course herself. As a volunteer, Maria comes to the Harvard Street Campus three evenings a week and helps students understand the new concepts and skills they're learning. She's just the right person for the job too: she recently finished the Computer Support Specialist Training. In the future, Maria wants to continue working with computers, and believes that her time as a volunteer will be a great asset in her search for a job. But for now, she enjoys working with the students and helping them make the best of their class. "I love participating in this job, I feel satisfied and useful," she said.

If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at the Carlos Rosario School, please check out our Facebook page!

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building will allow us to serve 500 students daily. Check out the before and after.



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What the Media is Saying About the New Sonia Gutierrez Campus



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RADIO



Scallops Wrapped in Prosciutto with Maple-Balsamic Glaze

16 med scallops-side muscle removed
8 thin slices prosciutto-cut in half lengthwise
1/4 cup-Maple syrup
2 Tbsp.-Balsamic vinegar
Salt and Pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

For Glaze

Combine syrup and vinegar in a bowl; remove 2 Tbsp. to marinate the scallops. Take remaining syrup and vinegar mixture and put into a small sauce pot or sauté pan. Over low heat reduce until thick. Set aside.

For Scallops

Using the reserved 2 Tbsp. of syrup and vinegar mixture toss with scallops and let marinate for 15 minutes. Using 1/2 slice of prosciutto for each per scallop, roll scallop in the prosciutto. It will overlap. Season with salt and pepper. Sear the scallop in a hot pan until the prosciutto is golden and crisp. Scallop will not be cooked all the way through.

Brush scallop with the glaze and finish cooking in a 375 degree oven for about 5 - 8 minutes. When finished, brush with glaze before serving.

During the grand opening event at the Sonia Gutierrez Campus students prepared and served 24 different Hors d'oeuvres. This is just one of the highlights!



Celebrating the Arts During Hispanic Heritage Month

Highlighting our talented students and drawing from rich community partnerships, the Carlos Rosario School celebrated Hispanic Month with several cultural events at both the Harvard Street and Sonia Gutierrez campuses. School volunteer and photographer Judy Bonderman donated colorful photographs from a recent trip to Peru, which now adorn the walls of both campuses.

The celebration also served as an opportunity to reflect on an important historical figure in Salvadoran history:

Monseñor Óscar Romero. Students from Janett Arandia's Computer Literacy classes

created an interactive mural where students wrote their thoughts on his life and work. In the classroom, the GED Spanish classes read and discussed the classic Spanish novel Don Quixote.



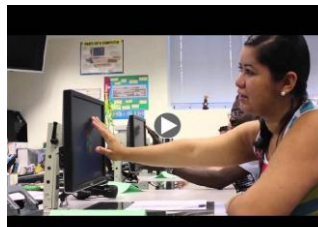
These weeks were full of music and dancing, too. In partnership with the Smithsonian Peruvian performer Vicky Leyva and her ensemble got students on their feet dancing to Afro-Peruvian rhythms. Local musician and Carlos Rosario School alum Lilo Gonzalez sang about El Salvador and told students about his experiences as an immigrant and a Mt. Pleasant resident. Finally, student-led band DC Mariachi

entertained people in the hallways and cafeterias of both campuses.

The last event was a presentation about environmental protection in Bajo Lempa, El Salvador, brought by Voices on the Border.



A Look at the First Week of School



First Week at the Carlos
Rosario School

Interested in seeing
inside the hallways and
classrooms at the

Carlos
Rosario School? Check out this video!

A special thank you to all of the donors and sponsors who have played a critical role in supporting the growth and sustainability of the Carlos Rosario School community.

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