

Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School



Carlos Rosario International PCS Newsletter

Summer 2013

Upcoming Events Open Enrollment for New Applicants

August 20th - August 22nd
Fall Classes Begin
September 5th
Grand Opening of the Sonia Gutierrez Campus
TBD

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Congratulations to Carlos Rosario School STARS



Congratulations to our STARS nominees: teacher Sheryl Sherwin and GED student Juan Carlos Miranda! They were honored at the DC Association of Chartered Public Schools event held last month.

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Message from the President

This year at the Carlos Rosario School graduation ceremony, watching student proudly cross the stage to receive their certificates, I couldn't help but think about all of us as we step by step get closer to achieving our dreams. Next year our graduates will go on to career training programs, higher education and family-sustaining wage jobs. And we at the School are excited about expanding our services to a new campus to open this fall in northeast DC.

You all play a vital role in helping us achieve our dreams from supporting scholarships, to participating in school events, from volunteering in the classroom to presenting workshops for our students. Our success is your success. I am pleased to share with you highlights from the past semester.



A Night Full of Inspiration



The 2013 graduation ceremony was filled with emotion as we celebrated the many accomplishments of Carlos Rosario graduates. The program was presided over by school president and founder Sonia Gutierrez who offered welcoming remarks. Greetings were brought by Councilmember Jim Graham, DC Public Charter School Board

Representative Don Soifer, and Board of Trustees Chair Alberto Gomez. This year there were more than 350 graduates from ESL 8, citizenship, and GED as well as nurse aide, culinary arts, customer service, and computer support career training. There were a record 68 graduates from the school's Plazas Comunitarias program, which awards elementary and

Sonia Gutierrez 40 Year Anniversary Campaign

Congratulations to Carlos Rosario School Student Rachel Nyongani!



Rachel was named Morrison Clark Hotel Employee of the Month for March! Rachel, originally from Congo, started taking classes at Carlos Rosario in 2011 and works in the housekeeping department at the hotel. She was referred to the position by job developer Tien Le. This Carlos Rosario School student has taken ESL classes level 1-5 and hopes to one day complete our nurse aide training program.

Check out the 2012-2013 Carlos Rosario School Literary-Arts Magazine, which is full of voices and stories of our second language learners.

Great Job Daniela!



Congratulations to Carlos Rosario culinary graduate, Daniela Moreira, who has completed a highly successful first year at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA)! Over the past year Daniela has actively

middle school certifications thanks to partnership with the Mexican Embassy. This year we awarded a total of \$43,500 to help 16 students pursue higher education courses in the fall. In her closing remarks Chief Academic Officer Allison Kokkoros encouraged students to continue inspiring those around them.



Congratulations to all our 2013 graduates!



Thank You to Mariano Claudio!



Thank you to Mariano Claudio, the newest Carlos Rosario Educational Foundation board member. Mariano donated \$10,000 to the Foundation to be designated for scholarships investing in Carlos Rosario School students attending college.

Mariano sees this as one way he can give back to the Latino community that has been helping him since he moved to the U.S. in 1994. Mariano is dedicated to supporting education programs like the Foundation because, "The best way to empower people is through education. By investing in just one person you're eventually giving back to the whole community."

At the school's graduation Mariano was inspired by the sense of accomplishment he saw. He said, "People have closed doors on immigrants in many different places. Here doors are opened and at graduation students showed everybody what they can accomplish when given the chance. Someone believed enough in them and these are the

participated in student groups and maintained a 3.5 GPA. This summer she will be putting her skills to the test during a summer externship at 3 Star Michelin restaurant [Eleven Madison Park](#) in New York City. Daniela has been able to attend the CIA thanks to a matching two-year scholarship from the Culinary Institute of America.

Click on the donate button below to support the Carlos Rosario School's initiatives for 2012!



Raising Scholarship Funds One T-Shirt at a Time!



Thank you to everyone who bought a Carlos Rosario School fundraiser T-shirt this year. Together we raised \$8,000 to be used for scholarships to help our graduates go to college.

This is more than double our fundraising goal!

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

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results."

Mariano, we are honored to have your expertise and passion supporting us in furthering the mission of the Carlos Rosario Educational Foundation and the School.

Working Together to Beautify the Neighborhood!



On Saturday, June 1st 40 students, faculty, staff, community members, and school supporters gathered to beautify the neighborhood. This Community Clean Up Day was hosted by the Carlos Rosario School student government.

GED Students Share Lessons in Math and Science

This spring the Carlos Rosario School GED program hosted a science and math fair to help raise awareness about what students learn in the test prep classes. Interactive displays encouraged participants to engage in topics ranging from the US electoral system to cell composition. GED student Elsa Flores said, "It feels good to share what we're learning!"



An Ongoing Commitment to Culture and The Arts

This May the Carlos Rosario School community celebrated



Good luck at UDC Gladis!



Congratulations to scholarship winner Gladis Galdamez from El Salvador. Gladis started at the Carlos Rosario School in 2011 determined to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. With the help of the scholarship Gladis will start nursing classes at the University of the District of Columbia in the fall. "Carlos Rosario made my dreams more real," Gladis said. "I am so thankful for the scholarship. I'm going to do my best and make you all proud."

Asian Pacific Islander Month with various cultural events and a student-led performance festival. Highlights included a Taiko Drumming workshop and a haiku writing presentation. The culminating festival included a parade of traditional dress with fashions from 13 countries,



along with dance, drama, and relaxation techniques acts representing the countries of Turkey, China, Lebanon, India, Hawaii and Tahiti. The Wong People performed a traditional Chinese Lion Dance and gave a demonstration of the ancient art of kung fu. Students Subi Perhaet of China and Wilma Consul of the Philippines

emceed the show. Following the performance students tasted traditional food from China prepared by culinary students and staff. Hawaii music was provided by Carol Takafuji.

The Carlos Rosario Educational Foundation congratulates the School's 2013 graduates!

We are truly proud of the dedication, hard work, and achievement of our students. The Foundation shares a deep commitment to excellence and to helping each and every student transform their life and achieve their dreams. We are grateful for our donors who invest in the Foundation and help our students have a brighter future.

Keep an eye out for our online mailing for more on ways you can donate to the Foundation.



We at the Carlos Rosario School are proud to close out yet another successful school year and look forward to an exciting fall! We remain grateful to our invaluable supporters and inspired by our dedicated students.

Sincerely,

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