



News from the  
Carlos Rosario School

## Message from the Executive Director and CEO



Dear Friends,

We have been honored and humbled during recent months with a visit from Prince Charles, a distinction as a Washington, DC top workplace, and the historic naming of the 500 Block of V Street, NE as Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way. And we concluded the 2014-15 School Year last week in the best way possible, celebrating our students' accomplishments at our graduation ceremony where over 300 graduates walked across the stage and received their diplomas for successfully completing their studies.

Thank you to our many supporters, mentors, volunteers, donors, and staff who made the successes of this past year possible. And a rousing "Congratulations!" to our School Year 14-15 Graduates! Your commitment and persistence in achieving your goals exemplify what our School's mission is about. You are our heroes!

Warmly,

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### Voted a Washington, DC Top Workplace

We are excited to share that the Carlos Rosario School was named a Washington, DC Top Workplace by the *Washington Post*. *Post* reporter Aaron Gregg investigated what makes nonprofits like Carlos Rosario rewarding places to work. Read his story [here](#).



### Celebrating Graduation 2015

On June 18th we celebrated the successes of 330 graduates who had completed career training programs, learned English, passed the GED exam, and become new citizens.

[Read more](#)



### Celebrating a Historic Street Naming

On June 5th community and school leaders along with students and alumni turned out in force to celebrate the Sonia Gutierrez Campus Way street naming. This is the first street to be named for a Latina in Washington, DC.

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## Carlos Rosario School Board of Trustees News

**Congratulations to our Board Chair!**

**Welcome, New Board members!**



### Patricia Sosa

Awardee  
2015 National No Tobacco Day Awards



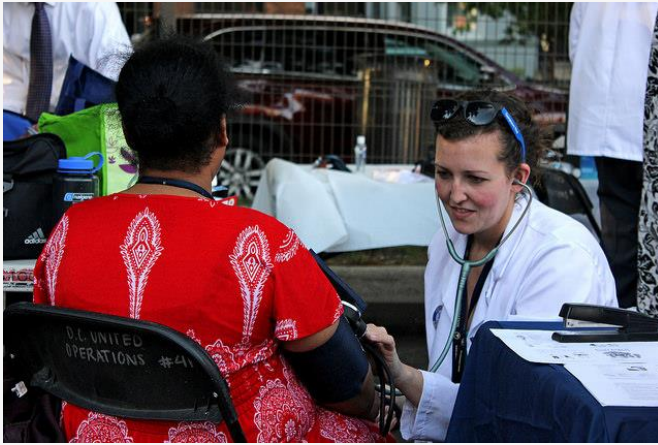
### Bo Pham

Deputy Assistant for Operations  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



### Hector Torres

Vice President  
Capital Hotels



### **A Community Partnership for Health**

More than 500 people received health information and services at the Health and Wellness Fair in May, a partner event with DC United.

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### **Fostering a Culture of Diversity and Inclusion**

This year the Carlos Rosario School Diversity and Inclusion Committee has shone a light on how we celebrate our differences and build on our shared experiences.

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## **Read some of the great things our community had to say about their work!**



### **Emilie Schmeidler, volunteer**

"Each day is different with new challenges and surprises. The constant is the commitment of the students. They are men and women, old and young, shy and outgoing -each different, each with his or her story and dreams- all working together to learn English."



### **Gisela Ortiz, GED Spanish student**

"I keep learning every day to prepare to be a better person and an example for my children by finishing my studies."



### **James McDonald, teacher**

"I teach at Carlos Rosario because I believe in the importance of its mission, the collegial atmosphere of the teaching staff, the supportive administration and most of all, the dedicated students who juggle jobs and family to improve themselves."

## **Congratulations to Hugh Beshers, Francisco Ferrufino and Fatima Zeroual!**

They were all recognized at the 2015 DC Charter School STARS Tribute for their outstanding work.



### **Hugh Beshers**

Most Outstanding Adult Teacher  
Winner



### **Francisco Ferrufino**

Most Outstanding Adult Student  
Winner



### **Fatima Zeroual**

Most Outstanding College Graduate  
Finalist, recipient of \$1,000 prize

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