### News from the Carlos Rosario School March 2019



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#### **Named Tier 1!**

The School earned a **Tier 1** ranking from the DC Public Charter School Board. This is the fourth time that the school receives a Tier 1 rating since DCPCSB started ranking adult education schools in 2015.

Sonia Gutierrez: Thank You For Your Decades of Service!



Sonia Gutierrez, the Founder of the Carlos Rosario School, officially retired in January from the School's supporting nonprofit, Community Capital Corporation. Ms. Gutierrez had been president of CCC since she retired from running the School in 2014 and was succeeded by Allison Kokkoros. Under her leadership, the Carlos Rosario School became the first adult charter school in the nation and won numerous awards for its excellence in education. We wish Ms. Sonia Gutierrez a happy retirement and thank her for her leadership through the decades! **Read more about Sonia Gutierrez's legacy.** 

# Legal Aid Society Provides Weekly Legal Assistance to Students



161 students have obtained legal assistance since September of 2018 thanks to a partnership with the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. Every Wednesday, Senior Staff Attorney Jeannine Gómez provides onsite legal consultations at the Harvard Street Campus. You can read more about it <a href="here">here</a>. Thank you to Legal Aid Society for this initiative!

#### **Check out the 2017-18 Annual Report!**

**Celebrating the Richness of Black Cultures** 



In February, the School celebrated its annual Black History Festival at the Sonia Gutierrez Campus. The evening event featured musical performances, dance, student-led acts, student artwork, and small business entrepreneur tables. This program provided the Carlos Rosario School and local community with a great opportunity to reflect on, learn more about, and experience the richness of black cultures in the United States and around the world. **Read more.** 



Kudos to Culinary Arts graduate Miriam



Congratulations to Nurse Aide Training

on finishing her Associate's Degree in Hospitality at University of the District of Columbia. She also started a new job as a pastry maker!

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### Collaborative Mural Depicts Students' Cultural Origins



The walls of the bistro at the Sonia Gutierrez Campus sing with color! Students painted a mural that depicts their cultural pride as well as their shared life experiences. Local artist Frida Larios and the School's Arts Department worked together to create the collaborative mural with student artists. **Read more** 

## **Expanding Learning Opportunities Through Technology**



For the past two years, various programs at the school have been working to integrate blended learning components to their classes. Thanks to grants from UnidosUS and OSSE, the School has been able to lend devices to over 150 students. The use of these tools has increased outcomes in reading, writing, persistence and, of course, digital literacy. Read more