

Celebration of Commonwealth Honors Scholars



Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6 p.m.

REMARKS FROM THE PROVOST

Dr. James Canniff
Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs



COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM

BHCC Honors Program is part of network of 25 honors programs in the public higher education system in MA
Support students who enjoy the challenge of learning topics from new and different perspectives
Provide Honors-designated courses and Honors seminars (25 Honors sections offered in 2021-22 academic year)
Provide opportunities to showcase Honors projects
Enrolled 260 students in the Honors Program in '21-'22 year



HONORS-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

STUDENT DEBATE CONTEST

April 28, 2022

Topic: Should the United States Congress pass a law making community colleges free?

Student participants:

Domingo Rivera, Michael Rodriguez, Justin Munoz,
Donald Planto, Meiqi Yang, Myron Adamson,
Elena Romanova, Neftalem Tesfaye, Kidus Alemu



HONORS-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

MOODLE SPEED QUIZ BOWL

May 9-13, 2022

10 Speed Quizzes

41 Student Participants

Winners:

Alice Leardini, Atifa Gurung, Carlos Quintanilla,
Daniel Dsouza, Jasmine Lainez, Kendra Heimlicher,
Nisrine Hafid, Sareena Chao, Uzochi Nzerem, Yandle Kuo



HONORS PROJECT CONTEST

- 1st Place: Yenchi Kuo, *The Ultimatum Game: AI's Path to Your Partner's Tricky Questions* (HON 200)
- 2nd Place: Joel Gutierrez, *Demographic Disparities in Melanoma Skin Cancer and their Associated Risk Factors in the U.S.* (MAT 181)
- 3rd Place: Caio Rodrigues, *The Future of Space Exploration* (HON 200)
- 4th Place: Jasmine Lainez, *Effects of COVID-19 on a Lifestyle Intervention Clinical Trial* (INT 299)
- 5th Place: Justin Munoz, *Advancing Underrepresented Communities through Transitioning to Circular Economy* (MAT 181)
- 6th Place: Michael Rodriguez, *Dirty Fuel and Climate Justice* (ENV 250)



BHCC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship
for Continuing Students:
Yenchi Kuo

Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship
for Graduating Students:
Naomi Drumgoole



COMMONWEALTH HONORS SCHOLARS

- Complete 3 Honors-designated courses with grade of B or better in each course
- Complete Honors Seminar (HON 200) with grade of B or better
- Earn a degree at BHCC
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher at time of graduation



SAPHIR ALEXANDRE

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Engineering Transfer Option

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



SAPHIR ALEXANDRE

Transfer Institution: UMass Amherst
Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Notable Honors Projects:
Deep Sea Mining

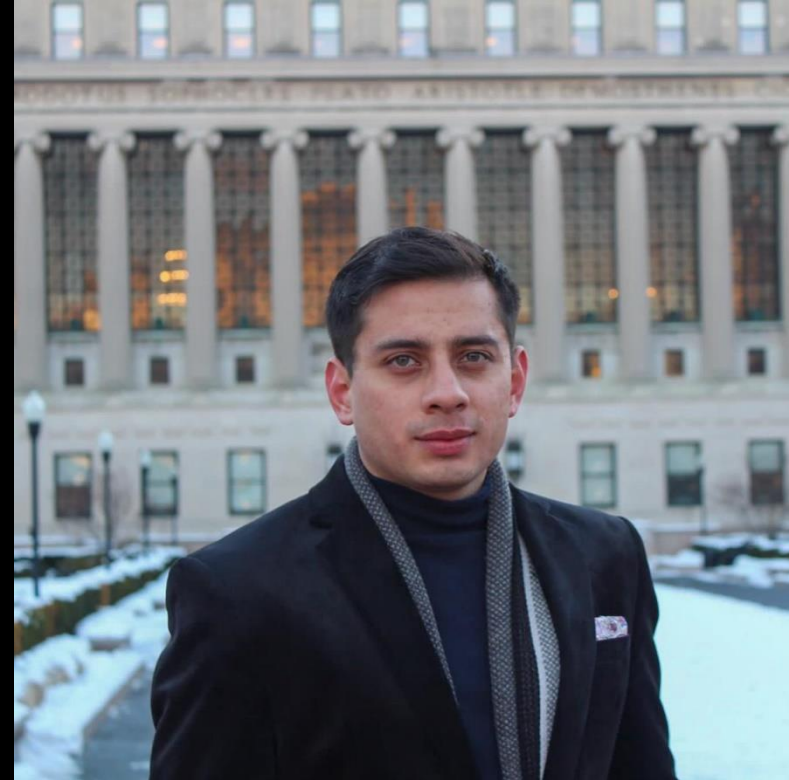


HUGO ALEJANDRO CARRILLO BERMUDEZ

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Liberal Arts

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



HUGO ALEJANDRO CARRILLO BERMUDEZ

Transfer Institution: Columbia University

Internship: City Sprouts

Internship: 826 Boston

Phi Theta Kappa scholarship

Notable honors projects:

Is there a relationship between religion
and the income of a nation? (MAT 181)



ROSE KENYA BENITE CHARLOTIN

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Business Transfer

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



ROSE KENYA BENITE CHARLOTIN

Leadership Intern at The Borgen Project
President of Basic Needs and Advocacy Club
Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society
Dean's List, Merit List

Notable Honors Projects:

Apple's Profiling and Marketing Plan (MAN 105)
"The Yellow Wallpaper", the Covid-19 Pandemic &
Women Empowerment (LIT 201)
The Future of Space Exploration (HON 200)



KEVIN CHAVEZ

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Political Science

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



KEVIN CHAVEZ

Mass Undergraduate Research Conference
Andrew Graham Semper Fi Scholarship

Notable honors projects:
Ethnography of Shopping Malls
The Growing Surveillance State



IAN YIN HSIANG CHUA

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Liberal Arts

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



WENDELL DESIR

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Biological Sciences: Medical Professions

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



NAOMI DRUMGOOLE

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Criminal Justice Transfer Option

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



NAOMI DRUMGOOLE

Accepted at: Temple University, UMass Boston, Suffolk
Dean's List since Fall 2020
Member of Phi Theta Kappa
Member: Student Conduct Hearing Board
Mayoral Recognition Certificate – City of Worcester
Facilitator for Worcester Youth Development and Professional
Leadership Symposium

Notable honors projects:

Performance in the Lens of Digital & Social Activism (HON 200)

The Covenant: A Dream for America (SOC 109)

Sustainable Communities: The Evolution of Environmental
Racism (ENV 105)



MARY ADEL FLAHERTY

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Psychology Concentration

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



MARY ADEL FLAHERTY

Transfer Institution: UMass Boston

Notable honors projects:
Gentrification in Major Cities in the United States
Pollution in Boston



GIUSEPPE GUARINO

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Computer Science Transfer Option

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



GIUSEPPE GUARINO

Accepted at: UMass Boston, UMass Amherst,
Boston University MET
Foster Furcolo Scholarship at UMass Boston
Community College Scholarship at Boston
University MET

Honors courses completed: Principles of
Sociology (SOC 101), Principles of
Psychology (PSY 101), Intro to International
Relations (PSC 220), Honors Seminar (HON
200)



JOEL ORLANDO GUTIERREZ ESTUPINAN

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Biomedical Engineering

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



JOEL ORLANDO GUTIERREZ ESTUPINAN

Transfer Institution: Cornell University

Member: Phi Theta Kappa

Internship: Cancer vaccine research at Harvard, Summer '21

Internship: Neurogenesis research at Station1 Fellowship, MIT

Mass Undergraduate Research Conference presenter, 2022

First Literacy Scholarship, 2021-22

Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students

Presentation Award, 2021

American Association of Immunologists Young Scholar Travel

Award, 2022

REFLECTS Scholarship, 2021-22

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer

Scholarship, 2022



JOEL ORLANDO GUTIERREZ ESTUPINAN

Notable honors projects:
Demographic Disparities in Melanoma Skin Cancer and their Associated Risk Factors in the United States (MAT 181)
Market and Business Data Analysis from Nike's 2015 Annual Report (ECO 202)
Biopsychology and its applications to real-world situations (PSY 101)
Climate Change Mitigation through Technology (HON 200)



RAKHMAN IBRAYEV

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Computer Science Transfer

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



EKVI ISAACS

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Sociology Concentration

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



EKVI ISAACS

Transfer Institution: Suffolk University
Phi Theta Kappa scholarship
Merit Scholarship from Suffolk

Notable honors projects:
The Impact of COVID-19 on Community
Climate Action, Trash Accumulation, and
Consumption (ENV 105)
COVID Mutual Aid and Community
Resilience (HON 200)



JASMINE LAINEZ

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Biotechnology Option

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



JASMINE LAINEZ

Transfer Institution: Simmons University

Internship: Tufts Medical Center

Merit List

REFLECTS Scholarship

Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship

Transfer SUCCESS Scholarship

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Notable honors projects:

Effects of COVID-19 on a Lifestyle

Intervention Trial: Modification of Study

Visits and Metabolic Evaluations (INT 299)



HWA YOON LEE

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Chemistry

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



CHRISTIAN MEDEIROS

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Engineering Transfer Option

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



KATHLEEN D. MILES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Liberal Arts

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



KATHLEEN D. MILES

Transfer Institution: Mount Holyoke College
Frances Perkins Scholarship (full scholarship at Mount Holyoke)
BHCC Gala Foundation Scholarship



CHEYANNE NICHTER DE ORTEZ

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Early Childhood Development Program

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



CHEYANNE NICHTER DE ORTEZ

Transfer Institution: Lesley University

Internship: Roots and Routes with Youth Visionary Collective

Internship in social media: The Borgen Project in Non-Profit Leadership

Internship in advocacy: Strategies for Children
Research presentation on how advocacy organizations can use modern technologies to make advocacy more accessible

Research in child maltreatment within childcare and correlation to current legislation and field crisis

Notable honors project: The Social Space of Mothers: An auto-ethnography of modern motherhood in present day U.S.



ANITA ONONYE

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE
Biological Sciences: Medical Professions

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



ANITA ONONYE

Transfer Institution: UMass Amherst
Majoring in Biology at UMass Amherst
Commonwealth Honors Program at UMass Amherst
Graduated with High Honors
Dean's List: Fall 2020
Merit List: Fall 2021, Fall 2019
Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society
President of BHCC Behavioral Science Club, 2021
Honors to Honors Scholarship at UMass Amherst
Accepted to the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority
Participation (LSAMP) undergraduate research
program with starts in Fall semester



ANITA ONONYE

Notable honors projects:

Human Papilloma Viruses and its Relation to Various Cancers (SCI 221)

Impact of Gentrification on Mental Health (HON 200)

Major Theories of Development, Learning, and Motivation (PSY 201)

Depression and Anxiety Among Teenagers and Young Adults (MAT 181)



ZULEKA QUEEN- POSTELL

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Liberal Arts

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



ZULEKA QUEEN-POSTELL

Accepted into: Simmons, Lesley, MassArt, UMass,
Emmanuel

Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

VP of Fellowship Student Government

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Transfer Presidential Scholarship

MassArt Transfer Scholarship

Saints Community Award

Notable honors projects:

Gentrification Aids Segregation in Cambridge (HON 200)

Let's Impact the Environment with Yoga (ENV 105)

Booker T. Washington vs. W.E.B. DuBois (LIT 227)

Special Needs Parents Experience Self-Care through Art

Therapy (VMA 122)



DOMINGO RIVERA

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Political Science

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



DOMINGO RIVERA

Transfer Institution: Boston University

4.0 GPA

BHCC Boston University Scholarship

Member: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Internship: Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce

Member of 2020 College FED Challenge Team

Captain of 2022 CHP Honors Debate Team

Poetry Contributor to BHCC Tell Magazine

Notable honors projects:

Rules vs. Formality in a Pandemic World (SOC 109)

The Return to Realism to the World Stage (PSC 220)

Flora, Fauna, and the Effects of Charisma (ENV 105)

The Progress of Puerto Rican Political Participation in

New York City (HON 200)



JAMES ROCHE

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
Business Transfer

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



JAMES ROCHE

Transfer Institution:
Salem State University



ELIAS SINK

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Mathematics

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



ELIAS SINK

Transfer Institution: UMass Amherst
Academic Excellence Award for Continuing Students
Honors-to-Honors Scholarship

Notable honors projects:

Masculinities (LIT 233)

The Future of Quantum Computing (HON 200)

Blockchain: Secure and Private Transactions in a
Connected World (CSC 239)

Gröbner Bases and Their Applications: A Simplified
Review (CSC 237)



DIANA YUNG WU

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Business Transfer

Commonwealth Honors Scholar



DIANA YUNG WU

Accepted into: Bentley University, UMass Amherst,
Boston University (expected transfer)
BHCC Foundation Gala Scholarship
Internship: Arbella Insurance Group

Notable honors projects:

Netflix, Inc. 2020 Analysis (ECO 202)

U.S. Economic History between 2000-2010 (ECO 201)

States of Consciousness (PSY 101)

Is Genetic Engineering a Means for Reaching Human
Perfection of Eugenic Dystopia? (HON 200)



Congratulations
Commonwealth
Honors Scholars!

