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# THE SCROLL

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School Newspaper



Yonkers Schools Superintendent Edwin Quezada was the Master of Ceremony for the Auditorium Dedication Concert. (See pages 10-12.)



Mrs. Theresa Smith is the 2022 Yonkers Public School Teacher of the Year. (See page 5.)



## The Val and the Sal

Annly S. John is our Valedictorian and Daniel Pereira is our Salutatorian. See Page 17. Photos supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



## Talent Show

Anisa Rullan mesmerized the crowd as the final act of the Talent Show on April 7th. (See pages 14-16.)

**Prom: June 22 Wed. 6:30-10:30pm  
at The Surf Club, New Rochelle**

**Graduation: Friday, June 24, 3:00 pm  
at Westchester Community College**

**Lincoln High School Dedication  
Concert for the Josephine A. Caruso  
Auditorium**

# The Scroll School Newspaper Club

By Mr. William Sweeney, Moderator

## Anisa Rullan is Front Page News

(Speech by Mr. Sweeney at the Senior Awards Ceremony 6/6/22)

As the Moderator of The Scroll school newspaper during the past ten years, I have always kept track of who made the front cover, particularly more than one of the sixteen issues of the newspaper that I have been associated with. One person, one person did the unthinkable — she graced our cover twice in just three opportunities. Note that The Scroll was shut down for Covid which was during her sophomore and junior years, and this year we could we could only publish one issue. (It's going to be a powerful issue!)

Anisa Rullan is a great dancer. She graced our front cover as a freshman in 2019 when she won the very competitive Café d' Artist performance competition, and again this Spring when she was the final act of The Talent Show, in our new auditorium. Then, her body parts flew this way and that, up-down, in and around, like a comet.

The front cover of The Scroll typic ally has four boxes or pictures with two on top and two below. I really had no choice but to put Anisa in one of the boxes for the upcoming issue. The other boxes are 'The Val and the Sal' Annly S. John is the Valedictorian and Daniel Pereira, our Salutatorian. Dr. Edwin Qeuzada, the Yonkers District Superintendent was the Master of Ceremony of the Auditorium Dedication Concert. In the fourth box, Mrs. Theresa Smith, is the Secondary High School Teacher of the Year for the Yonkers Public Schools for 2021-2022. Anisa will remain in this good company on the front page of The Scroll.

So, tonight The Scroll is presenting Anisa Rullan with the Front Page News Award. Anisa is front page news!

This fine award did not cost me one-thousand dollars. This award did not cost me even five hundred dollars. Actually, Mr. Virga made this beautiful award downstairs in the workshop, and Ms. Loia engraved it in the school library with the Glow-Forge lazar printer.

### The Scroll Notes

The Scroll Club would like to congratulate Mr. Sayegh, A.P. for the recent birth of his third son.

Congratulations to Kristina Nilaj for the recent birth of her first child, a daughter named Tori.

Congratulations to Ms. Chavez for completing her requirements for an M.S. in Reading and Literacies from the U. of Rochester.

We are selling newspapers throughout the school for fifty cents, but you can also find the June copy at the Lincoln High School website ([yonkerspublicschools.org/lincoln](http://yonkerspublicschools.org/lincoln)).



Mr. Sweeney presents Anisa Rullan with The Scroll Award for Front Page News. Below is Anisa and her mom.



# The Scroll School Newspaper Club

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## Dr. Saghafi : Retiring Teacher Career Contributions (to The Scroll) (Speech by Mr. Sweeney at Dr. Saghafi’s Retirement Party 6/2/22)

Dr. Dean Saghafi and I often spoke when I walked into his classroom and said, “It is time.” It was time for him to share with me his photos and explanations of the photos of his science research scholars for The Scroll school newspaper.

We both have this interest. I have developed two issues of The Scroll annually since 2013 and he supplied his photos regularly.

Often we spoke in the transfer process when he would naturally call me, “Brother.” I never really spoke like that until now. Now as Dr. Saghafi has decided to retire this June, I will now pick up that lingo because today I call him, “Brother.” It is sad to think that he is done. “Brother, I will feel your loss, especially in the Fall when it is again time to turn on the press.

So, it is fitting to present you with the Lincoln High School Retiring Teacher Career Contributions to The Scroll school newspaper award.

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Farewell, Brother!



Mr. Sweeney presents The Scroll Award for Retiring Teacher Career Contributions to Dr. Dean Saghafi at his retirement party in the cafeteria on 6/2/22. Photo supplied by Mr. O’Neill.

## About the Awards

Ms. Karen Loia, the Lincoln High School librarian (below) did the engraving for the awards here and on page 2. Mr. Anthony Virga (below) is a Woodshop Teacher who made the Award. Thank you to both of you!

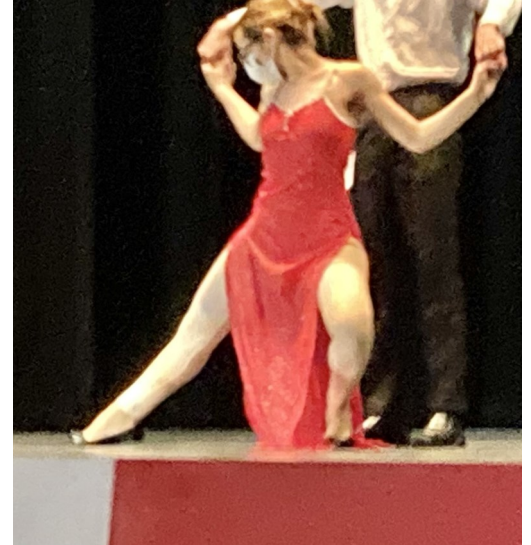


## The Multi-Cultural Dance Club



(Right) Dainely Veras Almonte makes a difficult dance move.

(Left) Derick Sanabria dances with Juleissy Mejia (far left) and Jordanny Perez dances with Dainely (right).



By Dainely Veras Almonte

Being in the Multi-Cultural Dance Club since freshman year has been one of the most fulfilling and beneficial activities I have participated in. This club really brings us together as a community not only here in Lincoln High School, but District-wide as well. I was lucky enough to come across Kendry (who was a senior when I was a freshman.) She introduced me to Ms. Santana, who is now the 11th grade School Guidance Counselor, and asked me if I would like to be part of the dance club. I immediately said yes, and since then all has been learning, sacrifice and effort, but lots of fun too. For my entire 9th grade and the first half of 10th grade, our agendas were full of performances at the Board of Education and Lincoln High School.

Our school hours ranged from 7:45 am to 6:30 pm because of rehearsals. The dedication that must be put into performance by the dancers as well as Ms. Santana can not be explained in writing. She constantly showed as much love and commitment as the dancers.

COVID-19 times were tough for everyone. For us, it meant not dancing for a while. When we were informed that we could do a show at Lincoln High School we were thrilled and willing to do it right away. The moment I was able to dance after so long, I felt that fire in me again. Dancing in my room is different than dancing in front of people. and I knew I missed it when I felt the same feeling I felt two years ago before the pandemic. Everyone has or must have something that motivates them like dancing motivates me, something that gets them excited about waking up and going to school. When I graduate I definitely will miss this club, Ms. Santana and all my different partners here at Lincoln.





Mrs. Theresa Smith shows her Teacher of the Year Award while surrounded by her family, Dr. Quezada and Mr. Sherman.



Dr. Quezada, the Superintendent of the Yonkers Public Schools with Mrs. Smith.



Dr. Hattar and Mrs. Smith



Mr. Sherman presents Mrs. Smith with a bouquet of flowers.



Seated are the family of Mrs. Smith. Dr. Hattar and Dr. Saghafi stand with Mrs. Smith in the background.

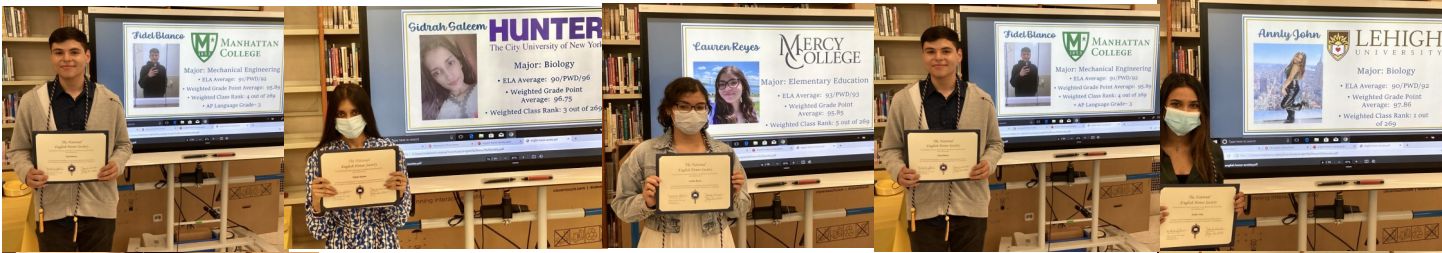
**Congratulations Mrs. Theresa Smith**  
 on your honor of becoming the Secondary High School Teacher of the Year for the Yonkers Public High Schools for 2022.



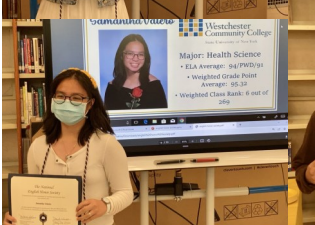
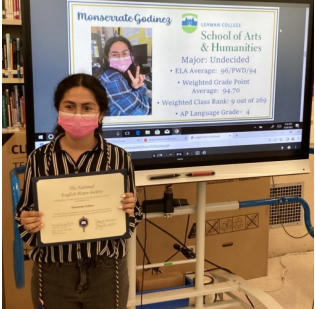
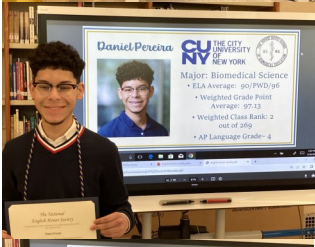
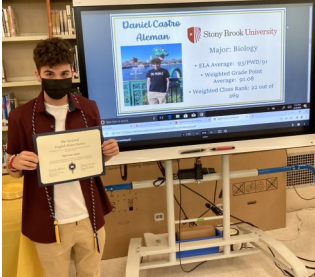
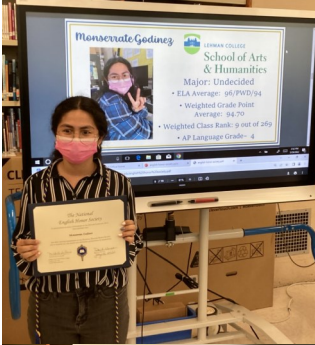
Mr. Morano, AP, and Mrs. Vitulli clap for Mrs. Smith.



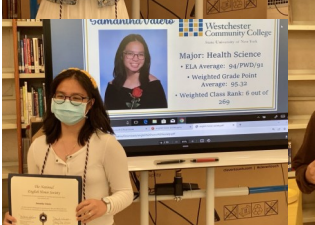
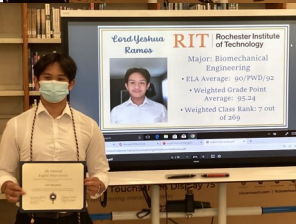
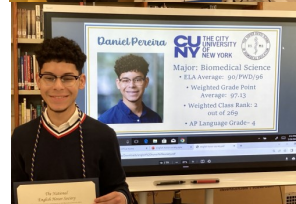
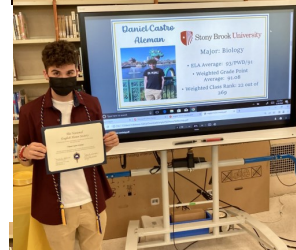
Mr. Sherman, Principal of Lincoln High School, announces that Mrs. Smith is the Secondary Teacher of the Year of the Yonkers Public



# The Lincoln High School English Language Arts National Honor Society Inductees 2022



Mrs. Debonis (English Language Arts (ELA) Department Chair, back row , right side) and Ms. Llanos (English Language Learners (ELL) back row, left side) organized the ELA National Honor Society Inductees 2022 and ceremony.



# ENL Thanksgiving Feast



(Above, from front left) Yosmely Toribio, Ireliza Aquino, Carlos Rodriguez and Fernanda Benavidez (Below, from left) Ashley Polanco, Illianelzy Toribio and Lorianna Castro Sosa



(Ms. Llanos with the E.N.L. students (right)

All photos on this page were supplied by Ms. Llanos.



Above, front table: Ms. Chavez, Mr. Mulqueen, Mrs. Dolgetta, Mr. Kaufman (A.P., sitting), Ms. Swanson (A.P., standing), and Mr. Sayegh (A.P., standing); back table, left: Mr. Barrientos (Guidance), Ms. Santana (Guidance, sitting), Ms. DiFucci, Guidance, standing), Ms. Charitos (Guidance, standing)

Above: Mr. Kaufman (A.P.) and Ms. Llanos (E.N.L. Dept. Chair)

## Science Research Projects in the Lab and Competitions with Dr. Saghafi



Kyle Macancela “The Effects of Wifi Radiation on Plants”. He won an award at The Center for the Urban River at the Beczak Center of Sarah Lawrence College. This photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



Daniel Pereira earned 5th Place at The Westchester-Rockland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Also, he presented his poster board at the New York State Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (sponsored by the Air Force, Army and Navy).



Willmar Diaz (left) “The Effects of LED Light on Photosynthesis and Algae” and Derrelle James (right) “The Microbial Fuel Cell” This photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



Taylor Rae Smith “The Creation of an Air Zinc Battery” This photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



## Science Research Projects in the Lab and Competitions with Dr. Saghafi



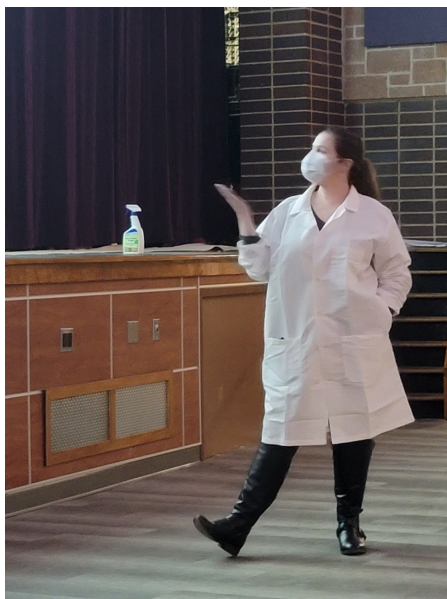
Ms. Kelly, Lincoln High School teacher, spoke on Academy Day in March to Lincoln students about what she did at the New York Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP).



Abdulrahman Ahmed Yahya “Creating Approaches to Determine if Food is Ripe or Not”. The photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



Anisa Rullan (left) and Alexandra Zappata (right) won \$200 each at the Creative and Innovative Approach to Research/Westchester Science Fair. This photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



Ms. DellaPosta, a Lincoln High School teacher, discusses her previous job as a lab tech at the Virology Department at Westchester Medical Center. This photo was supplied by Dr. Saghafi.



Annly John was participating at the Westchester Science and Engineer’s Fair with her project “Data Curation using BioPortel in Pediatric Medulloblassoma Patients”.

# Auditorium Dedication Ceremony

By William Sweeney

On the evening of March 18, Lincoln High School and the Yonkers Public Schools dedicated the new three-million dollar-upgrade to the auditorium by providing a concert with quite a wide range of musical talent. The auditorium was named after Josephine A. Caruso who was the Grand Dame of Lincoln High School and a teacher for thirty-seven years. (See photos on pages 7-9).

Improvements include all new seating, stage, sound system, lighting, ceiling and walls built for sound, and bathrooms in the entranceway,



Lincoln High School Principal Sherman addresses the school at the auditorium dedication.



Ms. Myers (right) and her daughter (left) on piano

Ms. Myers was a former music teacher and leader of the music department at Lincoln. She returned on this eventful night to the place of her great successes with the students.



Mr. Julio Soler is singing with a considerable voice, some say he 'stole the show', with Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Zion playing with the band.



The new Lincoln High School Auditorium on the night of the Auditorium Dedication Ceremony.



Issa Belle Morrison, a student at Yonkers Middle High School.

## Auditorium Dedication Ceremony



Mr. Kuhn plays the violin solo.



Mr. Zion conducts the Choir.



Lincoln High School Choir (above) led by Mr. Zion entertains at the auditorium dedication ceremony.



(left) **Stage Crew**

(from left) Mr. Virga, Mr. Nesbeth, Jacob Cabrera, Chris Andino, Alexandra Zaporta, Javell Garcia and Eva Rodriquez

Photo supplied by Mr. Nesbeth.

## Auditorium Dedication Ceremony



**New York State Senator** Andrea Stewart-Cousins speaks at Lincoln High School for the Auditorium Dedication.



Samantha Rosado-Ciriello (above) is the **President of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers.**



The amazing audience views the Dedication Concert.



Kristen Frick, Kenneth Knox, Konstantino Tsouklalas, Craig Neal, and Carlton Jay are all music teachers from around the Yonkers district.



Dr. Tanya Long, Yonkers Director of Arts Program, receives flowers.

# Dr. Dean Saghafi Retirement Party



Dr. Saghafi cuts his well-deserved "Happy Retirement" cake.

Wilmar Sosa Diaz with Dr. Saghafi



(from left)  
Wilmar Sosa Diaz,  
Daniel Pereira,  
Alexandria Zaparta,  
Eva Rodriquez



(from left) Dr. Corinne Singleman,  
Ms. Illyse Baum, Dr. Saghafi,  
Dr. Ankhui Uagkhein,  
Dr. Jennifer Choy



Guess who???



Dr. Stephen Young, Superintendent  
of the Berlin School District



(Left) Mr. Sweeney  
presents Dr. Sa-  
ghafi with The  
Scroll Award for  
Retired Teacher  
Career Contribu-  
tions to the school  
newspaper.



Deana Moffat, a past student  
of Dr. Saghafi



Mrs. Theresa  
Smith orga-  
nized the sur-  
prise party for  
Dr. Saghafi.

## Talent Show



Kahiem Allums (M.C.) and Natalya Robinson (Co-M.C.)



Miguel Corona on guitar played a Jimi Hendrix version of “The Star Spangled Banner”.



Abel Garcia sang “Creep” by Radiohead. Mr. Zion accompanied on guitar.

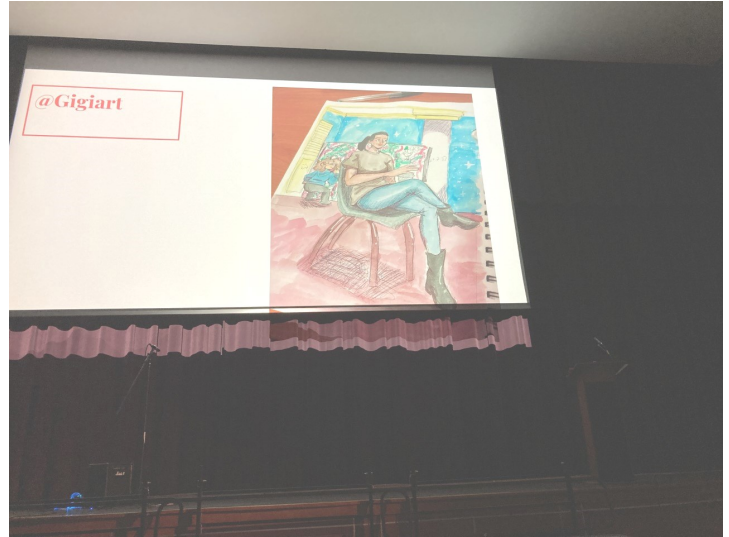


Amber Morales softly sang “Stay” by Rihanna.

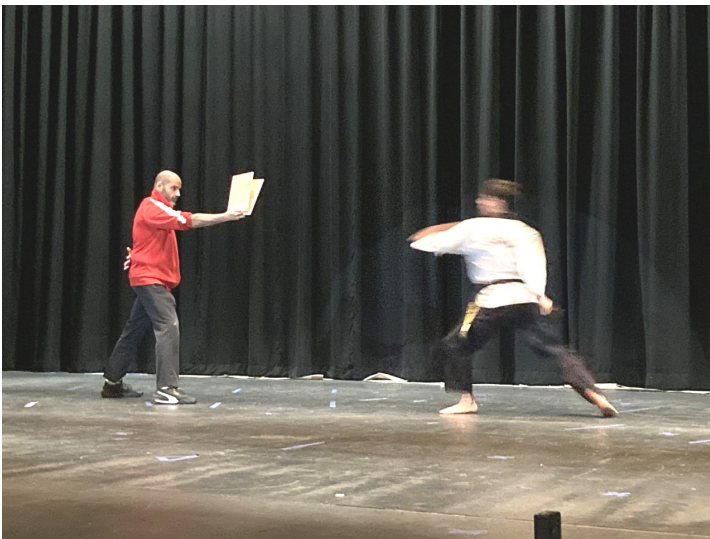
## Talent Show



Camili Mora Asencion described her Art Portfolio Presentation (includes picture to right).



The picture above was part of Camili Mora Asencion's Art Portfolio Presentation.



Trey Giorgianni gave a Taekwondo demonstration, kicking the solid wood planks in half. He did it several times. Dr. Saghafi who also practices Taekwondo holds the boards for Trey.



Sarah Ankihah-Mensah sings.

## Sunshine Club

Mr. Sweeney won a Halloween Raffle run by the Sunshine Club and he received the following spectacular prize (See right.) Facilitators of the Sunshine Club include Ms. Kathleen Mancuso, Mrs. Linda Martocci, and Mrs. Adelaide Dolgetta.



## Talent Show



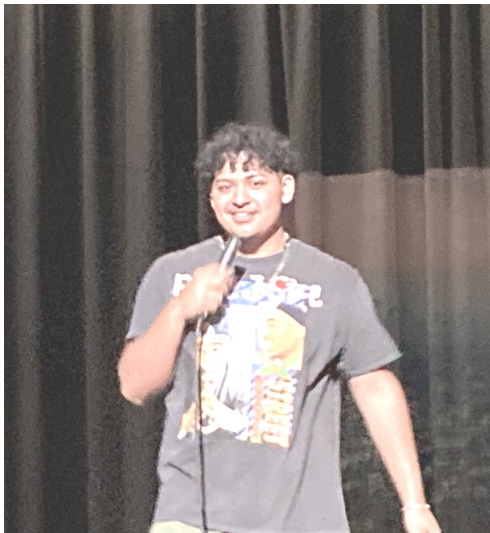
Kayla Bartley sang “Carrie the Musical” and “Money” from Cardi B.



John Lang, Jr. sang “Memories” by Maroon 5 and performed an original rap.



Angelica Manzueta sang “Rain” by Adele.



Joseph Estrada sang an original rap.  
“As soon as you trust yourself you will learn how to live.”



Kahiem Allums sang “As the World Caves In” by Matt Maltese.

## The Crafts and Confections Club

By Lunna Rosales

The Crafts and Confections Club is a club that gives students opportunities to bake, cook, and make artsy projects. Joining this club is a perfect idea to make friends and learn new things. Mrs. Silverman is the moderator.



# Senior Awards Ceremony



Daniel Pereira  
Salutatorian  
Mr. Sherman, Principal



**Top Twenty** Above, from left to right — Samantha Valero, Wilmar Sosa Diaz, Sidrah Saleem, Laura Reyes, Lord Yeshua Ramos, Daniel Pereira, Annly John, Derrell James, Fidel Blanco, Jessenia Bailey, Kaheim Allums (See page 20 for Top Twenty list.)



Annly John  
Valedictorian  
Mr. Sherman, Principal



Kathy Torres  
John Trentanelli Award



Samantha Valero



Kaheim Allums (L)  
Yamisha Gomez (C)  
Best All-Around Student



Kaheim Allums, Wilmar Diaz - Student Council



John Lang (L)  
Performing Arts



Daniel Pereira  
Foreign Language Award



Aaron Matthews (L)  
Band Award



Kaheim Allums (L)  
Mr. Morano, AP (R)



Derrell James  
Silver Science Award



Diomel Vega  
Yes, I Can Award



Samantha Valero  
Band Award



Derrell James (L)  
Fidel Blanco ©  
School Service Awards



Brianna Hidalgo (L)  
Ivonne Chiqui Marca (C)  
Ms. Swanson, AP (R)



Derrell James  
Silver Science



Lauren Reyes  
Physical Education Award  
Mr. Sayegh, AP



Wilmar Diaz  
School Spirit Award



Eric Vargas  
Stage Craft Award

## National Honor Society Seniors



Above, from left to right— Kaheim Allums, Lauren Reyes, Fidel Blanco, Jessenia Bailey, Samantha Valero, Lord Yeshua Ramos, Annly John, Derrell James, Daniel Pereira, Willmar Sosa Diaz, Trintiy O’Neal

## National Honor Society Underclassmen



(from left) Amber Moral, Sophia Fortuniewicz, Kyle Macanuela, Zani, Skyler Nicholas, Kimberlin Adams, Kenzie Agomani-Avam, Alondra Ponce, Sophia Lopez, Trinity O’Neil, Shantey Soto, Paulina, Brian Rubio, Lizmel

# Academy of Finance



**31st Graduating Class of the Academy of Finance Class of 2022**



**Jeremi Polanco Inoa**



**Emilio Beltran**



**Emily Cartagena**



**Jasmine Tetteh**



**Ms. Sharida Yassin,**  
 Guest Speaker  
 2009 graduate of the  
 Academy of Finance  
 CEO of TeamUp Solutions Group  
 (Financial)

**Mr. Jason Wilson,** Guest  
 Speaker and Lincoln High  
 School Social Studies  
 Teacher  
 CEO of  
 Wilson Waxes, Inc.  
 Car Wax  
 "We Come To You"



## Top Twenty Seniors (by Rank)

1. Annly John (Valedictorian)
2. Daniel Pereira (Salutatorian)
3. Sidrah Saleem
4. Fidel Blanco
5. Lauren Reyes
6. Samantha Valero
7. Lord Yeshua Ramos
8. Jessica Batac
9. Monserrate Godinez
10. Kaheim Hason Allums
11. Jessinia Bailey
12. Derrell James
13. Dainely Veras Almonte
14. Yulissa Clase
15. Katherine Portillo
16. Arron Mathew
17. Vivian Seemer
18. Abdul-Rahman Azeez
19. Jessica Nemorin
20. Willmar Orquiry Sosa Diaz

## The Seal of Bi-Literacy

By Mr. William Sweeney

To earn a Seal of Bi-Literacy (SBL), a student must work with a teacher to collect from their previous writings and or write six pieces in two languages. Lincoln High School teachers review the writings by using rubrics. Still, the students had to write a summary of their experience doing the Bi-Literacy activities and then take a test.

As one of the teachers assisting the students for the SBL, I worked with three students who earned their SBL. I was honored to work with Derick Sanabria, Elion Toma and Daniel Castro Aleman. I appreciated reading their impressively written pieces. This was my first year working on helping students achieve the SBL.

Ms. Llanos, the Chairperson of the English As a New Language (ENL) program, and Mr. Sayegh (A.P.) spearheaded the SBL Program. Approximately twenty students from Lincoln High School achieved the SBL. Other Lincoln teachers who participated with helping students earn the SBL include Ms. Chavez, Dr. McFarlane, Ms. Lacen, Ms. Kwasi, Mr. Montalvo, and Ms. Soler.

## My Experience in the Dominican Republic

By Johanna Torres

The Dominican Republic (D.R.) is a beautiful island in the Caribbean. It is warm, has tropical fruits and views that will stun your mind. I was born there and have a pretty good understanding of what it is like living there. So let me tell you my story. I was born in La Capital, which is a very popular state in the Dominican Republic. It is one of the most industrialized cities in the "D.R.". Shortly after I was born, I moved to an urban town called Villa Mella, where I spend most of my childhood. My favorite foods that I ate there were mangu, rice, beans and red meat.

I was raised with my father's side of the family and lived with my aunts and my grandma. I went to a Christian school and the requirements were to wear a uniform and to be there on time. I spent my free time going to beaches and spending time outside playing with my cousins, sometimes in the rain. I looked forward to spending time with my dad.

The reason that I moved to the United States was to find more opportunities and a better education. Although I live in the U.S., I miss and love my island country and look forward to going back to experience it in a different way.



Johanna Torres (above)

## Football Braves

The following are Lincoln High School students who played on the Yonkers Brave football team. The game was at Mamaroneck High School in September of 2021.



Jhan Rosario is a senior linebacker on the football team.



Dajour Holmes is a senior and Captain of the football team and he played quarterback.



Jovahn Suarez is a senior lineman at Lincoln High School.



Marcus Dessesow is a junior center and guard who attends Lincoln High School.

## Boys Soccer



Oziel Aguilar, perhaps the fastest student at Lincoln High School this year, dribbles the ball.



Oziel Aguilar, Jordy Guzman and Ellison Garcia



Boys Soccer Team (above)



Jordy Guzman is dribbling the ball.

Aimee Mastrangelo, a Lincoln Security Officer, and Greg Savino, teacher, watch the boys soccer game.



## Girls Soccer



Mr. Ford (Girls Soccer coach), Irlanda Flores, and Stepanie



Shanelly Pagan is the Captain of the girls soccer team. Shanelly said she is starting a three-month basic training with the Marines starting in early July. Good luck in the Marines!



**The Softball Fan Base:** Karol Sandoval (left), Miriam Bernal (center), Natalie Tapia (right)



Emilia Florencio (above)

## Volleyball



Eryn Ross serves the ball.



Gionna Kennedy returns the ball.



Gionna Kennedy races home against Ardsley High School in April. The Lady Lancers are the best base runners of any Lincoln girls softball team in recent history.



Kathy Torres returns the ball.



# Softball



Rishetty Bautista, catcher, plays well.



Kathy Torres (front) plays first base. Yamisha Gomez (rear) plays second base.



Lauren Reyes plays third base.



Senior Picture: (from left) Daviana Periera, Yamisha Gomez, Lauren Reyes, Katherine Torres, Cynia Robinson, Jayshka Valentin



Gionna Kennedy plays shortstop.



Ava Anglada pitches.

# Softball



Kathy Torres (above) is at bat.



Gionna Kennedy (above) is at bat.



Stella Young hits the ball.



Gionna Kennedy (above) is looking to steal while at first base.



Cyniah Robinson (left) is on second base.



Gionna Kennedy (right) is on second base.

# Baseball



Carlos Pimentel is at bat.



Sandro Vasquez takes a swing with the bat.



Alex Mandano is a top pitcher for the Lincoln High School Baseball team. He has pitched a no-hitter and has also hit an inside-the-park home run this season.



Carlos Pimentel is catching.



Derriente Flores (left) is scoring a run.

Derick Sanabria (right) catches a game. (photo supplied by Amber Sencion Rodriguez.)



# THE SCROLL



Baseball

## Sports

Girls Soccer



The Lincoln Baseball Team with the 3rd Place Trophy for defeating Riverside High School.

Back row, from left: Nelson Sanchez, Coach Greg Savino, Jordany Perez, Alexander Madrano, Roberto Franjul, Angel Morales, Nelson Moranta, Alexander Reyes, Deriant, Jeremy Salvadore, Coach Christopher Ford

Front row, from left: Jaron Rhodes, Charley Vittini, Carlos Pimentel, Sandro Vasquez



The Girls Soccer Team — Back row, from left: Coach Christopher Ford, Angelina Venegas, Ava Anglada, Estefany Lopez, Sherlin Martinez, Emelia Florencio, Brittany Gonzalez, Samantha Campos, Ariana Irizarry, Itzel Flores, Melissa Torres, Jahairy Reyes

Front row, from left: Shanelly Pagan, Samantha Pedroza, Irlanda Flores, Miriam Bernal, Eva O'Hanlon



Softball



The Softball Team — Back row, from left: Davianny Pereira, Yamisha Gomez, Lauren Reyes, Katherine Torres, Cyniah Robinson, Jayshka Valentin, and Ava Anglada. Front row, from left: Samantha Morales, Nicole Mendoza, Stella Young, and Destiny Kingsley. Photo supplied by Lauren Reyes.

Football



Dajour Holmes was the starting quarterback of the Yonkers Brave football team. He won the award for Player of the Year for the football team.