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**EL DIARIO'S PUBLISHER, ROSSANA ROSADO
SPEAKS AT MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE 2013
COMMENCEMENT**

Wednesday, June 5, 2013: 6:30 p.m.
Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center

New York, NY (May 9, 2013)--Macaulay Honors College of The City University of New York has announced that Rossana Rosado, Publisher and CEO of El Diario La Prensa, will address graduates and guests at its 9th commencement exercises. Macaulay Honors College University Dean Ann Kirschner will lead the ceremony, which will take place in New York City at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Broadway at 65th Street, on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

"Macaulay Honors College has earned a reputation for educating bold, intellectually adventurous students who are engaged with the issues of the day," said Rosado, who has overseen the day-to-day operations of the oldest Spanish-language newspaper in the country since 1999. "I am pleased to be part of this celebration, and to welcome them as a new generation of leaders."

"Our new graduates embody the verve, passion and innovation that have characterized Macaulay Honors College scholars from the outset," noted University Dean Ann Kirschner. "These young people are self-directed, highly motivated global citizens who are deeply engaged with the issues of the day. I am tremendously proud of our students, and I anticipate major professional achievements ahead."

Prior to becoming publisher, Rossana Rosado was Editor-in-Chief of the paper and the first woman to hold that position at the now 97-year-old publication. In 2011, Rossana was appointed to the NY/NJ Port Authority Board by Governor

Cuomo. The mother of two children, ages 18 and 21, she is the recipient of many awards including an Emmy, a STAR award from the New York Women's Agenda, and a Peabody Award for Journalism. Rosado served on Mayor Bloomberg's transition team in 2001 and as one of six co-chairs for Governor Eliot Spitzer's transition team in 2006. She currently serves on the board of the New York Women's Foundation, 100 Hispanic Women of Westchester, Repertorio Español and co-chairs a capital committee for the Caribbean Cultural Center. Ms. Rosado holds a B.A. in journalism from Pace University.

In addition to Rosado, two honorary degrees, Doctor of Humane Letters, will be awarded at the commencement ceremony, to Reynold Levy, President of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and to philanthropist Virginia Slaughter, founder of the Horace W. Goldsmith Scholars Program at Macaulay Honors College.

Lincoln Center's award-winning programs flourished during Levy's tenure, while a \$1.2 billion physical transformation modernized and expanded the 16-acre campus housing 11 performing arts organizations and educational institutions. Levy has also served as President of the International Rescue Committee, the senior officer of AT&T in charge of government relations, President of the AT&T Foundation, Executive Director of the 92nd Street Y, and Staff Director of the Task Force on the New York City Fiscal Crisis. His alma mater, Hobart College, honored him with its Alumni Medal of Excellence. He is also the recipient of the International Rescue Committee's Freedom Award; Columbia University's Lawrence A. Wien Prize for Social Responsibility, and Lincoln Center's Laureate Award. He received the 2009 Design Patron Award granted by the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt Museum for his stewardship of Lincoln Center's physical transformation. A graduate of Hobart College, Levy holds a master's degree and PhD in government and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a law degree from Columbia University.

Virginia Slaughter founded the Horace W. Goldsmith Scholars Program at Macaulay Honors College in 2002, with the aim of identifying, inspiring, and supporting the aspirations of undergraduate intellectual leaders. After graduating college, she worked for the United Nations alongside Ralph Bunche, and later worked with the Institute for International Education. She was brought to City College by the renowned educator and theorist Mina P. Shaughnessy to teach in the basic writing and ESL programs. Her research, and her dedication to the unheralded field of basic skills, led to the publication of *Teaching Basic Skills in College* (Jossey-Bass, 1980), which she co-authored. Her commitment to access and excellence in education led to the creation, in 1984, of the Scholarship Enhancement Program at CUNY, designed to encourage high achieving students to compete for national and international graduate fellowships. Slaughter has served as President of Inwood House, a leader and innovator in teen pregnancy prevention, youth development and family support. She is Trustee Emerita at Connecticut College, where she served on the Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2007, focusing on financial aid, student diversity and science initiatives. Ms. Slaughter received a B.A. in psychology from Connecticut College and a masters degree in education from the University of Bridgeport.

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and New York City itself. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full-tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and a \$7,500 Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning and service opportunities. A Cultural Passport provides access to museums, libraries, and other treasures around New York City. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens and Staten Island). For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu.

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