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Hertog Scholars Program

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About the Program

The modern humanistic ideal of a well–rounded citizen of our nation and our world emphasizes a broad overview of culture, politics and society. The Hertog Scholars Program is a critical review of political philosophy, comparative literature, political economy, and American history, government, and culture - explored through close readings and discussion of enduring texts.

Program Director: Darren Staloff, Ph.D.

Some key findings about the program

- Sixty scholars enrolled in the program since its inception in 2013.
- Four students withdrew before completing the program.
- Thirty-two students have graduated, 91% in 4 years (29)
- The average GPA of the graduate is 3.83 (this compares to 3.77 for Macaulay Honors College graduates of class 2014 & 2015).
- All but one student received Academic Honors upon graduating.

Honors	Number	Percent	GPA
Summa Cum Laude	17	53%	3.93
Magna Cum Laude	09	28%	3.76
Cum Laude	05	16%	3.72
Total Graduates	32	100%	3.83

Awards Hertog Scholars received include:

- Harry S. Truman
- Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program, (2) Taiwan & Israel
- Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship
- The Immigrant Justice Corps Community Fellow
- Stanley Feingold Scholarship
- Scholar Athlete of the Year, Lehman College
- Princeton Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship
- National Hispanic Scholar
- HackNY Fellows Program
- Chaney Goodman Schwerner Award
- CUNY UNICEF Challenge Winner
- Class of 2015 Valedictorian

Post graduate institutions of Hertog Scholars:

Columbia Law School, JD (2);
Harvard Law School, (JD);
Yale Law School, (JD);
Brooklyn Law School, (JD);
University of Virginia, Commerce (MS);
Vanderbilt University, Learning Instructions (M.ED);
Yale University, Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Chemistry (PhD);
Georgetown University; Foreign Service (MS)

Employment of Hertog Scholar graduates:

AJC Goldman Fellow in Warsaw, Poland; American Corporate Partners, Operations Associate; Apple Seeds, Assistant Teacher; Bloomberg IOS, Software Engineer; Capital One, Senior Analyst Digital Products; EZ MSP, Systems Engineer; Fair Trade, Certification Specialist; Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Hebrew University, Israel; Immigrant Justice Corp., Community Fellow; Level Solar, Solar Ambassador; Mindshare, Senior Associate; New York City Department Consumer Affairs; New York City Department of Education, Physics Teacher; News writer at Talking Points Memo; Operations Associate at Generation Citizen, Operations Associate; The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Education Program Assistant; Why Empire, Founder/Partner.

Carlsky Belizaire '15 (Queens)

Paula Garcia Salazar '15 (City)

Jake Levin '16 (Brooklyn)

Course Feedback, Fall 2016:

On the overall impression of the courses:

"It was one of the most fascinating, informative courses I have ever taken."

"While the reading is challenging, and ends up taking up most of my time, this course has opened my eyes to the origins of themes in modern writing and visual storytelling. I've formed cohesive friendships within the cohort and look forward to Fridays as a seven-hour session of intellectual invigoration."

"It is an amazing course that strengthened my writing, speaking, and analytical skills. Living and learning in NYC puts us in a bubble of sorts. While we learn about other cultures, we do not have a grasp of what the American lifestyle is to others (the silent majority that voted in the past election). By engaging in a dialogue, my professor taught us how many other sides there is to the story and why our political debates get so heated, everyone is speaking from their own frame of reference."

Given all that you learned as a result of this course, what do you consider to be most important?

"How to become a stronger writer and use literary analysis."

"Critical thinking: the ability to always look for the other side, find the flaws, the extremes, the distortions."

Additional Comments

"He will shred your mind to pieces and make the pieces make sense."

"Professor Staloff is by far one of the best-- if not THE best-- professor I've ever had. He is incredibly intelligent and great at what he does. He makes every class engaging and I always learn much more than I expect in each new class."