



2019

MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT

ORDER OF exercises

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, JUNE 6, 2019, UNITED PALACE THEATER

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REMARKS FROM THE CLASS OF 2019

Vasiliki Savvides (Baruch College)

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The Macaulay Triplets and All Assembled

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*Guests are requested to remain at their seats
during the recessional*

DEDICATION TO THE
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FOR THE 2019 GRADUATES:

I remember our trips in and out of the arts in the city.

I remember the way you looked around the Metropolitan Opera House—the awe as the chandeliers descended from the ceiling.

And I remember your beautiful writing, which started out hesitant and ended up brave.

I remember your faces rapt with eagerness to speak, to listen, and to be heard.

These were the precious gifts you gave to me as your teacher.

May you continue to read and write and to grow intellectually

May you stay open and curious

May you stay loving and kind

May you be self-reflective, close to your feelings, hopefully unafraid of them

May you respect the feelings of others

May you have courage when you need it most

May you stay connected with each other, and

May you remember your days at Macaulay

—Roni Natov

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Accounting

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Marketing Management

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BARUCH COLLEGE
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CITY COLLEGE
Chemical Engineering

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CITY COLLEGE
Electrical Engineering

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CITY COLLEGE
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CITY COLLEGE
Electrical Engineering

AISHWARYA DAS
CITY COLLEGE
Civil Engineering

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CITY COLLEGE
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Interaction Design

a message

FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER RICHARD N. GOTTFRIED

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2019 of Macaulay Honors College! You have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and are part of a valuable group of future leaders who will continue to make ours a more inclusive, effective, and productive society. You should take great pride in the degree you are earning today, an honor that recognizes your outstanding educational achievements and great potential for professional success.

Macaulay Honors College is a jewel in the crown of the City University of New York, one of the great public institutions of America. I encourage you to continue supporting public educational institutions like CUNY and Macaulay, which have done so much to open the doors of opportunity and to make ours a fairer and more just society. I hope that your experience at Macaulay Honors College inspires you to help solve the enormous challenges facing New York City, our country, and the world!

I join Dean Dr. Mary C. Pearl and the faculty at Macaulay Honors College in congratulating you on your academic achievement. I extend my best wishes for continued success in the years ahead!

class of 2019

SENIOR AWARDS

Macaulay Legacy Award

Recognizing exceptional co-curricular contributions to the Macaulay community that have provided a template for future student activities and outreach.

HUSSAIN BOKHARI, CITY COLLEGE

GENEVIEVE BUCCIGROSSI, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

ALISON DEREVENSKY, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

SARAH DUNFORD, CITY COLLEGE

ALLYSON GOLDEN, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

ELLA MERRIWETHER, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

DEMI MOORE, HUNTER COLLEGE

JAVIERA MORALES-REYES, LEHMAN COLLEGE

NAVIN RANA, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

FRANCES RAYBAUD, QUEENS COLLEGE

VASILIKI SAVVIDES, BARUCH COLLEGE

JOSEPH SHAKER, CITY COLLEGE

Macaulay Community Service Award

Recognizing outstanding volunteer service work that exemplifies Macaulay's belief that every student must challenge him or herself to improve the lives of others

LEOR ALKADAA, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

ANDREW BANDINI, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

RYAN COFFEY, CITY COLLEGE

MARCO COSTANZA, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

MONNIQUE JOHNSON, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

ALEXANDER LEGG, CITY COLLEGE

KERI MALLARI, LEHMAN COLLEGE

LILLIAN MANGIALINO, BARUCH COLLEGE

ALIYAH MEYER, HUNTER COLLEGE

BENJAMIN MUSHEYEV, QUEENS COLLEGE

JASMINE OLIVERA, QUEENS COLLEGE

JONATHAN PENUELA, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

ANUMTA RAHEEL, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

NICOLETTE TEPENEU, BARUCH COLLEGE

Spirit of Macaulay Award

Recognizing a graduating senior whose outstanding leadership and overall contributions to Macaulay, CUNY, and beyond have created transformative experiences for students, faculty, and administrators.

KRISTEN COURNANE, QUEENS COLLEGE

MAISHA KAMAL, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

The Provost's Award

The Macaulay Honors College Provost's Award recognizes a graduating senior who has shown exceptional academic achievement, and has been granted significant opportunities after graduation.

ELLIOT DAVID, HUNTER COLLEGE

AHMED FAROOQ, BARUCH COLLEGE

Springboard Awards

The Macaulay Springboard Award recognizes students who have taken the idea of a thesis or capstone project in new directions. By reimagining the final project, pushing the boundaries of what research and scholarship can achieve, these students have launched new models, new ways of looking at their world, their studies, their communities, and their futures.

MARIAM AHMED, HUNTER COLLEGE

The Legacy of Division Throughout American History: A Look at Modern-Day Family Separation

ARIEL AVGI, CITY COLLEGE

Harnessing the Power and Potential of Climate Science Writing

JEFFREY DELFIN, CITY COLLEGE

The Yellowman and the Golden Age: Representation of Asians in American Cinema

LILY EVANS, CITY COLLEGE

Playing Novels, Reading Games

DANIEL FISHER, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

Unidentified: The Power of Transgender Representation in Film

SIMONE HENDERSON, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

Crazy Rich Stereotypes: Perceptions of Media Representation

LIBBY HO, CITY COLLEGE

The Power of the Emergency Department: A Case Study of Bellevue's Homeless

NISHAT HOQUE, BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Doctors, Patients, and Power: The Ethics of Islamic Reproductive Healthcare

ALEXANDER LEGG, CITY COLLEGE

It's Not True That it's Safe: Violence Against Men in Commercial Sex

EDRICK LEONG, HUNTER COLLEGE

The Domination of Streaming Services on Billboard Charts and the Music Industry

SELINA LIM, HUNTER COLLEGE

Just Didn't Do It: Nike's Social Irresponsibility

RICHARD LU, HUNTER COLLEGE

Sites of Power: How User Experience Controls Lived Experience

VASILIKI SAVVIDES, BARUCH COLLEGE

Deaf & Detained: The Intersection of Disability & Incarceration

ALEX VEERASAMMY, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

Prognoses of Power: Frameworks to Improve Communication in Hospitalist Relationships

JACLYN WILLIAMS, CITY COLLEGE

The Weaponization of Housing Policies in Post-Colonial Cities

named scholarships

SELECTED NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

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TAKING A MEDICAL ETHICS COURSE AT THE MACAULAY BUILDING AND AT NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN WITH DR. ELIZABETH REIS AND DR. MATT MCCARTHY WAS TRULY A ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTEGRATE THE CLASSROOM WITH PERHAPS MY FUTURE PLACE OF WORK ALLOWED ME TO EVOLVE MY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IN A WAY THAT NO OTHER COURSE EVER HAS.

RABIA MEHMOOD, BROOKLYN

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a message

FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN ROSENTHAL

Congratulations, graduates! As the fifteenth class to graduate from Macaulay Honors College, you join a distinguished line of young scholars, writers, athletes, activists, musicians, and change makers who earned this diploma and took their Macaulay experience with them into New York City and the world.

As a New York City Council Member and public servant, I am a staunch believer in the value of public education. Macaulay Honors College is one of New York's hidden gems. It exemplifies the boundless potential of our young people, the dedication of our educators, and this city's progressive ideals.

Today we celebrate you; the incredible amount of work you have put in to get here, the community you built, and how you have been transformed by your experiences at Macaulay and in New York City.

You are the future leaders we need. You represent the brightest hopes of this city and this country. Now more than ever, we, as adults in government, need to stop talking at you and start listening to you. Don't be afraid to use your voices.

Congratulations again. I am honored to witness your commencement today, and cannot wait to see what you will accomplish next.

a message

FROM MANHATTAN
BOROUGH
PRESIDENT
GALE BREWER

Dear Graduates,

If the City University of New York is one of our government's crowning achievements, then the Macaulay Honors College is the jewel in its crown. Since 2001, Macaulay has fostered excellence in the CUNY system and helped students pursue their dreams through its unique model.

In my years of public service, I have had so many talented Macaulay students intern in my office, and Macaulay is often my first thought when I'm in search of thoughtful perspectives and young leaders who can tackle hard challenges

Congratulations to all of the students in Macaulay's 2019 graduating class. You are part of a unique institution—a center of true excellence within a public university system whose mission could not be more important: making higher education accessible to all.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful institution. Whether it's in public service, the business world, technology, the arts, entertainment or culture, I hope our paths cross and I look forward to seeing all you will accomplish.

commencement address

AASIF MANDVI

PEABODY AWARD WINNING
ACTOR, COMEDIAN, AND WRITER

Aasif Mandvi is one of the most in-demand writers and actors in comedy. For more than 9 years he pushed the *Daily Show's* satire into new areas as its senior "Muslim Correspondent." Then, he fearlessly donned an erratically colored sweater to lambaste cultural stereotypes in a web series he co-wrote, *Halal in the Family*. The production earned a Peabody award for its innovative storytelling format and for "challenging anti-Muslim bias."

In 2017 Mandvi hosted a fundraiser for the ACLU and the International Rescue Committee, in response to the first Muslim ban, to provide a voice for refugees and groups committed to helping them. In addition, Mandvi works with the Asian American Legal Defense Fund and believes strongly that humanizing the immigrant experience is more essential now than ever before. Comedy and storytelling are his tools. "Once you are laughing with somebody, it creates a human connection that can't happen any other way," he says.

Mandvi's feature films include *Drunk Parents*, *Mother's Day*, *Million Dollar Arm*, *The Internship*, *The Proposal*, *Premium Rush*, *Music And Lyrics*, and *Ghost Town*. Television credits include *Evil*, in production for CBS, *Younger* on TVland, *This Way Up with Ainsley Bea*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events* for Netflix, and *Blue Bloods* for CBS. Mandvi wrote, produced, and starred in HBO's *The Brink*, opposite Jack Black.

Stage credits include *Sakina's Restaurant*, which earned an Obie Award and was recently revived at the Minetta Lane Theater. Mandvi is also the author of a book of personal essays entitled *No Land's Man*, published by Chronicle Books.

Aasif Mandvi will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Macaulay Honors College and address the graduating class of 2019 on June 6.

commencement 2019

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AASIF MANDVI

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

hearken well (o macaulay)

Hearken well, all ye daughters and sons of New York,

Where the beautiful lights shine so bright,

In the City University of New York,

Where the mind and the spirit take flight.

O join one and all, both humble and grand,

While as one we cross avenues wide,

All together now honor our college so loved.

O Macaulay we walk side by side!

**IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT IF YOU SHOOT
FOR THE MOON AND MISS, YOU'RE BOUND
TO LAND AMONG THE STARS. HOWEVER,
I AM CONFIDENT THAT MANY OF THE
STUDENTS SITTING AMONG US TODAY WILL
LEAVE CRATERS UPON THE MOON IN THE
FOLLOWING YEARS.**

COLLIN CHIPETINE, BARUCH

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