The Hundred Year Association of New York

Isaac Liberman
Public Service Awards
for Career Civil Service Employees
and
E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards

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THE HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Founded in 1927, the Hundred Year Association of New York records the founding of New York City business, professional, educational, religious and charitable organizations that are at least one hundred years old. The Association assists its members in communicating their history and their contributions to the educational, cultural and civic affairs of New York City. Any association, corporation, partnership or individual proprietorship that has continuously been in business for at least one hundred years, or that is successor to such a business, is eligible for membership. Over 200 organizations comprise the Association’s membership.

In recognition of the close partnership between the New York City private sector and City government, the Association established its program to recognize outstanding New York City career civil service employees in 1958. Named for the Association’s founder, the Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards for New York City Career Civil Service Employees are available to employees whose salaries do not exceed $81,000. Individual cash awards generally range from $1,000 to $6,000.

The Association’s E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards Program was founded in 1971 with a $50,000 grant from the Seamen’s Bank for Savings, of which Mr. Conway was then chairman, to assist academically qualified children of career civil service employees to obtain college educations. College Scholar Awards are granted to promising students whose gross family incomes do not exceed $110,000. The scholarships recognize excellence in scholastic achievement and community service. College scholarships generally range from $1,000 to $6,000.

The Association’s awards are augmented by member, corporate and organizational funding. Each member-sponsored award is named for the sponsoring member organization. The Association has distributed more than $1,000,000 in awards.

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Sophia K-Franklin  
Child Protective Supervisor Specialist  
Administration for Children’s Services  

$3,500  
The Chief-Civil Service Leader

As a Child Protective Supervisor Specialist serving as the Training Supervisor of the Division of Child Protection, Sophia K-Franklin has worked tirelessly for the Administration for Children’s Services. Ms. K-Franklin is responsible for training staff to assess the risks of children who are allegedly abused or neglected, as well as directing and guiding the Child Protective Services staff. Not only does she train the staff and schedule family meetings and child safety conferences, she provides a neighborhood tour to familiarize new staff with their assigned districts and accompanies each worker to the first field visit. Ms. K-Franklin provides individual hands-on computer system instruction to trainees at their desks and provides her home phone number to staff to allow them 24-hour contact. Additionally, she is very active in community service activities, including breast cancer walk fund-raising, and volunteering with the Special Olympics, the Helping Other People Excel program, the Stevie Wonder Toy Drive, and the March of Dimes Stork’s Nest Initiative. She also reads to seniors and runs errands for them. Additionally, she promotes literacy through her PTA, and introduced lunch hour walks at work to combat obesity. Ms. K-Franklin has more than 25 years of City service.

Mordechai Goldfeder  
Senior Planner/Lieutenant  
Office of Emergency Management

$2,500  
John Gallin & Son, Inc.

As the Senior Health and Medical Planner for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Preparedness Division, Mordechai Goldfeder is responsible for collaborating with healthcare agencies and medical facilities throughout the New York City area to address public health and medical preparedness in case of disasters and large scale emergencies. Additionally, Lieutenant Goldfeder is involved in regional preparedness for potential terrorist and weapons of mass destruction incident response. He has made outstanding contributions and worked tirelessly to prepare the City and the healthcare system for the impacts of Tropical Storm Irene, which was the first activation of the Healthcare Facility Evacuation Center, and of Superstorm Sandy, thereby protecting the City’s most vulnerable people from injury or fatality. His experience in these storms led him to rewrite several operational strategies of the City’s Coastal Storm Emergency Plan. Lieutenant Goldfeder’s expertise in healthcare preparedness has been acknowledged throughout the country and he has spoken on this subject at many forums and conferences about health and medical related operations during these two storms, bringing recognition to and enhancing the prestige of the OEM. Lieutenant Goldfeder has 19 years of City service.

Michael Jones  
Assistant Property Manager  
Housing Authority

$2,500  
James Thompson & Co., Inc.

Michael Jones has worked for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) for 20 years, and presently serves as Assistant Property Manager for Tompkins Houses, interfacing with tenants to solve problems, going to the field to collect overdue rent, and supervising all office staff. Additionally, Mr. Jones represents NYCHA in Landlord and Tenant Court proceedings. While operating efficiently and accurately in all his activities, he projects a warm, cheerful attitude to residents and staff, resolving conflicts and difficult situations with patience and tact. Mr. Jones has impacted the NYCHA community in many ways. He founded the Williamsburg Basketball League and continues to coach games, was honored by the NYCHA Chairman for his community service, and founded the Stop the Violence One Mile Bike Ride. Mr. Jones’s accomplishments have improved the quality of life of many people, both on the job and in his community.
Matthew Stephens
Director of Street Tree Planting/Administrative Horticulturalist
Department of Parks and Recreation

$2,000
Lucretia Mali Award

Since 2007, when he began to work for the Department of Parks and Recreation, Matthew Stephens has made important contributions and innovations in his agency. He leads the Street Tree Planting operation Citywide, installing over 20,000 street trees a year. Instead of responding only to homeowner requests for trees, Mr. Stephens used spatial maps and GIS to analyze the city for canopy cover, and developed a planting scheme that focuses on block and community planting in neighborhoods with few trees and green space. Using Department of Health and Mental Hygiene data, he has linked tree planting to neighborhoods with high rates of childhood respiratory diseases, using natural resources to address public health issues. Mr. Stephens has controlled and improved the tree procurement procedures by providing long-term contracts with local nurseries with high-quality growing specifications, thus improving tree quality and diversity. Additionally, he instituted a customer satisfaction questionnaire, advanced a street tree mortality study, experimented with planting variations to lower costs and increase longevity, and has enabled New York City to be named one of the top ten urban forestry programs in the nation.

Yolanda Gibbs
Community Coordinator
Department of Housing Preservation and Development

$1,000
Richard A. Cook Award
The Hundred Year Association of New York

Yolanda Gibbs is the Deputy Director of the Rental Assistance Unit in the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) Division of Special Needs Housing, facilitating rental assistance to homeless, disabled, and low-income individuals for 164 projects and thousands of units throughout the city. She was among the first HPD volunteers for the housing recovery efforts after Superstorm Sandy. Ms. Gibbs tirelessly and patiently counseled and guided Superstorm Sandy evacuees in completing applications for assistance, referrals and vouchers. During her 13 years with HPD, her compassion and caring treatment of those who need assistance, combined with her knowledge and understanding of rent stabilization and federal rules, have resulted in great improvements in the lives of the tenants she deals with. She helps both the housing sponsors to follow the complicated procedures required to manage the rental housing and the residents who are receiving assistance. Ms. Gibbs’s selfless commitment to her clients and pride in her work are an inspiration to all.

Otoniel Jimenez
Police Officer
Police Department

$1,000
Hagedorn & Company

Police Officer Otoniel Jimenez worked tirelessly as a volunteer to coordinate Superstorm Sandy relief efforts with Legacy Centers and other faith-based organizations, and with New York City and State politicians. Officer Jimenez was instrumental in directing numerous truck escorts bringing food and clothing to the worst affected areas where there was no power or gas for long periods of time. He handled the logistics of distributing food, clothing and medical assistance to those in need, while providing safe environments for the many volunteers. Officer Jimenez’s unselfish contribution of endless hours of volunteer assistance was above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Jimenez is also the President of Police Officers for Christ. He has 21 years of service in the Police Department.
Although Police Officer Carolyn Nitowitz joined the Police Department (NYPD) only three years ago, she has already made a tremendous impact on the tracking of crime and officer responses and on improving service to the community in the 73rd Precinct. She works well with a team and became a leader in her squad, multi-tasking and assisting supervisors in administrative functions. Police Officer Nitowitz designed a computerized tracking program to monitor officer responses to different precinct conditions for the NYPD’s new Quest for Excellence system. Supervisors can now track responses by individual officer, by squad, or by entire precinct on a real time basis and provide better direction to staff. Her system enables resources to be deployed where they are most needed, addressing crime conditions with the greatest impact on the community. Police Officer Nitowitz has utilized her understanding of police enforcement activities and made the best use of her analytic skills and superior understanding of information management systems to bring the 73rd Precinct to the next level of tracking and addressing crime activities.

Marta Reyes
Social Worker/Asthma Counselor
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

In her current Social Worker position as Asthma Counselor at the East Harlem Asthma Center of Excellence (EHACE) of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Marta Reyes ensures that children with asthma receive appropriate medical care and have home environments free of asthma triggers. Ms. Reyes has established solid relationships and collaborates with school nurses, physicians, day care staff, and other programs to identify and provide services to children with asthma. Ms. Reyes consistently enrolls 99 percent of referrals into the program. She conducts assessments of medical and social needs of families, develops and implements care plans, conducts educational workshops in the community, and represents EHACE at departmental, local and national meetings. Additionally, because families in the asthma program often exist on public assistance and need support, Ms. Reyes regularly solicits donations of food, clothing, toys, infant equipment and other items from co-workers and distributes them to families in East Harlem. Ms. Reyes volunteers to attend health fairs and events on weekends and volunteered to work at a shelter during Superstorm Sandy. Last year she partnered with NY Cares to obtain and distribute over 4,000 coats to New York City residents. Ms. Reyes is a great asset to the City of New York. She has 15 years of City service.
Giovana Hernandez
Elaine Wingate Conway Award
Conway Foundation College Scholar
$5,000

Giovana Hernandez is the daughter of Johanny Monegro, a Sergeant in the Police Department. Ms. Hernandez is a freshman at Emory University. She is the recipient of an Emory College Grant.

Orrin Campbell
Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America College Scholar
$2,500

Orrin Campbell is the son of Anita Campbell, a City Parks Worker in the Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Campbell is a freshman at New York University. He is the recipient of a Stern Scholarship, a Federal Pell Grant, and a New York State TAP Grant.

Aglaia Ho
Lathrop & Gage, LLP College Scholar
$2,500

Aglaia Ho is the daughter of Wai Fun Ho, the Director of Tax Sample Research in the Department of Finance. Ms. Ho is a freshman at Williams College. She is the recipient of a Williams Grant and a Book Grant. Ms. Ho was a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Victoria Ng
The Bank of New York Mellon College Scholar
$2,500

Victoria Ng is the daughter of Man Ng, a Senior Police Administrative Aide in the Police Department. Ms. Ng is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the recipient of a Penn Grant, the Elks National Foundation Scholarship, a Federal SEOG Grant, and a Federal Pell Grant. Ms. Ng was a 2011 and 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.

Anika Rastgir
Tiger Baron Foundation College Scholar
$2,500

Anika Rastgir is the daughter of Shahan Rastgir, a Civil Engineer II in the Transit Authority. Ms. Rastgir is a sophomore at Emory University. She is the recipient of an Emory College Grant. Ms. Rastgir was a 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.

Bryant Ly
Brooklyn Bar Association College Scholar
$2,000

Bryant Ly is the son of Edward Ly, a Computer Associate (Technical Support) in the Human Resources Administration. Mr. Ly is a junior at the University of Southern California. He is the recipient of the University of Southern California Grant, the University of Southern California Scholarship, the Pertusati Memorial Fund Scholarship, and the Stuyvesant High School Weinstock Scholarship for Foreign Languages. Mr. Ly was a 2011 and 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.
Carla-Keyanna Macias-Cervantes  
**Brooklyn Bar Association College Scholar**  
$2,000

Carla-Keyanna Macias-Cervantes is the daughter of Rosetta Oglesby-Macias, a Police Administrative Aide in the Police Department. Ms. Macias-Cervantes is a sophomore at the University of Rochester. She is the recipient of a Rochester National Grant, a Dean’s Scholarship, a Federal SEOG Grant, a Federal Pell Grant, a New York State Bundy Grant, and a New York State TAP Grant. Ms. Macias-Cervantes was a 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.

**Jesse Baum**  
**Geneva Worldwide College Scholar**  
$1,000

Jesse Baum is the daughter of Stanley Baum, an Administrative Staff Analyst in the Department of Sanitation. Ms. Baum is a sophomore at the University of Vermont. She is the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship.

**Anthea Chan**  
**Modell Financial, Inc. College Scholar**  
$1,000

Anthea Chan is the daughter of Sandra Chan, an Accountant in the Teachers’ Retirement System. Ms. Chan is a sophomore at New York University. She is the recipient of a CAS Scholarship and a New York State TAP Grant. Ms. Chan was a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

**Emmanuel Daring**  
**STV Group College Scholar**  
$1,000

Emmanuel Daring is the son of Eleston Daring, a Traffic Engineer in the Department of Transportation. Mr. Daring is a junior at Williams College. He is the recipient of a William W. Garth Family Scholarship.

**Patrick Galarza**  
**Dancker, Sellew & Douglas College Scholar**  
$1,000

Patrick Galarza is the son of Barbara Tucciarone, a Supervising Probation Officer in the Department of Probation. Mr. Galarza is a senior at Columbia University. He is the recipient of a Columbia University Named Scholar’s Grant, a Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship, and a New York State TAP Grant. Mr. Galarza was a 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.

**Anna Goldberg**  
**Ralph K. Smith Award**  
**The Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar**  
$1,000

Anna Goldberg is the daughter of Alexander Goldberg, an Elevator Mechanic in the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. Ms. Goldberg is a freshman at Stony Brook University. She is the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship.
Matthew Kugler  
E-J Electric Installation Co. College Scholar  
$1,000

Matthew Kugler is the son of Frank Kugler, a Deputy Director of Architecture in the Department of Design and Construction. Mr. Kugler is a senior at Skidmore College. He is the recipient of the Skidmore College Grant, the Marc Connolly ’92 Memorial Scholarship, the Federation of Italian-American Organization Scholarship, and a New York State TAP Grant. Mr. Kugler was a 2010, 2011 and 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.

Jake Moffett  
India House College Scholar  
$1,000

Jake Moffett is the son of Brian Moffett, a Specialist Operator Track Worker in the Transit Authority. Mr. Moffett is a junior at Brown University. He is the recipient of a Brown University Scholarship, a Buick Achievers Scholarship, and a Federal Pell Grant.

Hannah Tobias  
Kensico Cemetery College Scholar  
$1,000

Hannah Tobias is the daughter of David Tobias, a City Planner in the Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. Tobias is a sophomore at Vassar College. She is the recipient of a Vassar Scholarship, a New York State Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and a Brothers of the Rhinebeck Lodge #432, Free and Accepted Masons Scholarship. Ms. Tobias was a 2012 Hundred Year Association of New York College Scholar.
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