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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network
December 25, 2009-----

LEP INTERPRETER GRADUATION

Harlem Hospital Center hosted the first NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and the City University of New York Healthcare Interpreter Program's graduation ceremony on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. The Class of 2009 was comprised of twenty graduates including HHC employees and CUNY students. The program is designed to train students in multiple languages to increase the quality of interpreting services available at HHC facilities and to help patients navigate the healthcare system. The graduates celebrated their great achievement with family, friends and colleagues. The special occasion was covered by *El Diario* and WNYC Radio.



Fatima Shama,
Commissioner, Immigrant Affairs, Mayor's
Office of Immigrant Affairs



L-R: Dr. Félix Matos Rodriquez, President,
Hostos Community College and Dr. Ramanathan
Raju, EVP and Chief Medical Officer, HHC



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Wilma Alvarado-Little,
Director, Community Engagement and Outreach
Center for the Elimination of Minority Health
Disparities University of Albany, SUNY



Healthcare Interpreter Program Graduates



L-R: Dr. Wilma Alvarado-Little; Anna Nanine Pond; Caroline Jacobs, SVP, Patient Safety, Accreditation, and Regulatory Services, HHC; and Dr. Williams L. Pollard, President, Medgar Evers College, at the graduation.

ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Public Meeting took place on Tuesday, December 15 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium at Harlem Hospital Center. The HHC Board of Directors provided the community with their goals and objectives for 2010, and allowed invited guests and community members the opportunity to speak. Mr. Matthew Bitz, Legislative Aide for Council Member Dickens, read a written testimony for Congressman Charles Rangel and provided remarks on behalf of Council Member Inez Dickens. Other speakers included, Ms. Jackie Rowe Adams, a Founder of Harlem Mothers Save, the

Chairpersons of the Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network Community Advisory Boards, and concerned community members.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE FORUM

The Institute for Health Improvement 21st Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care was held in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. The two day event took place on Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11. Some of the nation's leading professionals in quality health improvement shared their experiences, perspectives and strategies on how to achieve quality healthcare systems.

The President and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, one of the nation's leading authorities on healthcare quality and improvement was the Keynote Speaker. John M. Palmer, PhD, made the opening remarks. This event was well attended by our staff and health professionals interested in hearing and learning from the experts in the quality improvement industry.

DIABETES RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE

Health and Hospitals Corporation launched a new website designed to help diabetic patients become active participants in their care, and as a place to access resources and tips to get their blood sugar under control.

The HHC Diabetes Wellness Center at www.nyc.gov/hhcdiabetes features advice from HHC doctors, nurses and

nutritionists, patient success stories, healthy eating and exercise tips, access to free blood monitors, and a comprehensive list of support groups and diabetes wellness classes available throughout the Network. The online resource center will be promoted directly to patients through a direct mail brochure that will be sent to their homes in January 2010. Promotional flyers will be available throughout all HHC facilities. All HHC staff is encouraged to direct patients with diabetes to this new online resource center.

CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATIONS...



Left James Capel (Chief of Staff, Congressman Rangel), Melba Joyce (Jazz Vocalist), Dr. Muriel Petioni (Chair & President Emeritus, Friends of Harlem Hospital Center), Hon. Inez E. Dickens (Honoree), Mrs. Patricia Butts (First Lady of Abyssinian Baptist Church), Carole D. Smith (Treasurer & Chair, Grants Committee, Friends), Mrs. Ernestine Bell-Temple (Legislative Officer, Hon. Herman "Denny" Ferrell) **Back Left** Dr. Glendon C. Henry (Medical Director, Harlem Hospital), Mel Jackson (actor), Dr. John M. Palmer (Executive Director), Corwin J. Breeden (Chair & President, Friends), Bryan Collier (Artist & member Friends)

The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center hosted their Second Annual Holiday party honoring the Honorable Inez Dickens with the first Health Activist Award, for her many years of service to the Harlem community, on Tuesday,

December 8 at Londel's Supper Club. Attendees enjoyed the smooth sounds of Dr. R. Linsy Farris' jazz band and the sultry voice of Melba Joyce, as they celebrated the accomplishments of Council Member Dickens and the holiday Season.



James Capel, Hon. Inez E. Dickens, Corwin J. Breeden

MORE CELEBRATIONS...

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in collaboration with the Department of Anesthesia and the Department of Pediatrics, held their Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 12. The Astoria Manor rocked as everyone mingled, danced and partied into the early morning.

The MIS Department celebrated the holidays by hosting their Annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 18 at the Kennedy Center in Harlem. Harlem Hospital Center staff, friends and family were moving and shaking as DJ Jai Live and DJ Beetle spun the latest rap, R&B and "Oldies But Goodies". Everyone had a fabulous time and looks forward to 2010.

TICKETS AT WORK

Whether you're traveling this holiday season or staying home, TicketsAtWork.com offers family and friends many opportunities to share in the holiday fun. Save on trips to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party at the Walt Disney World Resort, holiday shows in NYC, or Universal Studio's One-Of-A-Kind Musical Celebration. Visit TicketsAtWork.com for more information, tickets can be ordered online or by calling 1-800-331-6483. Your company code is **HHCNYC**.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute for Responsible Citizenship is accepting applications for its summer leadership program in Washington, DC. The Institute provides America's best and brightest African American male college students with networking opportunities, leadership development, and life-long mentorship.

The program includes an opportunity to meet influential leaders, rigorous academic seminars, roundtable discussions and leadership development with high level internship opportunities around Washington D.C.

The program runs from June 5 through July 31, 2010 with a commitment of two summers. Housing is available and paid for by the Institute. Students will work at paid internships based on individual interests. Applicants must be a college sophomore to apply. Applications can be found at www.i4rc.org/application.htm. For more information call (202) 659.2831.

Applications must be received by Friday, January 29, 2010.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Every quarter, the Generations+/Northern Manhattan Health Network holds a Blood Drive to increase the units of life-saving blood that will certainly be needed to provide the best care and remain the provider of choice in our community.

We depend on your participation to remain an important player with the New York Blood Center. Please plan to donate this year if you haven't in the past. And thank you, if you always do.

Harlem's Blood Drives:

January 20, 2010

May 12, 2010

September 22, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Kwanzaa

Saturday, December 26 - Friday, January 1, 2010

Islamic Ashura

Sunday, December 27

New Year's Day

Friday January 1, 2010

Harlem Hospital Center's next monthly staff meeting will take place on Wednesday January 6, 2010 at 9:30 AM.

**HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**