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Marisa Bolognino President

Message from the President

Marisa A. Bolognino



As my tenure as President comes to an end, I want to thank all of the past Presidents for the work they have done. I would like to thank our President-Elect, Ms. Giovanna Delucchi; Executive Director, Mr. Robert Ciulla; Recording Secretary, Adrienne Ubertini; Historians, Carol Russo and Philip A. Composto, Ed.D; and Parliamentarian, John C. Jangl, Ed.D, as well as, all of the Directors for their support and contributions to our organization.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to our speakers who served us over the past two years: Dr. Conrado "Bobby" Gempesaw, President of St. John's University; Ramon F. Garcia, Assistant Commissioner, School Safety, N.Y.P.D.; Ernest Logan, President of Council of Supervisors and administrators; Michael Sampson, Ph.D., Dean, School of Education, St. John's University; Dr. Kimberly R. Cline, President of Long Island University.

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, we will be having our Medalist Dinner at the Princeton Club. This year's Medalist is Dr. Betty Rosa, Chancellor of the Board of Regents. The New York Academy Medalist Award is the highest award bestowed by the Academy on an individual who has demonstrated beneficial impact and commitment to improving our public education system. The award was established in 1935 by the Academy and continued by its Board of Directors. The Academy is a respected association and our dinners have been a gathering place for the exchange of ideas among educators since 1912.

The New York Academy of Public Education would like to welcome Richard A. Carranza as the Chancellor of the largest school system in the nation. He is responsible for overseeing the education of 1.1 million students in over 1,800 schools. Congratulations Mr. Carranza, we stand behind you together as we lead the next generation of students in their future.

I would like to congratulate the Executive Board members in their new position- President, Giovanna Delucchi, Ph.D.; President-Elect, Anthony Cavanna, Ed.D.; Executive Director, Michael Troy; and Treasurer, Susan Barnes. Also, I would like to welcome Catalina Castillo, Ed.D., David Bloomfield, J.D.; M.P.A., Gina Mautschke-Mitchell and Emmanuel Polanco to the Board of Directors. Please continue to visit our website at www.nyape.org for our upcoming events and additional resources.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer!

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Medalist Recipient



Dr. Betty Rosa
Chancellor of the Board of Regents

Dr. Rosa was elected to a five-year term (April 1, 2008-March 31, 2013) and re-elected (April 1, 2013-March 31, 2018) as the Regent for the Twelfth Judicial District (Bronx County), and in March 2016 was elected by her Board of Regent colleagues as Chancellor for the term April 1, 2016 through March 2019.

Born in New York City but raised for the first ten years of her life in Puerto Rico, Dr. Rosa attended public elementary and junior high schools in the Bronx (Districts 9 and 10) before graduating from St. Helena's High School, now Monsignor Scanlon High School, in the Throgg's Neck section of the Bronx.

She received a B.A. in psychology from the City College of New York and holds two Master of Science in Education degrees, one in Administration and Supervision and the other in Bilingual Education from the City College of New York and Lehman College respectively. She also received an Ed. M. and Ed. D. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard University.

Dr. Rosa worked in the N.Y.C. Department of Education as a bilingual paraprofessional, teacher and reading coordinator, served as an Assistant Principal and Principal in special education and introduced an integrated linguistic model in developing a multilingual and multicultural school for general and special education populations. She was Principal of I.S. 218, a full-service community school in partnership with the Children's Aid Society in District 6, and developed and implemented the Office of Conflict Resolution for the NYC Division of Special Education.



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Medalist

She has taught graduate level education courses including Education of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Children, Due Process: Law and the Handicapped, and Applied and Action Research for Doctoral Students. She has also served on dissertation committees, and is an executive coach for doctoral students.

Chancellor Rudy Crew appointed Dr. Rosa to the position of Superintendent of Community School District 8 in the Bronx. District 8 consisted of approximately 25,000 students and 30 schools encompassing neighborhoods of the South Bronx including Soundview and Hunts Point, and the northeast section of the Bronx known as Throggs Neck. Chancellor Harold Levy later appointed Dr. Rosa to serve as the Senior Superintendent of the Bronx. One of the schools Dr. Rosa founded as Superintendent, M.S. 101 (Maritime Academy for Science and Technology) became the top ranked middle school in the City of New York based on New York State examination results.

She was elected to a four-year term to the Alumni Council of Harvard University's Graduate School of Education and also appointed to a three-year term to the Principal/Site Administrator Advisory Committee of the American Association of Schools Administrators. Dr. Rosa also served as a consulting member of the Educational Research Development Institute and is currently a member of the New York Team of the National Education Policy Center's Schools of Opportunity project.

Dr. Rosa is the President of B.D.J. & J. Associates LLC, a company she founded in 2005. The company serves in a consulting capacity to large urban school districts throughout the country and to companies in the educational services field. A new division provides business development assistance in sports, recreation, and camps for profit and not-for-profit enterprises and organizations. Since 2015, Dr. Rosa has been honored with the Champions of Education Leadership Award from the Alliance for Quality Education and Woman of the Year Award from the New York League of Puerto Rican Women.

She has also been awarded the Heimlich Community Service Award from the Ben Franklin Reformed Democratic Club, the Transformative Education Leadership Award from the International Chartership High School, the Education Leadership Award from the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, the Leadership in Education Award from the Association of Dominican -American Supervisors and Administrators, the Women of Distinction Award from the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, and the Latina of the Year Award from the New York State Assembly and Senate's Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force.



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Spotlights

- We are happy to announce the marriage of our Director, Pasquale Baratta. He and Angela Baratta exchanged vows on November 25, 2017. The bride and groom celebrated a wonderful reception at Leonard's of Great Neck. We wish them many years of happiness!
- Congratulations to our President Emeritus, Joseph LaCascia. The Catholic Teacher's Association honored Joe on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Russo's on the Bay.
- Congratulations to Dr. Candice Scott. Her hard work and successful contributions of thirty-eight years were recognized by the Black Caucus of the CSA. Dr. Scott was presented with the Legacy Award.
- Congratulations to member Gale Y. Reeves who has retired as Superintendent of Community School District 5. We wish Gale all the very best!
- Congratulations to Helen Kraljic-DeSario, who was appointed Principal of the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Public School 66 in Richmond Hill, Queens.
- Congratulations to Denise Schira and her husband Peter as they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

February 27, 2018

INDUCTEES

- Ms. Rosa Smith Norman, Principal, Choir Academy School
- Mr. Joseph Cantara, Educational Consultant
- Ms. Saida Rodriguez-Tabone, Principal, Queens Metropolitan High School
- Mr. David Vasquez, Master Ambassador Principal, Bronx Academy for Multi-Media
- Ms. Wendy Karp, Assistant Professor of Education, Brooklyn College
- Mr. Stacie Harris-Clement, Assistant Principal, P.S. 112X
- Ms. Emmanuel Lubin, Field Support Liaison, Community School District 29
- Ms. Laurel Isidore, Assistant Principal, P.S. 112X
- Mr. Stephen Jackson, Former Principal of Dunbar H.S. & Grady H.S.
- Ms. Celeste Douglas, PLF District 18
- Mr. Angueria Alexander, Principal, I.S. 126



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