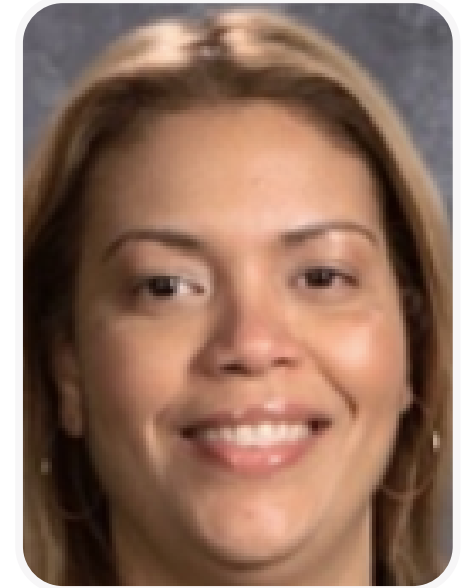


**NYSALAS: WE SOAR!**

**New York State Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents**

3rd Annual Scholarship Award Celebration  
May 3, 2024

# NYSALAS Scholarship Committee



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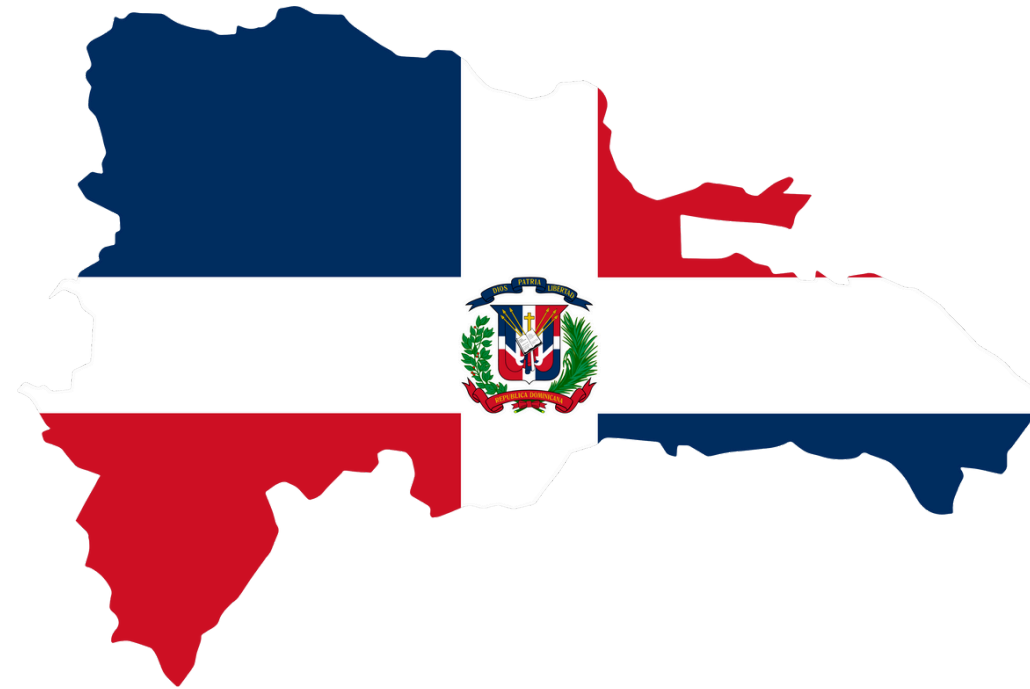
NYSALAS was founded in 2015 and is an affiliate of [Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents](#). The mission of NYSALAS is to build a collaborative network of aspiring, current and retired school administrators of Latino and Hispanic background from across New York State. This network is dedicated to local, regional, and statewide efforts to support the teaching and learning of all NYS students - with an emphasis on increasing opportunities and outcomes for Latino/Latina students.

**Education is an important part of our mission, and we have made it a priority to aid and encourage our Latino youth to pursue higher education. We realize the cost of college can be a major financial barrier to higher education for Latino youth. As part of our commitment to support education, NYSALAS is proud to shine a spotlight on Latino students who are working hard and making difficult sacrifices to get an education.**

# *Proudly representing:*



Columbia



Dominican Republic



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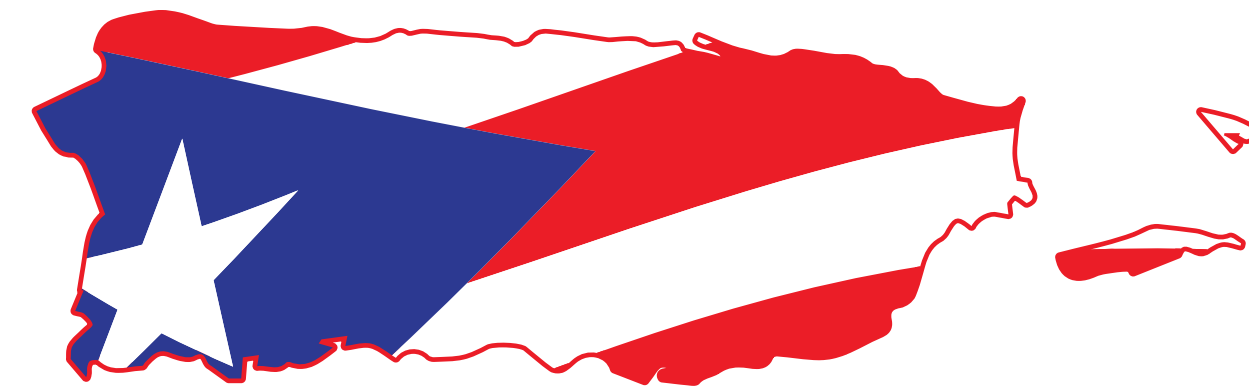
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El Salvador



Mexico



Puerto Rico



***“Leadership is an integral aspect of my identity. I strive to lead by example, inspiring others to reach their full potential.”***

# *Yuriel David Antigua Martinez*



## **Charles E. Gorton High School Yonkers Public Schools**

- Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.
- Principal Jaime Morales
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending Lehman College
- Principal's Honor Roll
- Relay for Life





# Emely Michelle Carranza



## **Monroe Woodbury High School Monroe Woodbury Central School District**

- Superintendent Elsie Rodriguez
- Principal Elisa Correo Soto
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending SUNY New Paltz
- 1st place SkillsUSA Regional Competition
- BOCES Cosmetology Program

***“I use my knowledge of both languages to help people and change their lives for the better.”***

# Wilfrayni Chavez



## Yonkers Middle High School Yonkers Public Schools

- Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.
- Principal Sandy Hattar
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Penn State
- Junior Achievement
- Basketball Manager

*"Education has always been an important piece of my life. I grew up appreciating the value of education and prioritizing school above all else, to learn from my mistakes."*





# Darielssy De Los Santos Vargas



**Roosevelt High School Early College Studies  
Yonkers Public Schools**

- Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.
- Principal Edward Dechent
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending Manhattanville University
- Latin Dance
- Sunday School Teacher

*“I hope to be the teacher who leaves a lasting impact.”*

# Elias Eliel Gutierrez



## Dunkirk High School Dunkirk City School District

- Superintendent Michael Mansfield
- Principal Adam Hernandez
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Alicia Baez
  - Dr. Giovanna Claudia Cotto



## Notable Accomplishments:

- PR/HYLI -Outstanding Delegate for Western New York
- Senior All Star- Basketball
- Seal of Biliteracy

*“We are all born with voices, so we have to understand that to make a difference we have to use our voices and come together.”*



# Catherin Jayline Hernandez



## Pan American International High School CSD 24, NYC Public Schools

- Superintendent Alan Cheng
- Principal Waleska Velez
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Cynthia Felix-Jeffers
  - Dr. Ramon Gonzalez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Queens College
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- Teacher Assistant

*“I embrace my heritage language and am proud to be part of a shared legacy of strength, creativity, and community.”*

# Yumalbis Rafael Hernandez



## Charles E. Gorton High School Yonkers Public Schools

- Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.
- Principal Jaime Morales
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending SUNY Westchester Community College
- Treasurer Volunteer Committee
- Junior Achievement

***“I am the proud son of immigrant parents.  
I am proud of my culture and being  
bilingual is a gift.”***





# *Dalia Li Ma*



## **International High School at Lafayette CSD 21, NYC Public Schools**

- Superintendent Alan Cheng
- Principal Melissa De Leon
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Cynthia Felix-Jeffers
  - Dr. Ramon Gonzalez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending Brooklyn College
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- Trilingual

*“Gracias a las dos culturas he adquirido muchos conocimientos sabiendo hablar el español, chino, tradicional e inglés. Estas habilidades me han servido mucho de ayuda en todos los aspectos de mi vida y me han impulsado a tener liderazgo y me permiten influir de forma positiva en mí y otras personas.”*



# Luzalina Li Ma



## International High School at Lafayette CSD 21, NYC Public Schools

- Superintendent Alan Cheng
- Principal Melissa De Leon
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Cynthia Felix-Jeffers
  - Dr. Ramon Gonzalez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Brooklyn College
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- Trilingual

*“Aunque existen diferencias culturales entre China y Colombia, comprender y respetar estas diferencias enriquece mis relaciones interculturales. Esta experiencia me hizo encontrar mi sueño: usar mi habilidad de lenguajes para ayudar a los demás a integrarse en ambas culturas y estimular sus intereses interculturales, ampliar sus vistas y su motivación para aprender.”*



# Jessenia Liverman Carrasquillo



*“ I am not a reflection of what my parents failed to teach me, but rather the product of what I seek as a result of that.”*

## Academy Of American Studies CSD 30, NYC Public Schools

- Superintendent Hoa Tu
- Principal William Bassell
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Cynthia Felix-Jeffers
  - Dr. Ramon Gonzalez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Not yet committed accepted to Hampton University
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- President- Black Student Union

# Jason Julian Martinez



## Saunders High School Yonkers Public Schools

- Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.
- Principal Jeremy Rynders
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Aurelia Henriquez
  - Dr. Vanessa Vasquez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Pace University
- National Honor Roll
- Seal of Biliteracy

***“I embrace myself as the Afro-Latino, Pentecostal, Spanish-speaking, hardworking, curly-haired young king. Now more than ever I wear my gorgeous Dominican brown skin with pride.”***



# Ximena Medrano Vargas



## Central Islip Senior High School Central Islip Union Free School District

- Superintendent Dr. Sharon A. Dungee
- Principal Eric Haruthunian
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Marina Gil
  - Dr. Antonio Santana



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending SUNY Old Westbury
- Vice President Future Teachers of America Club
- Vice President Multicultural Club

*“Siendo profesora quiero apoyar a mi comunidad y demostrar que no hay barreras que nos limiten, aunque tenga que esforzarme más que cualquier otra persona, porque para nosotros es un mundo nuevo, un mundo que está hecho para limitarnos así que tenemos que trabajar más fuerte para que este mundo también sea nuestro.”*



# *Valeria Millan Pedraza*



## **Peekskill High School Peekskill City School District**

- Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio
- Principal Dr. Jenna Ferris
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Rebecca Aviles Rodriguez
  - Dr. Ray Sanchez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending Manhattanville University
- Advanced Regents Diploma
- Honor Roll

*“Yo he desarrollado mis sueños, convirtiéndome en una figura de liderazgo como maestra bilingüe y una guía para la vida de los estudiantes.”*





# Jordy A. Panza



## Peekskill High School Peekskill City School District

- Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio
- Principal Dr. Jenna Ferris
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Rebecca Aviles Rodriguez
  - Dr. Ray Sanchez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Iona University
- Robotics Club
- Seal of Biliteracy

*" I want to be a bilingual secondary mathematics teacher to help & encourage students who don't know English to be successful."*



# Yadiely Rosario Villar



## Dewitt Clinton High School CSD 10, NYC Public Schools

- Superintendent Fia Davis
- Principal Pierre Orbe
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Cynthia Felix-Jeffers
  - Dr. Ramon Gonzalez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Alfred University
- Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute
- Debate Team

***“By embracing my Latina identity, these challenges no longer hold any power over me and I would love for the following group of Latina girls to know they should embrace a real identity instead of a fake one.”***





# Keylin Yuriveth Ruiz



## Brentwood High School Brentwood Union Free School District

- Superintendent Wanda Ortiz-Rivera
- Principal Dr. Dashana Dulin
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Marina Gil
  - Dr. Antonio Santana



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Stony Brook University
- National Honor Society
- Ranked 7 out of 765 students

***“I have been taught to not give up,  
if I fail, it is only a minor setback. I will  
overcome it in the future and be a better person  
than I was before.”***

# Yésica Natalia Valladares Pineda



## Glen Cove High School Glen Cove City School District

- Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna
- Principal Allen Hudson III
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Marina Gil
  - Dr. Antonio Santana



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Molloy University
- Change Makers Club
- H.S Underclassmen Awards- Regents Geometry, Earth Science, English 11



*“My teachers made me believe that I can achieve my dreams by always supporting me and helping me in any way that they could. This achievement of being the first college graduate in my family and starting a career as a teacher, will be a reward for all of my mom’s sacrifices.”*



# Camille Varela Santana



## East High School Rochester City School District

- Superintendent Marlene Blocker
- Principal Edward Mascardi
- NYSALAS Regional Directors
  - Maycanitza Pérez
  - Analy Cruz-Phommany



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending Monroe Community College
- Teaching Assistant for the Teaching & Learning Institute
- Church Choir

*“ I was heavily influenced by my grandma who owns a day care, she lets me assist her so I can have some of the experience of what it's like working with kids, especially small children.”*



# Maylin Glendy Vasquez



**Peekskill High School  
Peekskill City School District**

- Superintendent Dr. David Mauricio
- Principal Dr. Jenna Ferris
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Rebecca Aviles Rodriguez
  - Dr. Ray Sanchez



## **Notable Accomplishments:**

- Attending SUNY New Paltz
- Latino Culture Club
- Girls Varsity Basketball, Swimming, Bowling

*“Para mí ser maestro es un acto de servicio dedicado a construir un futuro más brillante y esperanzador para las generaciones futuras.”*



# Jeannett Elizabeth Villa-Gallego



## Ossining High School Ossining Union Free School District

- Superintendent Mary Fox-Alter
- Principal LaToya Langley
- NYSALAS Regional Directors:
  - Dr. Rebecca Aviles Rodriguez
  - Dr. Ray Sanchez



## Notable Accomplishments:

- Attending SUNY New Paltz
- Changemakers
- Claremont Internship

*“I will use my experience as an American-Ecuadorian and education as a teacher to help kids who also feel qué no son ni de aquí ni de allá. They will learn they don't have to choose one part of their identity - they can embrace it all.”*





*Congratulations!*

¡Felicidades!