

# 2016

## Scholarships and Awards Ceremony



May 19, 2016 ♦ Charlestown Campus

Processional

Presiding

James F. Canniff, Ed.D.

*Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs*

National Anthem

performed by

Sergeant James Connor, *Massachusetts State Police*

Welcoming Remarks

Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Carlton V. Aird, *President, BHCC Foundation*

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*

Faculty/Professional Staff Speaker

Elizabeth Dunphy, *Professor, Science and Engineering Department*

Student Speakers

Glen Arruda • Sondos Alnamos

Presentation of Scholarships and Awards

Presentation of Departmental and Academic Excellence Awards

Presentation of Medals to Commonwealth Honors Students

Recessional

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Janet Bergstrom and Mark Riley, American Sign Language Interpreters,  
certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf  
and the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

*Kindly mute all cell phones during the ceremony*

## Presentation of 2016 Scholarships and Awards

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*  
Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*  
Carlton V. Aird, *President, BHCC Foundation*

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### Spring 2016 Academic Excellence Award for Continuing Students

Adebisi A. Akinola • Sondos Alnamos • Silmara Kan • Minkoo Kang • Thuy T. Tran

This scholarship is awarded to continuing students who have earned at least 15 credits at BHCC and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

### Fall 2016 Academic Excellence Award for Continuing Students

Katerina Chlupacova • Linh N. Dang • Nhung T. Nguyen • Sebastian Arteaga Rodriguez • Jose A. Santiago

This scholarship is awarded to continuing students who have earned at least 15 credits at BHCC and achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher.

### All-USA Academic Team Award

Sondos Alnamos • Tung Quoc Doan

The All-USA Community College Academic Team recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

### Bunker Hill Community College

#### Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship for Continuing Students

Luis A. Berroa

Awarded to a continuing student enrolled in the Commonwealth Honors Program; the recipient must demonstrate academic excellence and evidence of completion of Honors Program contracts.

### Bunker Hill Community College

#### Commonwealth Honors Program Scholarship for Graduating Students

Sondos Alnamos

Given to a graduating Commonwealth Honors Program student who has completed program requirements and plans to attend a four-year institution.

### The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Viet Q. Phan

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship for up to \$40,000 per year is intended to cover a significant share of a student's educational expenses for the final two-to-three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cooke Scholars are also eligible for graduate school funding up to \$50,000 per year for up to four years.

The scholarship went to 75 scholars nationwide in 2016.

### 2016 Newman Civic Fellows Award

Elvin Merino-Lopez

The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors college students who have invested in finding solutions for challenges facing communities. Through service and advocacy, Fellows make the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating change.

Fellows represent the next generation of civic leaders.

**Student Government Association  
Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship for Continuing Students**

Steven M. Russo • Tedros D. Zeleke

Established by the BHCC Student Government Association, this award goes to two continuing students who are enrolled in six or more credits and who best demonstrate academic achievement and outstanding leadership.

**Maurice F. O'Shea Trustees' Academic Award**

Carolina Sareyed-Dim

This is awarded to a continuing student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence while attending Bunker Hill Community College. Applicants must indicate how they have contributed to the institutional values of the BHCC community.

**Trustees' Service Award**

Steven M. Russo

The Trustees' Service Award is given to a continuing student who has demonstrated academic achievement and performed outstanding community service while attending Bunker Hill Community College. Community service includes civic responsibility/civic engagement or volunteer service.

**The Bethoney Family  
New Beginnings Scholarship**

Elvin Merino-Lopez

*presented by Jessica Bethoney*

Established in 2015 by Jessica Bethoney, an English Department faculty member, this scholarship is awarded to a student with an immigrant background, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and significant financial need.

**Brandy R. Bonney Memorial Scholarship**

Bianca A. DeBarros

*presented by Ronald Bonney, Jr.*

Established in memory of Brandy Bonney, this scholarship is awarded to an honors graduate of Somerville High School who was an active member of the high school and community and is or was a resident of the Somerville Housing Authority.

**English as a Second Language Award  
for Continuing Students**

Nhi T. Le

*presented by Lindsay Naggie*

This award is presented annually to one or more students who have completed at least two English as a Second Language courses at BHCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and are enrolled for the same in the coming academic year. The scholarship has been endowed through the generosity of the Freedom Charitable Foundation.

**The Gateway Scholarship**

David Carpenter • Michael Curran • Joseph Hally • Jesus Morales

*presented by Juan Carlos Partan*

Established in 2015 by Doris Partan, a long-time member of the Department of English as a Second Language, this scholarship is intended to provide a gateway to a stable future for full-time students with financial need.

**Sivarubini Murugaiah  
Memorial Scholarship for Continuing Students**

Jocktan M. Mwaisaka

*presented by Kirubahari Murugaiah, Thavamani Murugaiah and Veeravagu Murugaiah*

Established by Veeravagu, Thavamani, and Kirubahari Murugaiah in memory of their daughter and sister, this scholarship is awarded to an academically-motivated student who is the first in his or her family to attend college, has completed at least 30 credit hours at BHCC, and intends to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

**Andrew Graham Narcus Semper Fi Scholarship**

Loretta M. Williams

*presented by John Narcus, BHCC Class of '14*

The Andrew Graham Narcus Semper Fi Scholarship was established by friends and family in memory of Andrew Graham Narcus, USMC and funded through proceeds from the Boston River Run 5K. It is awarded annually to a continuing BHCC student with a demonstrated financial need, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

**Stephen J. Perez Memorial Scholarship**

Rosa Y. Martinez

*presented by Salvatore Perez*

Established by family and friends of Stephen J. Perez, this scholarship is awarded to a Criminal Justice major who has completed at least 20 credit hours at BHCC with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and the intention to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

**Rukmini Rao Memorial Scholarship**

Alessandra Shipman • Lavell Wesley

*presented by Anugeeta Rao and Anand Rao*

Established by Yenamandra V. Rao in memory of his wife, this scholarship is awarded to two current students majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics who have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, demonstrate dedication to their field of study, and intend to complete an associate degree at BHCC.

**James R. Ware ~ Stop & Shop Scholarship**

Linh M. Tran

*presented by Nicole Mikelson and James W. Murphy*

This scholarship was established in 1998 by the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, and later named in recognition of James Ware, a long-time executive of Stop & Shop who helped arrange the first corporate internship program at BHCC. The scholarship is awarded to one or two current students in the Business Administration program.

**Frank J. Bellairs Memorial Scholarship**

Jared Huynh

Established in memory of Frank Bellairs, a Culinary Arts student at BHCC, this scholarship is awarded to a first-year Culinary Arts student for the purpose of purchasing books, supplies or uniforms, or for tuition and fees.

**Deputy Warden John A. Blaney Scholarship**

Jonathan R. Lopez

This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the children of the late John A. Blaney, Deputy Warden of the Charlestown State Prison, which was located at the current site of Bunker Hill Community College.

The scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in Criminal Justice with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### **Boston Sand & Gravel Company Scholarship**

Joshua T. Guerra • Luciana F. Silva

Established in 2000 by the Boston Sand & Gravel Company, Inc., this scholarship is awarded to two full-time BHCC students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, exemplify the institutional values of the College, demonstrate dedication to their field of study, and intend to complete their associate degree at BHCC.

### **Bunker Hill Community College Charlestown Housing Development Award**

Shamilia K. Lloyd

This scholarship is awarded to a new or current BHCC student in good academic standing who is a resident of the Boston Housing Authority in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

### **Bunker Hill Community College Charlestown Resident Award**

Hamza Boumahta

This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing BHCC student in good academic standing who is a resident of Charlestown, Massachusetts, has demonstrated outstanding service to and is an active member of the Charlestown community.

### **Bunker Hill Community College Chelsea Resident Award**

Johanna C. Deras Marroquin

This scholarship is awarded to a current BHCC student in good academic standing who has completed at least 15 credits at BHCC and is a resident of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

### **Bunker Hill Community College Memorial Scholarship**

Jennifer A. Davidson

This scholarship is awarded to a BHCC student who is enrolled part-time and has completed at least 15 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **Culinary Arts Achievement Award**

Marc F. Giglioli • Angel J. Gonzalez • Karolina Kajewska

This scholarship is awarded annually to one or more Culinary Arts students and is funded with the money given in "tips" by patrons to the servers in the Culinary Arts Dining Room.

### **Ingalls Family Scholarship for Graduates of the Year Up Program**

Luis Guerra

This scholarship, made possible through the generosity of the Ingalls Family of Charlestown, is awarded annually to a graduate of the Year Up Program in Boston who plans to enroll in an associate degree program at BHCC.

### **Thomas A. Kershaw Scholarship**

Jared Huynh

Established to honor the long and generous commitment to BHCC of Tom Kershaw, this scholarship is awarded to a Culinary Arts student in recognition of outstanding performance.

### Edward L. Kerr, Jr., Memorial Scholarship

Fahd M. Almassri

Established in memory of Edward Kerr, distinguished Professor of Accounting for more than 20 years at BHCC, this scholarship is awarded to a student in a business program with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better.

### Stanley Z. Koplik Scholarship

Silmara Kan

Established in honor of Chancellor Stanley Koplik's commitment to providing quality education to all students attending the Commonwealth's institutions of higher education, this scholarship is awarded to a BHCC student enrolled in at least nine courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who intends to complete an associate degree in accordance with MassTransfer guidelines.

### Nancy Myers Memorial Scholarship

Joulane Elyoumni

Established by Nancy Myers, who taught mathematics and computer concepts at BHCC for many years, and who spearheaded the design and implementation of the electronic "smart" classrooms at the College, this scholarship is awarded to one or two full-time, first-year students who are academically motivated and were actively involved in their high school and community.

### Rosann Sperduto '88 Memorial Scholarship

Amela Agic

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating female student who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and leadership ability. It was established in memory of Rosann Sperduto, BHCC class of '88, whose contribution of time and talent to the College, the Alumni Association, her family and the community personifies the essence of this award.

### Refrigeration Service Engineers Society

Xi Wang

Established in 1989 by the Boston Chapter of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society, this scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in mathematics, engineering or physics who has completed at least 30 credit hours of college-level work.

### Jeffrey Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie M. Dawson

This scholarship was established by Charles and Sheri Thompson in memory of their son, a graduate of BHCC who, although permanently disabled as the result of a car accident, pursued his education at BHCC and later at the University of Massachusetts Boston and advocated for students with disabilities. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students.

## Recognition of Bunker Hill Community College Ruby and Silver Scholars

In celebration of the College's 40th anniversary in 2014 and the Foundation's 25th annual gala in 2015, the Board of Directors of the BHCC Foundation established these scholarships with funds raised at the galas in those two years. Students were selected based upon their academic achievement and their commitment to using the scholarship to advance expeditiously toward their associate degree.

The following are the Ruby and Silver Scholars who are graduating this year.

### Ruby Scholars

Mikail Agrba  
Rosangela DeAndrade  
Johanna Deras Marroquin  
Robert Encarcion  
Lorentz Etienne  
Merhawi Ghebremicheal  
Lisaury Lorenzo  
Reyna Palma  
Kimberly Perez  
Kristina Stapelfeld  
Demir Taruz  
Monica Teixeira  
Antwanisha Washington  
Brittany Welch  
Xingqun Wu

### Silver Scholars

Kenneth Brown  
Sebastian Hernandez  
Amanuel Gidey  
Aksana Lisko  
Yajaira Perez-Ramirez  
Hanna Piatrova  
Thuy Tran



**Presentation of Departmental Awards**  
*In Recognition of Special Achievement*  
and  
**Presentation of Academic Excellence Awards**  
*In Recognition of Superior Academic Performance*

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Wayne M. Wormley, Ph.D., *Interim Dean, Professional Studies and Workforce Development*

**Departmental Awards**

Accounting Option.....	Natalina M. Pires
Administrative Information Management Option .....	Yuliana Herrera Herrera
Baking & Pastry Arts Option.....	Ilham Mouradi
Business Concentration .....	Leyla F. Dincer
Computer Information Systems Concentration.....	Fatima Benjakkal
Computer Information Technology Security Option .....	Rhonda P. Mendoza
Computer Information Technology Transfer Option .....	Majda Hichy
Computer Network Technology & Administration .....	Michael J. Tempesta
Computer Science Concentration .....	Misha A. Kanai
Computer Science Transfer Option.....	Irving Pena
Computer Support Specialist Program.....	David Worrell
Computer Web Development Option .....	Ryan Blackmore
Criminal Justice Program.....	Marina C. Katehis
Culinary Arts Program .....	Angelica M. Irizarry
Database Support Specialist Option .....	David C. Synnott
Digital & Computer Forensics & Investigation Option.....	Alvaro N. Pleitez-Martinez
Early Childhood Development Program .....	Lauren Skerritt
Education Concentration.....	Deyse C. Carvalho
Electric Power Utility Program .....	Chris M. Melanson
Entrepreneurship Option.....	Devin Corbett
Finance Option.....	Emmanuel Paul
Fine Arts Concentration .....	Daniel F. Henao Rodriguez
Fire Protection & Safety Program .....	Nathaniel T. Sexton
Gaming/Computer Simulation Option.....	Dequindre L. Cummings
Gas Utility Technology Degree Option Program.....	Manuel Dasilveira
Graphic Design Option .....	Hanna Piatrova
Hotel/Restaurant Management Option.....	Anh Ngoc Van Phan
Human Services Program .....	Christina L. Bigelow
Interactive Design Option .....	Tamine Son
International Business Option .....	Diep Ngoc Thanh Nguyen

*Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) used to determine eligibility for these awards was based on the GPA at time of review and may not reflect final GPA*

Management Option.....	Hicham Asekkour
Media Communication Option.....	Jennifer Ventura
Medical Information Management Option.....	Dekyi Yangzom
Meeting & Event Planning Option .....	Sarah L. Neal
Paralegal Studies Option.....	Stephen M. Gibbons
Taxation Option .....	Maria S. Sahin

Academic Excellence Awards

Accounting Option.....	Thuy Tran
Administrative Information Management Option .....	Yuliana Herrera Herrera
Baking & Pastry Arts Option.....	Ilham Mouradi
Business Concentration .....	Andrew Nguyen, Marine Brotons, Steven Domings
Computer Information Systems Concentration.....	Fatima Benjakkal
Computer Information Technology Security Option .....	Tracy Lewis
Computer Information Technology Transfer Option .....	Hain Wan Setow
Computer Network Technology & Administration .....	J Philip A. Afable
Computer Science Concentration .....	Misha A. Kanai
Computer Science Transfer Option .....	Shimul Chaudhary
Computer Support Specialist Option.....	Christian Echeverry
Computer Web Development Option .....	Aksana Lishko
Criminal Justice Program.....	Marina C. Katehis
Culinary Arts Program .....	Angelica M. Irizarry
Database Support Specialist Option .....	Noureddine Faouzi
Digital & Computer Forensics & Investigation Option.....	Alvaro N. Pleitez-Martinez
Early Childhood Development Program .....	Megan Bathe
Education Concentration.....	Laura Salazar Lopez
Electric Power Utility Technology Program.....	Daniel Turner
Entrepreneurship Option.....	Paola Sanchez
Finance Option.....	Stephanie Rogers
Fine Arts Concentration .....	Ruiyu Lin
Fire Protection & Safety Program .....	Bryan Warner
Gaming/Computer Simulation Option.....	Ilesha Hall-Ivery
Gas Utility Technology Degree Option Program.....	Andrew Letendre
Graphic Design Option .....	Hanna Piatrova
Hotel/Restaurant Management Option.....	Anh Ngoc Van Phan
Human Services Program .....	Jessica Ruggiero
International Business Option .....	Derek Castle
Interactive Design Option .....	Suzan Moustafa
Management Option.....	Robert Encarnacion
Media Communication Program .....	Jennifer Ventura
Medical Information Management Option.....	Suet Yee Chan
Meeting & Event Planning Option .....	Edgardo Dume
Paralegal Studies Option.....	Kateryna Fedulina-Banks
Taxation Option .....	Haiyan Huang

Jeremiah L. Williams, *Interim Dean, Nurse Education and Medical Imaging*

Departmental Awards

Cardiac Sonography Option.....	Lisa A. Curreri
General Sonography Option .....	Theresa A. Alix
Medical Radiography/Day Option .....	Brittany J. Welch
Medical Radiography/Evening Option.....	Anne P. O'Reilly
Nurse Education/Day Option .....	Daniel Munoz
Nurse Education/Evening Option .....	Marie N. Saint Jean
Nurse Education/Hybrid Option .....	Viktoriya Won

Academic Excellence Awards

Cardiac Sonography Option.....	Marissa Carfagna
General Sonography Option .....	Kristin Tersolo
Medical Radiography/Day Option .....	Majda Halibi
Medical Radiography/Evening Option.....	Kristle Weadick
Nurse Education/Day Option .....	Jenniffer Gallegos, Jacquelyn Roberts
Nurse Education/Evening Option .....	Valerie Grams
Nurse Education/Hybrid Option .....	Rosemarie Doherty

Laurie K. McCorry, Ph.D., *Dean, Science, Engineering and Health Programs*

Departmental Awards

Biology Transfer Option .....	Alexander Arsenault
Biomedical Engineering Option.....	Sondos A. Alnamos
Biotechnology Option.....	Druscilla T. Namazzi
CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award.....	Jhoud M. Ikapi
Environmental Science .....	Samuel Falkoff
Engineering Transfer Option .....	Caio Minitti
Medical Laboratory Technician Program .....	Wing W. Choy

Academic Excellence Awards

Biology Transfer Option .....	Mai Nobuhara
Biomedical Engineering Option.....	Amanuael Gidey
Biotechnology Option.....	Alina Zhankulova
Engineering Transfer Option .....	Sami Fissehaye
Environmental Science .....	Samuel Falkoff
Medical Laboratory Technician Program .....	Wing W. Choy
Physics.....	Pablo D. Gonzalez

Maria Kathleen N. Puente, Ph.D., *Interim Dean, Mathematics, Behavioral and Social Sciences*

Departmental Awards

History & Government Concentration..... Benjamin Kern  
Mathematics Concentration ..... Francesco Lucente Stabile  
Psychology Concentration..... Elvin R. Merino-Lopez  
Sociology Concentration ..... Kolya Lynne M. Smith

Academic Excellence Awards

History & Government Concentration..... Domenic Demasi  
Mathematics Concentration ..... Matthew Roberts  
Psychology Concentration..... Brian Hernandez, Oscar Martinez Huerta, Lindsay Scott, Caitlin Trieger  
Sociology Concentration ..... Mariuca Tuxbury

Lori A. Catalozzi, M.F.A., *Dean, Humanities and Learning Communities*

Departmental Awards

Communication Concentration ..... Amber M. Hughes  
English Concentration ..... Sarah Greene  
Foreign Language Concentration ..... Alanna R. Pasco  
General Concentration ..... N Deye Fatou Cisse  
Theatre Concentration ..... Julianne L. Ferguson

Academic Excellence Awards

Communication Concentration ..... Amber M. Hughes  
English Concentration ..... Amanda Derosa, Sarah Greene  
Foreign Language Concentration ..... Alanna R. Pasco  
General Concentration ..... Jason Copson, Noelle Chong, Andrew White  
Music Option ..... Calvin Kantor III  
Theatre Concentration ..... Anna Pushkaryova

## Special Recognition of Bunker Hill Community College Commonwealth Honors Students

Pam Y. Eddinger, Ph.D., *President*  
Amy L. Young, *First Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

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Mikhail Agrba  
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Sondos Alnamos  
Maylena Chaviano  
N'deye Fatou Cisse  
Yolany DeVito  
Leyla Dincer  
Tung Quoc Doan  
Julianne Ferguson  
Amber Hughes  
Tori Joyce  
Amanuel Leminih  
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Ren Matsubara  
Rosemarie McLaughlin  
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