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HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION 2007



HCC graduates 387 students in Bridgeport

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Louise A. Lisboa resembles most 16-year-olds. She wears braces. She talks on a cell phone. She spends a lot of time on her computer. But unlike most 16-year-olds, Lisboa finished her first two years of college Thursday night.



Louise A. Lisboa

The teenage Stratford resident was one of 387 students who received associate degrees during Housatonic Community College's 40th commencement in the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport. Lisboa was joined by graduates such as Patricia and Kathleen Kurowski, a mother and daughter from Brooks Street, Bridgeport, and Janet Uhlig, a Shelton resident who leaves with a perfect 4.0 average in early childhood special education as well as the most awards given any student Thursday night.

They heard Lowell P. Weicker Jr., the former Greenwich first selectman, congressman, senator and governor, implore them to "set aright a screwed-up world."

Weicker, who pushed for the relocation of Housatonic from the decaying Singer Factory on Barnum Avenue to what was once the site of the Lafayette Boulevard mall, told them he was "mad as hell with the world around you."

He beseeched them to do something about "violence home and abroad" and "the lives lost" in Iraq, in the country's housing

projects and due to Hurricane Katrina and poverty.

"These are the targets that need to be juxtaposed," said the one-term governor best known for bringing a state income tax to Connecticut.

Lisboa, who is the daughter of immigrants from India, has a running start on the former governor's request. In June she begins work in Washington as a Republican page, according to her mother, Mohini Monteiro, who uses her maiden name. Later in the summer, she will enter a four-week pre-law program at Northern Illinois University.



Janet Uhlig

best financial package.

"She is still only 16," said her mother. "We felt it better she stay close to home and not incur a lot of debt from college loans. She's a very good student – she studies three hours a night – she'll have the opportunity to go on for her master's degree."

Lisboa attended the Six to Six Magnet School here for her elementary education and then entered Harding High School's

Regional Health Magnet program, from which she graduated in three years.

While attending high school, Lisboa served as president of her freshman and sophomore class



Kathleen and Pat Kurowski

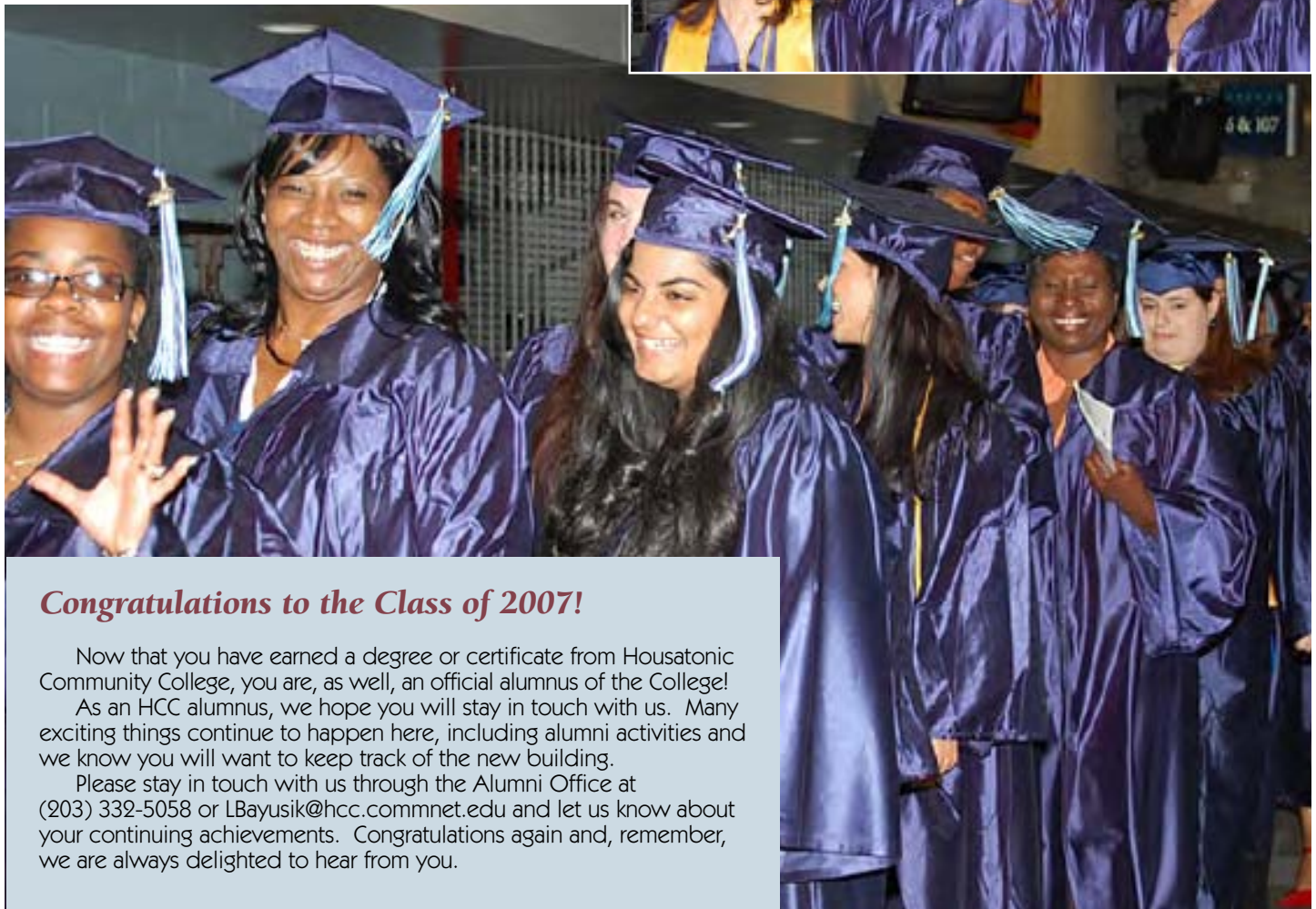
and also served as vice president of the Student Council, her mother said. "At that time, I wanted to pursue a career in medicine but I later decided that wasn't for me," Lisboa said. Now the teenager said she is focusing on political science and law school.

Kathleen Kurowski said she will continue her education at Charter Oak College this fall.

Meanwhile her mother also is not finished with school just yet.

"I'm going to continue to go to class at Housatonic and get certificates in areas that I enjoy," she said. "I like scrapbooking, so I am going to pursue a certificate in graphic design, photography and maybe even computer repair."

Congratulations to all our graduates!

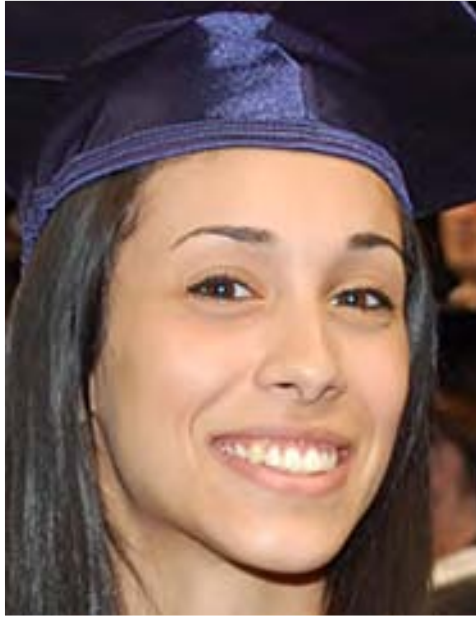


Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

Now that you have earned a degree or certificate from Housatonic Community College, you are, as well, an official alumnus of the College! As an HCC alumnus, we hope you will stay in touch with us. Many exciting things continue to happen here, including alumni activities and we know you will want to keep track of the new building. Please stay in touch with us through the Alumni Office at (203) 332-5058 or LBayusik@hcc.commnet.edu and let us know about your continuing achievements. Congratulations again and, remember, we are always delighted to hear from you.



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SUMMER 2007 Calendar of Events

Third Annual Open Juried Show

Exhibit runs through July 27th

First Prize:
Deborah Wing-Sproul

Second Prize: Colleen Kiely

Honorable Mentions:
Joyce Audy Zarins • William Schott
• Peter Konsterlie

Go to the museum's website,
www.housatonicmuseum.org,
to see selections from this show.

Rembrandt The Consummate Etcher and other 17th Century Printmakers

Exhibit runs
August 31 through October 31

**Alumni Get Together
and Opening Reception**

Thursday, September 6,
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Exhibition courtesy of
Syracuse University

If you plan to attend this free event,
please RSVP to
LBayusik@hcc.commnet.edu.
Thanks, and hope to see you there.

Save the Date!

The inauguration ceremony of
Anita T. Gliniecki as HCC's fourth
president will be held on
October 12, 2007 at 11 am
in the atrium.

The college will host "Celebrating
Our Diverse Community" events on
October 11 throughout the day.

More info to be emailed in October
or check the inauguration link on
the website.

All events are subject to change.
For more information, please call
Linda Bayusik at 203-332-5058.

Come join us!

2007 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT

Academic Dean's Award • The Flint Prize** • Joseph DeCaro, Alexandra Espinal, John Lawrence, Denise Lucarelli, Mona Mitri, Brooke Muratori, Janet Uhlig

Housatonic Scholars • Louise A. Lisboa, Renata A. Wilcox

Housatonic Foundation Scholars** • Yusuff M. Abdu, Rachel Bayus, Stephanie Canty, Crystal C. Carbone, Marisol Dia, Monette Duplan, Lorie A. Evens, Luz E. Garcia, Sherron Hylton-Rose, Winnes M. Jordan, Olivia Kao, Anne Kapitancek, Louise A. Lisboa, Dalila I. Lynch, Isemita Milfort, Evelyn Mukasonga, Michelle Muniz, Sophia J. Myers, Trinh M. Nguyen, Rinaldo Ortiz Jr., Martha Pabon, Wanda I. Perez, Willie Randall, Katia Samuel, Martha Smolka, Shahidah Thomas, Janet J. Uhlig, Hector J. Vazquez, Pietro Votino, Shauna-Kay Whyte, RONALDA J. WILLIAMS

The Burt Chernow Scholarship** • Carmen M. Porto Jr.

The Joyce Gerber Early Childhood Education Endowed Scholarship** • Dalila I. Lynch, Janet Uhlig

Dale Ward Scholarship Award • Denise D. Lucarelli, Mona Mitri, Janet J. Uhlig

The HCC Foundation Dale Ward Endowed Scholarship Award** • Denise D. Lucarelli, Mona Mitri, Janet J. Uhlig

Frank J. Scallion Foundation Scholarships** • Lorie A. Evans, Jheanell Dhamalie, Louise A. Lisboa

Frank J. Scallion Foundation Merit Award • David Jackson, Verleta Reid

Ralph Fabrizio Scholarship** • Kerri L. Pancurak

The Beverly G. Anderson Memorial Award** • Darlene Satterfield

The Robert Gerard Naples Award** • Mariela Mihaylova

Marshall Rachleff Scholarship** • Louise A. Lisboa

Jane Mahoney Memorial Award** • Winnes M. Jordan

The George Endowed Scholarship • David Cange

Special Services Achievement Award • Susan O. Carr, Brian L. Creighton, Rosalee E. Creighton-Gordon, Karla Lamoutte, Willie Randall, Max Spectre, Micheline Burns, Joseph Waski Jr., Giuseppe M. Torco, Darlene Perpignan

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges • Yusuff M. Abdu, Susan O. Carr, Brian L. Creighton, Rosalee E. Creighton-Gordon, Lorie A. Evans, Michael T. Lockshier, Mariela E. Mihaylova, Mona Mitri, Sophia J. Myers, Jeanne M. O'Leary, Kerri L. Pancurak, Melissa L. Pinto, Willie Randall, Katia Samuel, John C. Sopchack Jr., Shahidah Thomas, RONALDA J. WILLIAMS

Student Senate Leadership • Alexander Pagan Jr.



Willie Randall receives *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*

ACADEMIC

Accounting • Achievement Award • Alexandra V. Espinal

Accounting Assistant • Achievement Award • Mary J. Soltis

Accomplishment Award • Valerie A. Goerig

Behavioral Health Care • Achievement Award • Joyce M. Goodwin

Academic Excellence • Danielle M. Pinto

Business Administration: Customer Service/Marketing • Achievement Award • Willie Randall

Business Administration: Finance • Achievement Award • Eric J. Perreault

Accomplishment Award • Michael D. Cogan, Martha A. Pabon

Business Administration: General • Achievement Award • Mona Mitri

Accomplishment Award • Gerald V. Butler, Patricia K. Kurowski, John M. Reno, RONALDA J. WILLIAMS

Business Administration: Human Resource Management • Achievement Award • Denise D. Lucarelli

Business Administration: Small Business Management • Achievement Award • Dawn Ouellet

Business Administration: Management • Achievement Award • Valeria D. Campos

Business Office Technology • Achievement Award • Melissa Medina

Excellence in Psychology • Lori J. Brown

Graphic Design • Carmen Porto Jr.

The Swain Award** • Max Spectre

Journalism and Communications • Outstanding Service to *Horizons* • Kyle M. Ahlberg, Joseph B. Merva, Jeanne M. O'Leary, Melissa L. Pinto, Carmen M. Porto, Stephanie R. Santora

Connecticut Post Award • Stephanie R. Santora

Clinical Laboratory Technology • Mariela E. Mihaylova

Computer Information Systems • Achievement Award • Joseph DeCaro, John Lawrence

• Accomplishment Award • David Cange. Richa Padmadeo

Criminal Justice • Eric Derlega, Marisol Diaz, Agnes Dyro-Leonetti, Madelyn Montalvan

Early Childhood Education • Tanya Berrios, Danielle Bottino, Sheri L. Flanagan, Pamela C. Heckley, Jennifer L. Kusha, Dalila I. Lynch, Maria C. Pezzella, Sharon S. Phillips, Virginia Scazzero, Renata A. Wilcox

Early Childhood Education Special Ed • Jessica C. Eng, Joseph A. Wasik Jr.

Human Services • Lisa-Ann T. Buckley, Helena Coachman, Rosalee E. Creighton-Gordon, Lorie A. Evans, Winnes M. Jordan, Maria G. Lambert, Melissa Lopez, Alvaro P. Morgan, Creuza I. Nascimento, Amy N. Powell, Rosa M. Rodriguez, Shahidah Thomas

MERGE Program • Diana J. Fredenburgh, Deborah L. Jantz-Sell, Maria Isabel Santiago



Joseph A. Wasik Jr. wins Early Childhood Education Special Ed Award

HCC Groundbreaking = More Opportunities

On May 22, Governor M. Jodi Rell, Housatonic Community College (HCC) President Anita Gliniecki and State Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner James T. Fleming hosted a groundbreaking for the \$51 million additions and renovations at Housatonic Community College.

The ceremony was held in the College's courtyard adjacent to the construction site, which is the former Sears Building. The project will nearly double the size of the existing College. Completion is expected in the summer of 2008.

When the shovels broke ground for the new building, it marked the beginning of a new era for Housatonic Community College, an era to be marked by new opportunities for student success and more business partnerships that will mean jobs for graduating students.

The immediate effect will be alleviating a space crunch that surfaced almost as soon as the college moved to its present location in January, 1997. Within 18 months, enrollment grew so rapidly that the college had to take part of the cafeteria and turn it in to classroom space. The enrollment growth continued, making HCC one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation.

HCC President Anita T. Gliniecki jokingly referred to the space shortage when she remarked that it forces people to be polite. "One rule we practice every day is to keep your elbows in – in the classrooms, hallways and corridors," she said.

The new building will give HCC the space to accommodate its current students and allow for continued growth in credit and noncredit programs offered by the college, she said.

"Since 1996, there has been a 67 percent increase in enrollment at the college, and a 40 percent increase in the number of degree and certificate programs offered," Gov. M. Jodi Rell told the groundbreaking gathering. "The college also has an economic impact of \$180 million on New Haven and Fairfield Counties."

"With those types of numbers, it's no wonder that there's a space crunch," she said.

"Today, we get to do a groundbreaking (for a building) that will mean more opportunities for students and will mean a lot for businesses as well," Rell said. "Business is saying we need those graduates!"

"This key project at Housatonic Community College will provide the College with much-needed, state-of-the-art space for its courses and programs, offering an exciting new future for HCC," said Commissioner James T. Fleming of the state Department of Public Works, which hosted the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$51 million project along with Rell. "Indeed, this expansion is not only a terrific asset for HCC, but also for the entire Bridgeport region. Business and industry in southern Connecticut will benefit greatly from this project."

The speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony included Dr. Louise S. Berry, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges; Marc S. Herzog, Chancellor, Connecticut Community Colleges, and Bridgeport Mayor John M. Fabrizi.

The project includes 174,500 square feet of new and renovated space. A new building south of the existing structure will house three academic departments: Humanities, Business, and Behavioral and Social Sciences.

It will include 30 classrooms, and ten computer classrooms, and special purpose rooms for computer repair and networks, early childhood education, labs for foreign languages and English as a Second Language, and faculty offices. All instructional areas will be "media-rich."

Also included are a new college bookstore; a wellness center for aerobics, cardio and dance; and a satellite cafeteria.

The Department of Public Works completed the existing Housatonic Community College campus in January 1997. Since then, HCC has become one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation. The College is known for its art collection, which, at nearly 4,000 works, is the largest two-year college art collection in the country. It includes Picasso, Chagall and Renoir, as well as Connecticut artists.

[Visit the website for pictures of the Expansion Project](#)



HCC Alumni and students assist President Gliniecki and Governor Rell at the May 22 groundbreaking for the new HCC building.