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The following students have achieved the honor to be in the *President's List for Fall 2022*: Molly Guarton, Hannah Barret, Hanna Manning, Lacie Castile, Deanna Bridgeford, and Alyssa Hervey.

Ava Lopez and Ruth Reichard made it to the *Dean's List. Congratulations* to each and all of you! We're so proud of your achievements!

The Spanish major 2023 Awards are:

Lacie Castile received the *Canfield Scholarship*; Deanna Bridgeford is our *Department Scholar* and Molly Guarton is the *Modern Languages Award for Spanish. Felicitaciones! Estamos muy orgullosos de ustedes!*

The following students were inducted into the *National Hispanic Honor Society Sigma Delta* **Pi** at a formal ceremony the first week of May where they all received a diploma, a gold and red cord, and the pin of the society that they will wear with pride. Students are inducted based only on their excellent academic records in the program. **Congratulations!**

Deanna Bridgeford, Lacie Castile, and Hannah Barret.





Hosting the ceremony: *Sigma Delta Pi* members Fernando Perez, Holly O'Hern, and Dr. Sergio López.



Dr. Trevizán, Dr. Sarmiento, Fernando Perez, Hannah Barrett, Lacie Castile, Deanna Bridgeford, Holly O'Hern, and Dr. López. Molly Guarton provided music!





SPAN 304 w Dr. López reaching out at the Union.

This Spring 2023 the **Café Latino** paid homage to Pablo Neruda. Students enjoyed poems and music, as well as some tasty pizzas!



Poet *Pablo Neruda* is a 1971 Nobel laurate who wrote many books of poetry and who played an important symbolic role in political events in Chile. He died in 1973 possibly from poisoning injected by doctors following directives from the military dictator ruling the country.

Students and faculty members enjoyed the gathering.



Here you can see **Dr. Anderson** and **Dr. López.** Enjoying music@ the *Café Latino* this semester.

A **Languages Fair** brought about 40 HS students to campus. It was hosted by the Modern Languages faculty members with assistance from the Office of Admissions.



Three local teachers who graduated from the Spanish program, Erica Smith'20 (Colton HS), Joseph Boyle'03 (Massena HS) and Dylan Klock'04 (Herman-DeKalb HS) brough their students to campus. Lacie Castile and Holly O'Hern, as well as Dr. Anderson, Dr. Lunt, Dr. López and Dr. Sarmiento made interactive presentations for the students.



The forty visiting students undertook a college tour prepared by the *office of Admissions* and enjoyed the great food prepared by PACES and provided by the *Modern Languages department*.



Congratulations to this year's graduates!

We know you will always do well and do good in the world. Best of luck and keep in touch!

This year graduates with a Spanish major are Hanna Manning, Molly Guarton, and Holly O'Hern.



Fernando Perez and **Keven Sanchez** graduated in December. Fernando has been offered and will be attending the UC at Casselton pursuing an MST on Secondary Spanish Teaching. Keven is currently working as a substitute teacher in Florida while he studies and prepares for taking the examination for International Teaching certification.

Hanna Manning is currently working at Raymond & Flannigan marketing department, and focusing on photography, especially during her travels abroad. She will visit Colombia and the Dominican Republic this summer.

Holly O'Hern will start a master's in science in social studies adolescence education on May 22nd. The program is through SUNY Oswego at their Syracuse campus.

Congratulations! Felicitaciones!

Esmé Lim'21 completed her MST and completed her first year on a tenure-track position at FLES at Sea Cliff Elementary School at North Shore School District on Long Island, NY.

Cristina Jimenez'20 successfully completed a Master on Psychology and a *MA on Spanish Languages and Literatures* at SUNY Binghamton.

Angelin Hernandez'20 has completed a *Master* on Spanish Languages and Literatures at SUNY Binghamton. Bravo.



Samanta Palomeque'19 successfully completed an *MST at the Teachers College of Columbia University* last year and is teaching Science at the Harvest Collegiate High School in Manhattan, NY. She *is currently pursuing a MSE* on Science Education.

Maritza Angeles'19 is working as a Bilingual Psychotherapist at Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center on NYC. She pursued a Mental Health Counseling, M.A. at Brooklyn College, in NY. Bravo!

Sebastian Manzano'19 is teaching as a *New York City Teaching* Fellow and pursuing an *MST at the CCNY the City College of New York* that covers tuition. Fabuloso.

Cindy Rozo'19 continues serving in the Army and for a time now has been stationed in German with her family.

Kholeen Borneo'18 successfully completed her third-year review as a Spanish 7-12 teacher at Clifton-Fine Central School, after finishing an *MST at SUNY Potsdam*. Congratulations!

Leah Bisson'18 has graduated with a Master on *Emerging Economies and International Development* at the prestigious King's College London. She has taken a position at an international company in London.

Sarah Reagan'16 graduated with an Instructional Design Master from SUNY Potsdam

and moved to California in hope of a good job there. Congratulations and best wishes!

Spencer Elias'15 completed an MA on *International Education and Development at Sussex University*, **England.** Previously he had been with the *Peace Corps* working in **Africa.** He is currently working at the Mayor's Office in the *City of New Orleans*, enjoying the job, and exploring the city on his bike.



Andrew Bentley'12 is now Assistant professor of Contemporary Latin American Literature at Central Connecticut State University. Congratulations and best wishes! He is keeping busy as a scholar writing and publishing articles on Guatemala.

Meghan Sullivan'11 After graduating from our Department of Modern Languages and from her MA in International Development at Syracuse University launched a career with the United Nations World Food Programme which took her to work in Geneva and then Haiti. Her work ethics and intelligence took her to a position at the United Nations, her dream job!

Felicitaciones to **Dr. López** on a well-deserved tenure and promotion! and to **Dr. Trevizán** and **Dr. Anderson** on their retirement from SUNY Potsdam after decades of successfully teaching in the Spanish program. **Dr. Sarmiento** will be enjoying a sabbatical next year. Congratulations and best wishes to all of them. **Sí se puede.**

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