

## **MEMORANDUM TO ALL P2G Staff**

From: The P2G Graduation Committee

Re: P2G graduation information

Date: Monday, May 1, 2017

### Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker is open to a P2G graduate, three or more years removed, who can speak in a compelling language to the 2017 graduating class. The speaker should describe how his/her experience in the program has provided the opportunity to become a successful adult.

The speech should be:

- ♣ Length: 3 – 5 minutes
- ♣ Be positive and inspirational
- ♣ Discuss lessons learned at P2G and beyond
- ♣ Describe what the graduate is doing now

Submit a written or video version of the speech to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by May 22, 2017

### National Anthem Singer

The graduate singer will lead the audience in the national anthem. All interested candidates must audition for the Graduation Committee on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

The singer should be:

- ♣ comfortable singing the national anthem
- ♣ a graduate and reliable

Submit names to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by May 22, 2017

### Color Guard

The Color Guard comprises five graduates, one per borough. Experience or interest in ROTC, Explorers or Military is a plus but not required. Current students may apply.

Those interested in the color guard should be:

- ♣ willing to practice in person
- ♣ comfortable in front of large crowds
- ♣ able to carry a flag
- ♣ harness and white gloves provided

Send names to [JMartin30@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JMartin30@schools.nyc.gov) by Monday, May 22, 2017

## Graduation Slideshow

It's time to think about the P2G graduation slideshow. Everyone is invited to contribute photos and videos of your events, trips, classroom activities, and experiences.

All pictures and videos must include the borough, site, and event description. For example, Brooklyn, Schermerhorn, tour of LaGuardia Community College

Send to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by Friday, June 9, 2017

## Graduation Picture Day

Graduates can commemorate graduation with a free cap-and-gown photo. Graduates can attend picture day at a different site, if needed. The dates and locations are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact your graduation committee borough point people. Picture days run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: This is for graduates only.**

### GRADUATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS BY BOROUGH

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### PICTURE DAY DATES

**BROOKLYN SCHERMERHORN** Tuesday, May 23, and Friday, June 16

**MANHATTAN HUB** Wednesday, June 14

**QUEENS JLC** Monday, May 22 and Thursday, June 15

**BRONX HUB** Tuesday, May 16 and June 12

## Graduation Awards

UFT Community Service Award

Delima Russ Award for Excellence and Class of 2017 Student Speaker

Brian Yablonsky Perseverance Award

*The UFT Community Service Award* is given to the student who planned and developed a project that improved the quality of life in their school community. Through this service, this student has exemplified respect, responsibility and citizenship. The nominee must be a graduate.

To nominate, please send the student's name, site and borough and a few sentences as to why the graduate deserves the award.

Send nominations to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by May 22, 2017.

*The Delima Russ Award for Excellence and Class of 2017 Student Speaker:* The student speaker will deliver the graduation commencement speech and receive this award, which includes scholarship money. The award, named for a beloved educator who served as a D-79 Assistant Principal, is funded by her mother. Delima Russ died in 2000.

The speech should be three to five minutes in length, submitted in writing, speak to how P2G affected them and what lessons they learned, what are his or her future plans and what advice would they give to their peers and younger P2G students.

Nominees must have:

- ♣ demonstrated a dedication to attendance
- ♣ overcome significant personal obstacles
- ♣ enrolled in a two- or four-year college for the upcoming academic year

Send nominations to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by May 22, 2017.

*The Bryan Yablonsky Perseverance Award:* This student will have shown strength of character through perseverance in overcoming extenuating personal challenges and will have remained focused, despite experiencing obstacles. The student must have a post-secondary school plan; priority will go to a graduate from Queens in honor of our esteemed colleague, the late Bryan Yablonsky, who died in 2013.

To nominate a student, please provide a few sentences that explain why you believe the student deserves the award. Send nominations to [P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:P2Ggraduation@schools.nyc.gov) by May 22, 2017.