Gospel Choir: The City College of New York Gospel Choir, founded in 2008 by Asshur Cunningham, is a vibrant student club within the Washington Heights/Harlem community. Our motto "...Musical Expression...Spiritual Progression..." explains our purpose as members, which is to grow in Christ while still enjoying and exploring our passion for music. Most importantly, the continued goal of the Gospel Choir is to find ways to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone in our community in a contemporary way.

Cynthia Gonzalez

Cynthia Gonzalez, a new transfer student and a junior at CCNY, is majoring in Childhood Education with a concentration in language and literature. She is originally from the Dominican Republic. Cynthia is a dance teacher at a studio TamiCo located in the Bronx and Yonkers. Her goal as a future educator is to teach her students to dance and to improve in academics. SSSP is proud to welcome Cynthia as a new member to our program.

City College of New York Student Support Services Program

Cultural Diversity Celebration Participant Biography

Thursday, December 10, 2015
NAC Ballroom
12:30pm-1:50pm
Guest Speaker
Professor Glen Milstein

Glen Milstein is an associate professor in the department of Psychology at the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, a clinical psychologist, and a faculty member in the Clinical Psychology Cluster at the CUNY Graduate Center. He conducts research in both English and Spanish on the influence cultural environments have on neurophysiology. In other words, Dr. Milstein studies how the abstractions of culture invest themselves into the physical makeup of the brain.

Mariah Cameron

Mariah Cameron, who hails from Guyana, a sophomore at CCNY, is pursuing a major in International Studies. With professional training and credentials in theater arts, she is excited to make a difference in the arts. Her performances include Hairspray (Inez), Legally Blonde (Pilar) and Purlie. Mariah hopes to utilize the arts to reach out to students domestically and abroad to encourage art education and the pursuit of higher education.

The Amer Brothers, Abdulah and Abdulrahman

The Amer Brothers are twin brothers who grew up in lower Brooklyn. They were raised in a household with three sets of twins under the influence of Egyptian and Turkish culture. Picking up musical instruments during middle school—trumpet and trombone, respectively—they have been playing for the last seven years. Abdulah strives to become an electrical engineer at CCNY, whereas Abdulrahman has earned himself a full scholarship at the Manhattan School of Music to study jazz performance.

Sahana Das Bhattacharyya

Sahana Das Bhattacharyya is a graduate student majoring in physics at CCNY and a member of the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at CCNY. Classical Indian music has been Sahana’s abiding passion throughout her life. Her first stage performance was at the age of 3. She performed on All India Radio in the year 1989 at the age of 6 and has since appeared on Indian TV broadcasts multiple times. In recent years she has garnered many awards, including Manna De Sangeet Academy Award in 2010 and performed at many high-profile venues in India and New York. She currently leads her own semi-classical band, RAGA 6.

SSSP Fusion Club

SSSP Fusion Club’s mission is to showcase the diversity of students within our program and to fuse cultures via community engagement projects and cultural performances. Fusion Club’s social advocacy includes support for the annual Breast Cancer Walk and AIDS Walk, among other causes. Rama Diallo, President, and Ann Bascom, adviser, assist with the club’s expansion.

Ramatoulaye Diallo, Mistress of Ceremony

Rama Diallo, a junior at CCNY, is an English major with a concentration in Secondary Education. She is president of SSSP’s Fusion club, an SSSP mentor, a participant of the CUNY service corps, a member of the Kaye Scholars program, recipient of the Weston Public Service Scholarship. Rama was also selected for the first cohort of the S.J Levy fellowship. This future leader wants to improve the education system on a local, national and international level. We are proud to have Rama Diallo, who hails from Guinea, serve as Mistress of Ceremony for SSSP’s Cultural Diversity Event.