Careers In Teaching student Natalie Perez has spent the past semester working as a tutor for the Teachers of Tomorrow program in Yonkers. She commutes by public bus to Roosevelt High School, where she works with students and faculty. She took time out of her busy schedule with work, school and tutoring to talk to us about the opportunities she has gained with Teachers of Tomorrow.  

**How long have you worked as an intern for the Teachers of Tomorrow program?**

“I started my internship with the Teachers of Tomorrow program about five months ago.”

**Can you tell us a little about your experience working with students, teachers and administrators at your internship site?**

“I have gained so much experience working in a field that I am passionate about. I tutor bilingual students and it is a job that I enjoy. To help another student improve the English language is essential to me. I myself am a bilingual student and understand how important this experience is. Working with teachers and administrators helped me become more familiarized with the field. The teacher I work with, Mrs. Vasquez, mentors me and gives me great advice.”

**What has been your most memorable moment/experience thus far?**

“My most memorable moment was when I was able to conduct a lesson.”

**How do you think other CIT students can benefit from joining this program?**

“CIT students can benefit from a program that further enhances skills that better prepare us as classroom instructors.”

**How do you think this internship can help you to reach your goals as an aspiring educator?**

“The Teachers of Tomorrow program has helped me reach my goals. I am able to work in my field and better guide students.”

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CIT Students Take A Tour of the Big Apple!

On May 5th staff and students from Careers in Teaching and Pathways to Success boarded motor coaches bound to sightsee in New York City, one of the greatest cities of the world.

The prospect might have seemed silly at first, sightseeing within the city we live? However for most students and staff, there was so much we did not know about the history, culture and people of New York City.

Guiding us throughout the day was Jeff Plunkett, who had us practically rolling on the floor laughing, while he engaged us with the history of Harlem, Central Park, Ellis Island and more.

Many would agree that one of the most compelling places we visited was the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. We took a boat ride to get there, which gave us full view of the Statue of Liberty. Once

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A Look at Winter 2012

CIT offered a number of tuition-waived Winter 2012 courses this past year. It was a pleasure to have taken LEH 301: Hip-Hop and the Urban Crisis, with Professor Geoff Johnson. His teaching techniques and thorough knowledge of the subject made this winter session an unforgettable one.

In class we learned about the origins of hip-hop, and the socioeconomic/structural inequalities that led to its conceptualization and rise. Other CIT students in LEH 301 would agree that this course was informative and enjoyable. The incorporation of music into our everyday agenda, as well as open discussion, facilitated the learning process. Yes, it was intense and extremely rushed, but a cooperative and understanding professor encouraged our class. Going into any course, where you know no one, can be somewhat uncomfortable. By the way, this can never be said about a CIT class. The students are incredibly enthusiastic and approachable. I know that this winter session I have made many friends, linked by the same goals and aspirations. CIT has not only offered a great class, but connections and new friendships as well.

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CIT Students Tour the Big Apple

we arrived at the museum we entered the Great Hall of the Museum, where countless immigrants waited anxiously to enter this country. Several people on the tour remarked that the room had an eerie presence, and that one could almost imagine the many emotions that passed through the Hall. Pictures of men, women and children from all over the world lined the walls of the Museum. Some students were surprised to see that there were many immigrants from the Caribbean.

CIT’s First Graduating Class

This year CIT will be sending off our first graduating class. We are proud of their accomplishments and success at Lehman. Here is our list of graduating students: Renee Amhad, Constanza Chiatti, Caridad Grijalva, Jaemmy Peguero, Veera Persad, Brian Rivera, Diego Salamanca, Awilda Taveras, and Lizmary Valdez. Stay tuned for our next issue, which will feature a detailed spread on CIT’s first graduating class.

Congrats to the following:

Kathleen Castillo gained an assistant teacher position with Brightside Horizons.

Brian Rivera was accepted into the Counselor Education Master’s Program at Lehman College.

Roger Corrales was inducted into the Golden Key Honor Society.

Renee Amhad, Brian Rivera and Awilda Taveras will graduate with Honors.

Paul Darden, Ana Hernandez, Natisha Jordan, Maritza Martinez, Eglish Perez, Israel Ramos, Allison Rodriguez and Paulette Sylvester achieved Dean’s List.

Student Spotlight

*Please inform us if you have earned a spotlight!