

Fall Graduation 2001

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On Friday, November 30, the School held its Fall graduation ceremony, celebrating those students who have advanced through our 3-part major course of study, the *Production and Distribution of Wealth*, comprised of the classes *Fundamental Economics*, *Applied Economics* and the *Science of Political Economy*.

This semester, there were 25 students who qualified to receive their completion certificates.

Henry George School Director of Education Mike Curtis began the proceedings by remarking, "You are to be congratulated. I'm sure that those of you who have been impressed by the power of these ideas, as I and thousands before me have, these ideas that have revealed to us the real causes behind unemployment, poverty and slums, have understood that while the road to truth is straight and narrow, the road to its implementation at times seems long and perhaps circuitous.

"For that reason, you are also to be consoled. It's ain't exactly like calling 911 or Crime Stoppers -- with information leading to the ar-



Mike Curtis & Silvia Prado

rest and conviction of a landlord."

As each of the graduates were called up to the podium and individually presented with their diplomas, they were asked to say a few words.

Luis Avila said, "I would like to thank the staff and the School for helping us learn about the causes of the social problems that continue to plague our society." This received a strong round of applause.

Rosemary English remarked, "I have worked in the peace and social justice movement for many years but now I feel for the first time I understand economics. Reading Henry George led me to grasp the concept of economic rent."

Pablo Salazar, in his remarks in Spanish, deemed Henry George "a great philosopher, sociologist and one of the great thinkers in the field of Economics."

In conclusion, Mike cited Aristarchus of Samos (c. 270 b.c.), Copernicus and Gallieo as harbingers of truths it took a long time to accept. But he added, "one day people will wake up and no one will believe in unconditional private property in land. Congratulations and -- good luck!"



Pablo Salazar