

## Congratulations To The First Class '97

Sown over twelve weeks ago, winter's seeds blossomed on the night of April fourth as the Henry George School proudly presented the graduates of the first term of the year. The auditorium overflowed with friends and families of the more than three hundred and thirty students successfully completing a variety of courses. This year's class speakers shared a vast range of style and even musical talent as they extended their gratitude to their teachers, fellow students, and of course, Henry George.



*Olga Manguel*

A theme running through most of the speeches was the value and importance of learning. George Collins started off by asking why we were all here, to which the enthusiastic crowd replied, "To learn!" Speaker Eli Levine, from Irving Kass' Fundamental Economics class, suggested that education, once acquired, can never be taken away. And with a fiery delivery, Olga Manuel said that if she was not given the chance to spread what she's learned she would make that opportunity herself, because an education not put to use is worthless.

A reverent moment was shared by all as we stood silently in observance of the recent passing of



*Leslie DaCosta*

Elias Paulino, teacher of Economic Science in Spanish. Graduate Leslie DaCosta played *Carnival* in tribute to our missed professor on his flute, which he later put to novel use as Speaker for the Economic Science class. In a HGS graduation first, Leslie created a multi-media performance explaining the factors of production which converged to produce the flute, and the avenues of distribution which brought the instrument to his hands for the purpose of satisfying our desires.

*Photos by Ramon Alvarez*



*George Collins*



*Eli Levine*

## Reverend Elias Paulino

The staff and students of the Henry George School mourn the loss of Reverend Elias Paulino, who passed away on February 18th, 1997. The beloved instructor and important Latin American Affairs Department member taught the Fundamental Economics course in Spanish for the past three years, after attending the school as a student of the Principles of Political Economy. He also taught classes in two community centers in the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Rev. Paulino expressed a great deal of dedication to teaching and a great understanding of the Georgist philosophy. He was well loved by his students, to whom he always made himself available.

*by Manny Felix & Ramon Alvarez*

Born in the Dominican Republic on July 20, 1942, Rev. Paulino was educated in Santo Domingo, where he went on to become a respected clinical psychologist and marriage counselor. In 1957 he joined the Pentecostal Church, becoming recognized as a Bible scholar and chairing religious conferences for the next twenty-two years. After moving to the U.S. in 1987, he relocated to Brooklyn with his family and immersed himself in community life, helping others with their immigration and offering social services to anyone in need. In 1989 he became a Pastor, and he was Secretary of the Hispanic Caucus. He is greatly missed.

## The Angel Is Gone

In memory of Elias Paulino

The angel of the eternal smile is gone.  
The magnet of tenderness,  
he, who attracted the dispersed.

Implacable trainer of rebel anxieties...  
Teacher of his pupils  
and pupil of his disciples.

He never knew hate.  
He never understood it.  
He didn't have time.

It was strange to see his smile  
in the midst of the tempest  
when the devastating winds  
tithed unfinished thoughts.

And in the center of the turbulence,  
when the debris of doubt  
gyrated with fierceness,  
his smile remained firmly in place.

The angel of the eternal smile is gone.  
When he emptied his pockets  
of his last sweet  
to cheer the palate of anguish.

And, upon realizing that his hands  
were empty, he caressed his cheeks,  
he lowered his head and  
he understood.

The angel opened his arms  
and smiled.  
With a gigantic smile,  
he smiled forever.

He left in silence,  
smiling... smiling...  
He had given all he had to give,  
his pockets were now empty.

Ramón A. Alvarez  
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(translated by Marisol Espallat)

A memorial service was held at the school March 21st where those he taught, guided, and loved gave their lasting respects. Opening with a moving oratory by Reverend Hernandez, speakers included Manny Felix, George Collins, class representatives, and a musical interlude by Leslie DaCosta. Rev. Paulino is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Orlandina Milena, and by his five children, Gabriel Elias, Eunice Noemi, Emmanuel, Isreal, and Abel.