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Association of Haitian and American Engineers

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2012 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

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Thursday, October 18, 2012

6pm to 10pm

Penthouse at Terrace on the Park

52-11 111th Street, Flushing Meadow Park, NY 11368

Programme

2012 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

✿ Cocktail Hour – Networking

✿ Dinner

✿ President's Message – Rudolf J. Gedeon

✿ Robotic Team Awards Recognition

- Robot Demonstration
- Presentation of Citations

✿ Honorees Awards Presentation

- Professor Roger Dorsinville's Address
- D/C Eric Macfarlan's Address
- Presentation of Citations

✿ Scholarship Awards Presentation

✿ Closing Remarks

✿ Coffee, Tea and Desert

✿ Entertainment



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Dear friends,

On behalf of the Association des Ingenieurs Haitiens et Americains (ADIHA), I welcome all of you to the 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner. We are thrilled and excited to see so many dedicated and generous people who support our goal to convey the importance of science, engineering and technology to our youth tonight.

The Gerard Marc Memorial Scholarship aims not only to financially assist our recipients but also to promote academic excellence, innovation, and entrepreneurship by providing them with the skills necessary to pursue careers in sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Our Scholarship Program represents an opportunity for ADIHA and its supporters to help provide our young people with the resources, information and mentoring needed to enter and excel in the STEM fields. This fundraising event tonight, with your support, is helping us achieve this goal.

The work that ADIHA supports is exemplified by the young men and women from the Haitian Youth Robotic Team. They remind us of the importance of investing in our youth to create the next generation of innovative engineers and scientists. We are extremely grateful for their presence here tonight. We acknowledge their work, dedication, determination, perseverance, and success.

We also congratulate this year's scholarship recipients, two talented and deserving undergraduate students who believe that engineering is a key element toward sustainable economic development.

In addition, we are pleased to recognize two accomplished professionals who further exemplify our mission. Tonight, we honor Mr. Eric C. Macfarlane, Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC), Recipient of the Professional Achievement in Engineering Award, and Dr. Roger Dorsinville, Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department at the City College of NY, Recipient of the Professional Achievement in Education Award. Both individuals have made a longstanding and significant commitment to engineering, sciences, technology and education, and have helped advance the progress and reputation of STEM disciplines.

Congratulations and thanks to the scholarship recipients, our distinguished honorees, and the robotic team.

Finally, I thank all those who have made this evening a success. Thanks to all of you for being here tonight. Your support for this event makes a difference in the life of numerous students. ADIHA and the students thank you.

As ADIHA continues to evolve, our focus will be on developing and cultivating strong partnerships in order to address the scarcity of talents in STEM, facing our industry and profession. Your being here tonight indicates your commitment to a long and lasting relationship with ADIHA. We hope that when you leave this event, it will be with a sense of resolve, purpose and commitment not only to ADIHA, but to our youth who represents the future. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Enjoy the evening.

Rudolf J. Gedeon, PE
ADIHA President



ADIHA in its Essence

The Association des Ingénieurs Haïtiens et Américains (ADIHA), or Association of Haitian and American Engineers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit professional organization with the mission of playing a significant role in the development of Haitian communities both in the US and Haiti, while fostering a rich environment for professional development for all of its members.

Since its founding in 1983, ADIHA has organized conferences dealing with various issues facing Haitian communities, provided technical support for community projects, and has initiated scientific and technical programs to benefit its community. Specifically, projects have included: preparation courses for the Professional Engineering licensing exams, math courses for high school students in the New York area, financial support for the rebuilding of schools in Haiti, publication of numerous articles, as well as various seminars addressing important issues such as transportation, energy, environment and water resources. The members of ADIHA also participated in the preparation of the Haitian documentation for the International Congress on the Environment held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992.

One of the most memorable activities was the symposium held on August 6, and 7, 1994, when Haitian engineers and technicians had the opportunity to network and collaborate. Almost 300 engineers came together to analyze development issues affecting Haiti, such as potable water and sanitation, transportation, energy, protection of the environment, water resources, communications, and the need for professional organizations. The various Engineering Associations from all over the US and Canada, as well as representatives of the Haitian government participated together in the search for valid solutions toward the reconstruction of their native country.

The catastrophic earthquake event of January 12, 2010 gener-

ated a renewed interest in the Association. In response to this tragic event, ADIHA organized many activities, including training of 100 engineers in Post-Earthquake Building Assessment (ATC-20), which resulted in the deployment of 15 engineers to perform post-earthquake building assessments as part of the recovery effort in Haiti. ADIHA has also organized and sponsored several lectures and seminars at Medgar Evers College and NYU Polytech, presented by renowned professionals, such as Claude Prepetit, a Haitian geologist from the Haitian Bureau of Mines, and Reginald Desroches, PhD, a seismic engineer and Chair of the School of Civil & Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. ADIHA also has participated in numerous conferences, notably “*GIS in Haiti, from 1998 to 2011*”, and “*Downtown Port-au-Prince Master Plan*”. In addition, ADIHA continued to provide technical support for community-sponsored projects and also developed an outreach program to educate the New York Haitian community about proper building construction practices.

Today, the Association des Ingenieurs Haïtiens et Américains works along the following five main areas of interest:

- Promotion of the Profession and Industry
- Education
- Community Development
- Research & Policy
- Entrepreneurship

Headquartered in Queens, NY, ADIHA offers scholarships, networking opportunities, mentorships, community outreach and support, professional development, and access to career opportunities for its members. Membership is open to all science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professionals and students, as well as architects.

ADIHA Sample of Projects

Haiti Center for Sustainable Reconstruction & Development

ADIHA is part of a consortium working toward the establishment of a Center to serve as a unique resource for the Caribbean region. It will encourage a multi-disciplinary research program focused on disaster risk reduction.

The Center will offer a diverse curriculum of courses including professional courses for university students, continuing education for practicing professionals, resources for hands-on technical and vocational training, and outreach programs for the nation's building industry, government and non-government agencies. Plus, an on-site library will host training materials on construction practices.

Members of the consortium include the National Institute of Building Sciences, the State University of Haiti, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Ayers Saint Gross Architects + Planners, National Organization for the Advancement of Haitians (NOAH) and Institute for Building Technology and Safety.



Haiti Center

Piton Value Road Design

ADIHA is providing engineering design for the construction of the access roadway to Piton Vallue, Petit-Goâve, Haiti. This project consisted of the design and reconstruction of a school, road, water system and reforestation in the region of Piton Value of Petit-Goave badly damaged during the devastating earthquake of January 2010.

ADIHA has provided the necessary design services to open a five (5) miles mountainous road. ADIHA also weigh in on the design of the school, water system, and reforestation plans.

Duchity Small



Piton Value Road

Duchity Small Hydro 40 MW Electric Plant

ADIHA is assisting St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in its effort to bring electricity to the town of Duchity, Haiti. ADIHA is providing technical support in the form of a technical feasibility study for a 40 MW hydro-electric plant in the area.



Duchity Small Hydro Electric Project

THE GERARD MARC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Gerard Marc Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Gerard Marc who passed away on September 5 2011, Dr. Marc has had an indelible impact on ADIHA. His intellectual rigor, dedication and commitment to advance the mission of the Association have been a great source of inspiration to us all. Dr. Marc has touched many lives, particularly those of the younger generation through guidance, counseling, and at times, financial support.

The Gerard Marc Memorial Scholarship provides financial support to students who are pursuing undergraduate and advance degrees in a science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) field, and are members of the Association des Ingenieurs Haultiens et Americains (ADIHA).

Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, and participate in community service activities.



THE GERARD MARC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Dr. Marc started his schooling at the Petit Seminaire College Saint Martial and went on to complete his secondary studies at the Lycee Alexandre Petion. He pursued his college education in Agronomy at the Industrial Administration Century University, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Marc went on to obtain a doctorate in agronomy from the Institut Agronomique of Oka, Canada, which is affiliated with the University of Montreal and the Université Laval Quebec, in 1959. Dr. Marc is a specialist in Horticulture and Microbiology of Canned Foods.

In 1960, together with his colleague and compatriot, agronomist Guy Arbouet, also a graduate from a Canadian college and a specialist in Microbiology, Dr. Marc founded the New York Home Landscaping Company, a firm that delivered various projects, especially agricultural and landscape architecture projects.

Dr. Marc is also prolific writer. He published numerous studies on various subjects ranging from breeding chickens and turkeys to microbial contamination of meat. His book, *Haiti, Navassa Island, Plants, Birds*, 1999, is a notable compendium on the fauna and flora of the country.

Dr. Marc joined ADIHA at its inception and remained a very active member until his passing. He was instrumental in building the organization's scientific reputation in the early years. His passion for science, his integrity and humble nature, and his mentoring and promotion of young scientists provided all members with both inspiration and motivation. He impacted ADIHA with his constant discipline, dedication, work ethic and generosity. Dr. Marc represented different things to different members of the Association. To some, he was a warm, modest, compassionate and caring individual, which was only surpassed by his scientific contributions. To others, he was like a father, a mentor, and in times of difficulties, he was the symbol of hope.

Throughout his time at the Association, Dr. Marc created an extraordinary environment conducive to the pursuit of excellence, and fostered a culture of caring and sharing. He epitomized all what is good in human. He remains a model for all of us. His lasting legacy remains a model for all of us.



THE GERARD MARC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2012 RECIPIENTS



Angelina Francois is a triplet. She is 18 years old. She is currently a sophomore at Polytechnic Institute of New York University double majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. She has received multiple scholarships.

She is a very talented musician. She has been playing music since she was 8 years old. She plays piano and cello. In 2007, Angelina and her sisters were featured on many major and local New York City newspapers and shows for being accepted as a trio to a very prestigious, specialized and selective High School – Fiorello H. LaGuardia H.S. of Music and Art & Performing Arts.

Angelina's parents inspire her because they are very hard working people, full of energy, love and passion, and their love for music. They always make her believe in herself, and reminding her that there isn't anything that she can't do. Her goal one day is to become a successful engineer.



Paul Lachaud is a third year Haitian American student majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Drexel University in Philadelphia. During his time in college, he has done undergraduate research in a nanomaterials solar cell lab,

Paul was the President of the National Society of Black Engineers, served as a university tour guide, completed a 5 month internship at Air Products Chemicals, and maintained a 3.52 GPA.

He is currently in the United Kingdom on a study abroad experience at the University of Sheffield. He hopes to one day pursue a PhD in Mechanical or Biomedical engineering with a concentration in Energy or Prosthetic devices with the goals of contributing to society.



THE ROBOTIC TEAM

After the January 12, 2010 catastrophic earthquake, a number of Haitian students migrated to New York and found a second home in the robotics club at It Takes a Village Academy. The club is comprised almost completely of Haitian immigrant students.

Last year, the twelve members of the club surpassed expectations when their robot was selected, along with 100 of the top schools in the entire world, [is that a stretch?] for the prestigious FIRST Tech Challenge in St. Louis. The team was just one of two public schools invited from the city of New York. The invitation to St. Louis came after the robotics club bested sixty-three other schools from around the country, many of them more renowned than theirs, like Stuyvesant and Dalton. The team took first place in a robotics competition at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan.

The three-day competition, also known as the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, was held in April [of which year]. To go to the competition, the club needed to raise \$15,000, which they managed to do with the support of their community. The event in St. Louis allowed them to make a statement, as well as to network with college admissions representatives.

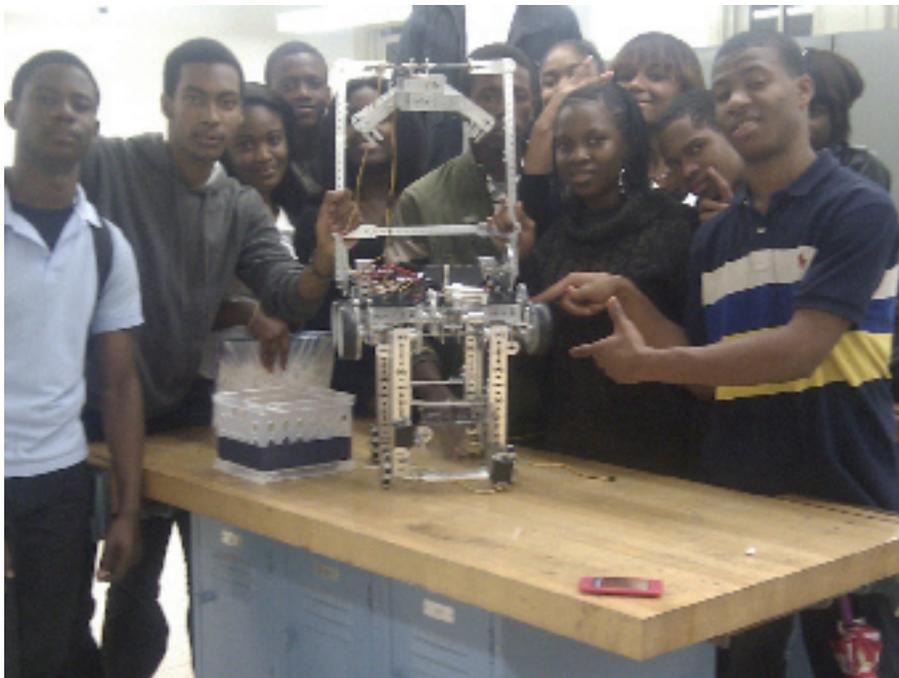
The team members are no strangers to challenges. Of the twelve members of the club, six arrived after the 2010 earthquake. Some, including Margely St. Pierre, experienced the trauma of

losing friends during the earthquake. The team has nevertheless risen to the challenge and built a robot that resembles an Erector set crossed with a remote control car that can navigate a complicated maze on its own.

The club is quite a commitment. Members are required to commit up to three days a week for training and practice. But for many of the students, it has provided a way to readjust to their new homeland. Sometimes, teammates speak Creole to discuss their work, their current challenges, and the lives that they left in Haiti. The club provides a way to move forward though, allowing the students to learn about computer programming, math, and physics.

The current members of the team are: Aisha Metivier, Bianca Lazarre, Cassandra Hyppolite, Cassandre Celus, Doreen Wright, Jose Brunard, Margely St-Pierre, Raphael Williams, Rosebrunelle Nemorin, and Stanley Mentor. The team is advised by Yvon Morin and Gerald Beaubrun, and mentored by NYU-Polytechnic University's Central Brooklyn Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Initiative, funded by the Brooklyn Community Foundation.

It Takes a Village Academy is a new small school that specializes in math, science, and computer science. Students are able to receive up to eighteen college credits through AP courses. ADIHA is proud to recognize the Haitian Robotic team for their exemplary accomplishments.



Our Ho



Although his last name may lead one to think of an improbable Celtic ascendancy, Eric Clarke Macfarlane is originally from Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. His father migrated to Haiti from his native Jamaica and became a naturalized citizen. Eric spent his early childhood in his native Cap-Haitien and moved with his family to New York during his adolescence in the 1960's. He completed high school in New York and successfully pursued a Bachelor of Engineering at the City College of New York and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of New York (presently NYU-Poly).

Eric began his career in the private sector, then moved to Consolidated Edison where his liaison functions with the various city agencies essentially started his professional journey in the infrastructure field. Eric later on joined the New York City Department of Environmental Protection where he was instrumental in establishing and managing the Gas Cost Sharing Agreement known in the infrastructure lexicon as EP-7. Functionally transferred to the New York City Department of Design and Construction at its inception in 1996, Eric occupied several positions of increasing responsibility notably the agency's Engineering Audit Officer, Special Adviser for World Trade Center Affairs during the unprecedented clean-up of the site of the 9-11 terrorists attacks and presently the Infrastructure Deputy Commissioner.

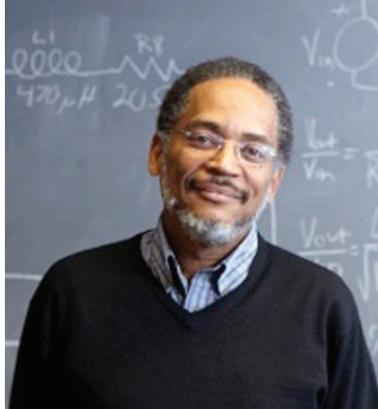
In his current position, Deputy Commissioner Macfarlane oversees a division with a 5-year capital plan portfolio of over 300

design and construction projects estimated at \$3.8 billion, and manages a technical staff numbering 430 employees. This includes management of over 100 active construction contracts Citywide with a combined bid value of over \$1 billion. His team is responsible for the design and construction of roadways, sewers, water mains, and other amenities in all five boroughs of New York City. Currently, they have over one hundred projects in various stages of completion. Despite his years of experience, he still finds his work immensely challenging. He chuckles when he talks about how, intellectually, everyone understands that these underground utility projects need to get done, but they grumble about how long they take – a fact that is inevitable in a dense grid like New York. Regardless, Eric finds his work very rewarding and fully appreciates the fact that Infrastructure is what makes New York a premier world city.

As a member of the Association des Ingénieurs Haïtiens et Américains (ADIHA), Eric enjoys meeting other Haitian professionals and staying abreast of their strides. He is also supportive of ADIHA as a platform to interest young Haitians in the field of engineering.

ADIHA is proud to honor Deputy Commissioner Macfarlane with the 2012 Professional Achievement in Engineering Award.

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Roger Dorsinville is the son of Roger Dorsinville, Sr., a prominent Haitian historian and novelist. The name is widely recognized since generations of Haitians studied the nation's history from his books. The younger Dorsinville grew up in Haiti until his father's exile by the Duvalier regime sent the family to Dakar, Senegal. As a teen, he discovered his passion for engineering. He finished his high school studies in Senegal before moving to Russia, where he attended Lomonosov Moscow State University and received a Bachelor's/Master's degree in 1972 and a PhD in Laser Physics in 1976.

From Russia, Dr. Dorsinville made his way to Canada. He worked as a post-doctoral researcher at Laval University, before returning to Senegal for two years to become an assistant professor. In 1980, Dorsinville started working at the City College of New York. He rose from being a researcher at the Institute for Ultrafast Spectroscopy and Lasers to becoming part of the faculty as an assistant professor. For two years between 2001 and 2002, Dr. Dorsinville went on a sabbatical leave and worked as a Senior Engineer for a small start-up. In 2003, Dr. Dorsinville returned to the City College of New York, where he was promoted to the chair of the electrical engineering department and the co-chair of the computer engineering department. This is a notable achievement for holding two significant titles at a university which boasts a nationally ranked engineering school. His present positions provide Dr. Dorsinville with a unique opportunity to engage in scientific research as well as to work with bright young scholars.

Dr. Dorsinville is a dedicated member of the Association of Hai-

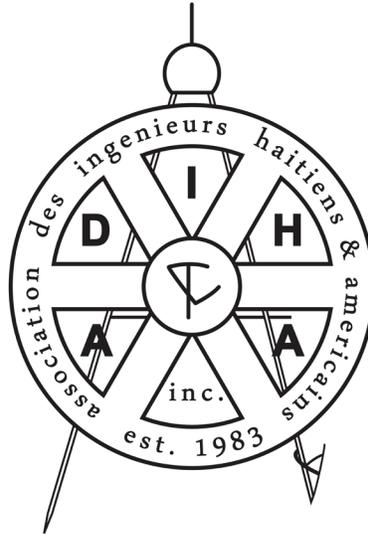
tian and American Engineers who is determined to continue the concerted efforts that ADIHA makes to promote engineering and engineering education. Dr. Dorsinville has made conscientious efforts to fulfill ADIHA's mission in his many interactions with the impressionable young people he mentors. He advises and encourages students who consider entering the engineering field to challenge themselves in their educational pursuits by advocating a strong work ethic and the acquisition of a solid educational foundation for a career that promises personal reward and fulfillment. This is reflected in his advice to students to *"take as many advanced science and math classes offered by your high school that you can. Engineering is fun, but you need a solid background to make it."* He has also successfully mentored ten doctoral candidates and several Masters students, most of them from underrepresented groups.

Dr. Dorsinville's research interests include fiber optics communications, nanotechnology and photonic devices and systems. He has published over 145 peer reviewed scientific papers and holds three patents.

A diligent man with a driving passion to succeed in his chosen career and make a difference in the lives of those he touches, his many accomplishments continue to serve as a stellar example to many in the fields of academia and engineering.

ADIHA is proud to honor Dr. Dorsinville with the 2012 Professional Achievement in Academia Award.

Letters from the Elected Officials



ADIHA thanks all the following elected officials for their support and words of encouragement.

- US Senator Charles E. Schumer
- NY Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
- US Congresswoman Yvette Clark
- US Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney
- NYS Assembly Member David I. Weprin
- NYC Mayor Michael R. Blommborg
- NYS Senator Tony Avella
- Queens Borough President Helen Marshall
- NYC Council Member Robert Jackson
- NYC Public Advocate Bill De Blasio



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October 18, 2012

Association of Haitian American Engineers
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincerest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the Association of Haitian and American Engineers' 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of the Association of Haitian and American Engineers and its members for its hard work and tonight's honorees on this wonderful occasion.

Established in 1983, the Association des Ingenieurs Haitiens et Americains or ADIHA, has worked to foster interest in the field of engineering, science, to students and professionals in related fields of Haitian and Caribbean decent. As an advocate for Haitian and American engineers, ADIHA has been instrumental in providing scholarships, mentorship programs and technical support and programs to ensure the Haitian community of engineers and scientist have the necessary resources to compete in today's fast-paced society. Through networking and professional advancement, ADIHA has continued to advance the achievements and leadership of Haitian and American engineers. The success of the ADIHA is measured by the strength and dedication of all its members and its dedication to empower the Haitian and American engineering community. Thank you for encouraging greater representation in the engineering and science fields.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize tonight's honorees: Eric Macfarlane, P.E. Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Design and Construction; and Roger Dorsinville, Chair, Electrical Engineering Department, and Co-Chair, Computer Engineering Department, City College of New York City, for their dedication to advance engineering in the Haitian community. Moreover, I would like to acknowledge the great work of the Haitian Robotics Team from It Takes a Village Academy for their hard work and recognition as one of 63 schools to make it to the FIRST Tech Challenge. I applaud your dedication to foster interest in young people interested in the engineering and science fields.

Again, congratulations and thank you on behalf of all New Yorkers. Best wishes for a wonderful and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator





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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

October 18, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner of the Association of Haitian and American Engineers.

We all benefit from the work carried out by professional engineers who engage in scientific research and technical development, and other areas of specialized practice. Your association and its members are dedicated to improving communities in America, as well as Haiti, and we acknowledge your outstanding efforts.

Tonight, you gather to support the education of future generations and I commend this generous community-based scholarship program. I also congratulate Eric MacFarlane and Roger Dorsinville as they are specially honored, along with the Haitian Robotics Team at It Takes a Village Academy, on their impressive performance in the FIRST Tech Challenge.

Warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO



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October 15, 2012

Greetings,

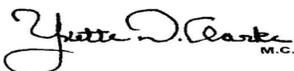
On behalf of New York's 11th Congressional District, it is my honor to extend warm greetings to the friends, supporters, and guests of the Association of Haitian and American engineers on this momentous occasion.

It is always a pleasure for me to acknowledge and commend organizations for the services they have rendered to our city, state, and nation. Under the leadership of Rudolf J. Gedeon and the Board of Directors, this organization has provided our youth with mentoring and scholarship assistance to further their education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics; technical programming and support for the advancement of our community.

I want to recognize this year's honorees: Eric Macfarlane and Roger Dorsinville for their extraordinary work, unwavering commitment to the growth of this Association and limitless vision to nurture the development of our future health professionals, educators, scientists, researchers, engineers, and inventors. I would also like to commend the Haitian Robotics Team of It Takes a Village Academy on their achievements as one of two New York City schools to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge.

Again, I thank the leadership and staff of the Association of Haitian and American Engineers for their tireless efforts to "leverage technical excellence for community empowerment" both in Haiti and abroad. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,


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Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress



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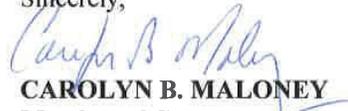
I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Association of Haitian and American Engineers (ADIHA) on the occasion of the 2012 Scholarship Fundraising dinner! ADIHA is a premiere professional organization that connects engineering professionals and students from across the country and around the world. I join you in saluting your distinguished honorees this evening, Deputy Commissioner Eric Macfarlane and Dr. Roger Dorsinville, as well as the Haitian Robotic Team of It Takes a Village Academy in Brooklyn.

Eric Macfarlane has served as the Infrastructure Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Department of Design and Construction since 1996. His division oversees more than 300 design and construction projects in the city estimated at \$3.8 billion. Dr. Roger Dorsinville has been a professor at the City College of New York since 1992, and is chair of the Electrical Engineering Department and co-chair of the Computer Engineering Department. The Haitian Robotic Team from It Takes a Village Academy in Brooklyn is largely comprised of Haitian immigrants who have come to the United States since the devastating 2010 earthquake. In 2011, the team's robot received first prize in a national competition that included submissions from over 60 schools across the country, including Dalton and Stuyvesant, and were given a chance to present their robot at the prestigious FIRST Tech Challenge Competition in St. Louis.

Founded in 1983, ADIHA is a non-profit organization that fosters a professional community of engineers, other scientists and students from Haiti and the United States. They offer rich opportunities for professional development by providing its members with a network that promotes education, leadership, and sustainable policies. ADIHA works toward the advancement of the engineering profession in the United States and Haiti. After the earthquake in 2010, ADIHA made crucial outreach efforts by training 15 engineers to travel to Haiti to perform post-earthquake building assessments.

I offer my congratulations to ADIHA for its commitment to providing professional development and a strong network for Haitian and American engineers and for making efforts to support engineering students through scholarships and mentoring. To all the supporters of the Association of Haitian and American Engineers, I salute you and wish you the best in the years to come!

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress





DAVID I. WEPRIN
Assemblymember 24th District

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Dear Friends:

I would like to congratulate you on your 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner. Association of Haitian and American Engineers (ADIHA) is a professional organization that offers superb support to not only to its members but to professionals and students, throughout the U.S. and abroad. I applaud you on the exceptional work you provide to the community at large.

Best Wishes to your 2012 Honorees: Deputy Commissioner Eric Macfarlane, P.E. of the NYC Department of Design and Construction, Roger Dorsinville, Chair of Electrical Engineering Department and the Co-Chair of the Computer Engineering Department at the City College of New York and the Haitian Robotics Team from It Takes a Village Academy.

Once again, Congratulations and Best Wishes to you!

Sincerely,

DAVID I. WEPRIN
Member of Assembly

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

October 18, 2012

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner hosted by the Association des Ingénieurs Haïtiens et Américains.

New York is proud to be an international city, a place strengthened by the multitude of peoples that calls it home. Haitian New Yorkers, especially, make many contributions to our economic and civic life, and since 1983, ADIHA has supported engineering professionals of Haitian descent throughout the five boroughs. This organization has helped New York remain a leader in innovation, and we look forward to even more of ADIHA's members thriving in a field that is so crucial to our great city's prosperity and future.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, congratulations to this year's honorees – Eric Macfarlane, Roger Dorsinville, and the It Takes a Village Academy's Robotics Team. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful dinner and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor



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Mr. Rudolf J. Gedeon
President
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Dear Mr. Gedeon:

I would like to congratulate the Association of Haitian and American Engineers (ADIHA) as it hosts its 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner on October 18th, 2012 at Terrace on the Park.

The many services that ADIHA offers have immensely benefited those who have come into contact with your organization throughout the years. I commend you for organizing conferences dealing with issues of importance to the Haitian community, managing mentorship and scholarship programs, providing technical support for community projects, and initiating scientific and technical programs to benefit the community.

It is my pleasure to also commend the continued support and commitment of this year's honorees, Mr. Eric Macfarlane, Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Design and Construction and Mr. Roger Dorsinville, Chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department and Co-Chairman of the Computer Engineering Department at the City College of New York.

In addition, let me express special recognition to the Haitian Robotics Team from "It Takes A Village Academy" in Brooklyn, which was one of only two teams from New York City that competed and won against 63 schools nationwide at the FIRST Tech Challenge in St. Louis, Missouri.

It gives me great joy to pay tribute to ADIHA as well as to this year's honorees and to wish you all many more years of fruitful service.

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In the United States of America, there is a grand tradition of giving back. When one is successful in a chosen field, one mentors, supports and encourages those who follow. It is clear that the members of the Association des Ingénieurs Haïtiens et Américains (ADIHA) have not only embraced this tradition but embellished it and made it their own. Your mission of professional development, technical support for community projects and providing an association of brothers enhances that basic idea of giving back. What could be more uplifting or more characteristic of the "American" dream than the "It Takes A Village Academy's" success with its robotics team?

It is a genuine pleasure to celebrate this achievement and join in saluting your other 2012 honorees – Eric Macfarlane from NYC's Department of Design and Construction and Roger Dorsinville, of CUNY's City College Engineering Department, which I am proud to mention is located in my Councilmanic District.

In my ten plus years with the City Council, I have acquired an enhanced appreciation for the importance of infrastructure and the role that engineers of all kinds play in designing and sustaining our underpinnings. For example, in one portion of the Henry Hudson Parkway that passes through my district around 183rd Street, residents heard the squeal of tires followed by the crash of metal every time it rained. When the roadway was re-engineered nine years ago, that problem was totally eliminated – measurably increasing its safety. A small but telling and personal example of how your expertise has helped my constituency.

As we move headlong into the second decade of the 21st century, I know our city's dependence on your skills and judgment will only increase. I am grateful for your commitment and your consistency. Merci beaucoup!

In Unity,

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October 18, 2012

Dear Friends,

It brings me great pleasure to join the Association of Haitian and American Engineers in celebrating its 2012 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner. Since its founding in 1983 the Association of Haitian and American Engineers has played a prominent role dealing with issues within the Haitian community as well as being instrumental in gathering together professionals from all fields from around the world.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would especially like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees and all those being recognized tonight:

- Eric Macfarlane, P.E., Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Department of Design and Construction
- Roger Dorsinville, the Chair of Electrical Engineering Department and Co-Chair of the Computer Engineering Department at the City College of New York
- The Haitian Robotics team, one of two teams from the City of New York to compete and win against 63 schools nationwide at the FIRST Tech Challenge in St. Louis Missouri

I am inspired by the work of the Association of Haitian and American Engineers and by the knowledge that, through their dedication and that of so many others, Association of Haitian and American Engineers will continue to serve our great city for a long time to come.

Please accept my best wishes and wholehearted congratulations on this very special occasion.

Warm regards,

Bill de Blasio

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Mr. Rudolf Gedeon, President
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Dear President Gedeon:

Greetings and best wishes to you and all the members, friends and supporters of the Association des Ingenieurs Haitiens et Americains!

Tonight's Scholarship Fundraising Dinner brings together professionals in related fields in a combined effort to benefit deserving high school and college students who will pursue studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

This evening's gala also reminds us of the great contributions that the ADIHA has made here and abroad to foster an environment for professional development, education and leadership.

I join you in celebrating these accomplishments and in recognizing the unique contributions of tonight's honorees: Deputy Commissioner Eric MacFarlane of the City Department of Design and Construction; Mr. Roger Dorsinville, chair of the Electrical Engineering Department of the City College of New York; and the Haitian Robotics Team from the *It Takes a Village* Academy.

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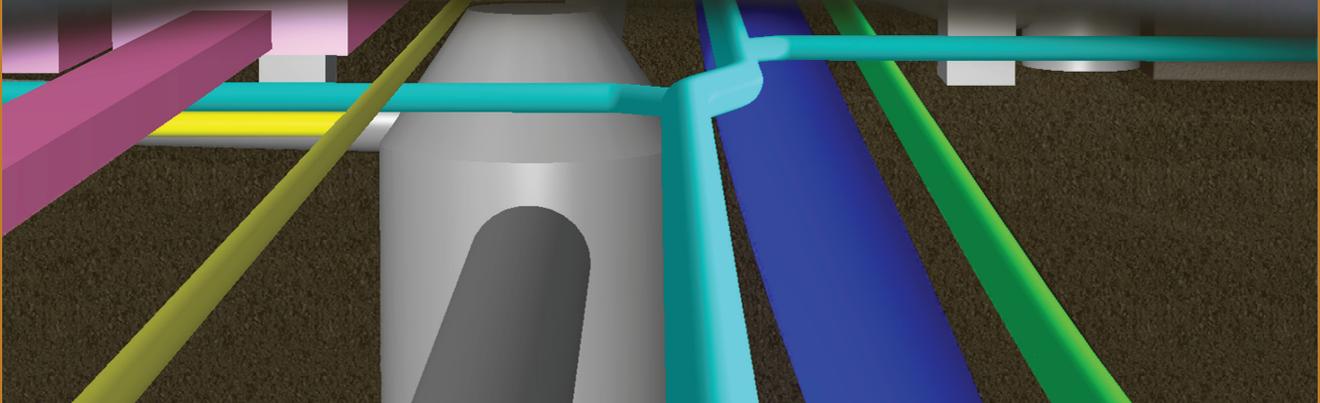
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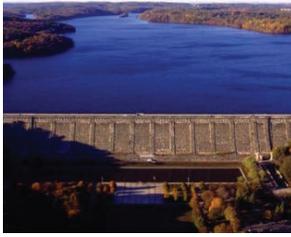
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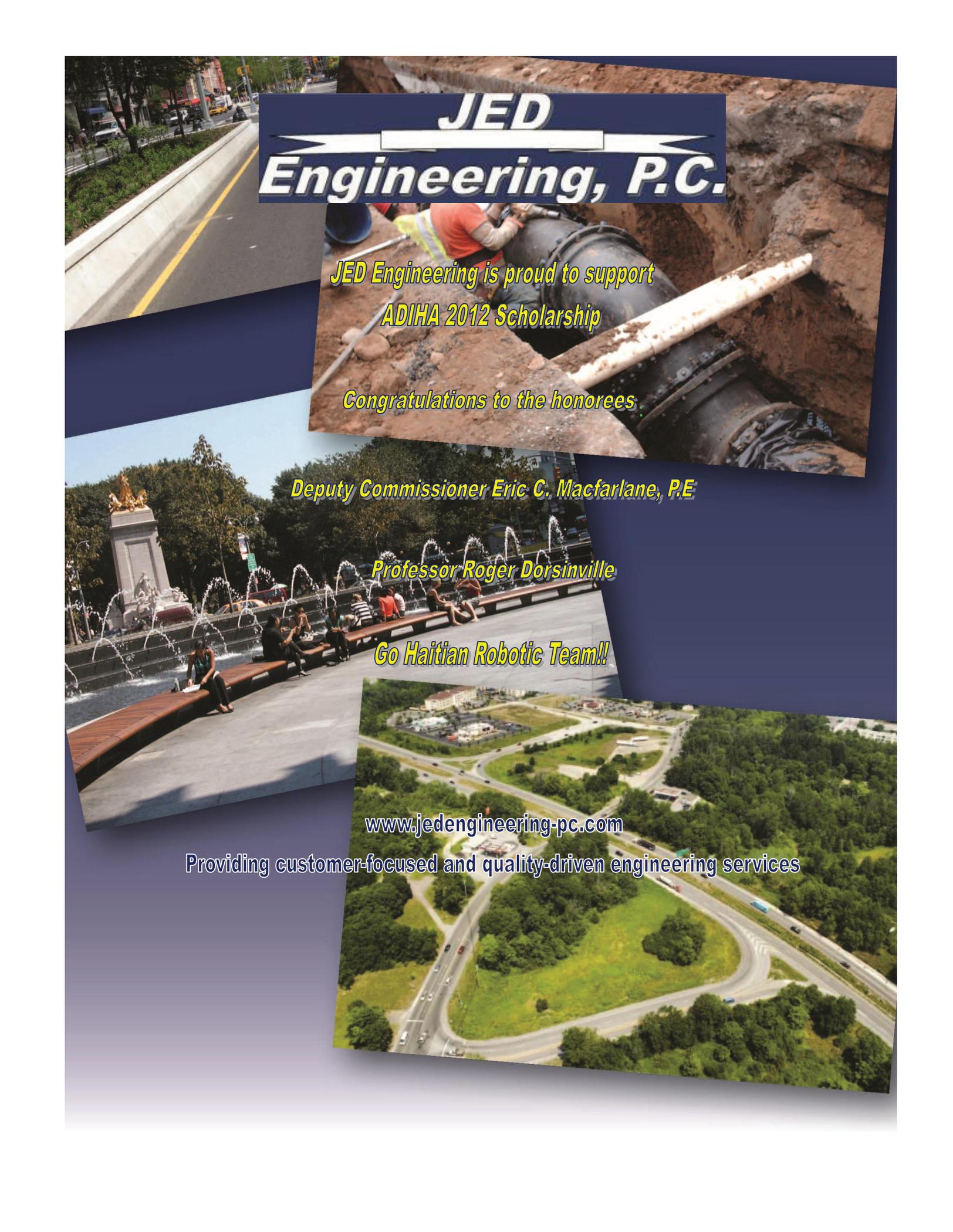
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