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## PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



**SAHEJDEEP CHOHAN**

Sahejdeep recently graduated from New York Institute of Technology with summa cum laude and a Bachelor’s in Biology. He will be starting Medical School at Kansas City University this summer. P-CoC is a wonderful program which gave him the opportunity to work with many students from various backgrounds.

As a liaison for students, Sahejdeep is grateful for everything he’s learned and hopes to continue being of assistance to P-CoC in the future.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Come celebrate Juneteenth and enjoy some delicious food at the same time! Join us for the Food Truck and Juneteenth Celebration, taking place in Hastings on Hudson across from the Hastings Metro North Station on Sunday, June 11th from 1-5pm. The event will feature a variety of food trucks serving up tasty bites and refreshing drinks, along with live music to keep you entertained throughout the afternoon. Children will have plenty of fun activities to participate in, so bring the whole family along. Don’t miss this exciting event that’s sure to be a highlight of the summer!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Winners of this year’s essay on the topic: “Hispanic / Latinx People’s History”

**1st Prize Award, College Category:**

Aubriana Isabella Medina (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA)

**1st Prize Award, K-12 Category:**

Alejandro Pena (Charter School of Educational of Excellence, Yonkers, NY)

**2nd Prize Award, K-12 Category:**

Camila Pena (Charter School of Educational of Excellence, Yonkers, NY)

**P-CoC Inc | Student Ambassador Leadership Team**

“My semester is wrapping up well! I have a long break from school this weekend”

“My spring semester was challenging but nothing I couldn’t handle, now I am working on preparing for college and learning more about programming ”

“I graduated towards the end of June I’m so excited ! I have been volunteer ing ..... for seniors and I have gained a lot of experience”

“Spring semester has it challenges but I made it through”

“I just went on my summer break, but my spring semester wasn’t too bad other than my end of year projects and the AP exams ”

“Hi I graduated yesterday too. Senioritis definitely hit but I’m glad it’s all over 😊”

“My spring semester was tough since it was first time taking aps, but I got though it”

## HAILS AND WAILS

**Teresa Keys**

Love is in the air this June. Teresa Keys and Enrique Rohena will be tying the knot on June 24th at REACH Church in White Plains where they met. Being seasoned adults and both graduating from the school of relationship hard knocks, it is truly refreshing and something to celebrate when a shared trust in God blossoms into love and a desire to spend the rest of life together. P-CoC wishes Teresa and Enrique all the best!



## THE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Caribbean Americans, comprising of over 8.5 million individuals are multi-ethnic and racial group that trace their ancestry mostly to Africa, Asia, the indigenous peoples of the Americas and to Europe. The largest Caribbean immigrant sources to the U.S. are the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Haiti.

Large-scale migration from the Caribbean to the U.S. began in the first half of the 20th century, following the end of the Spanish-American War, when a defeated Spain renounced its claims to Cuba and, among other acts, ceded Puerto Rico to the United States. In the early 1900s, U.S. firms employed Caribbean workers to help build the Panama Canal, and many of these migrants later settled in New York. A high demand for labor among U.S. fruit harvesting industries drew additional labor migrants, particularly to Florida. After World War II, U.S. companies heavily recruited thousands of English-speaking "W2" contract workers from the Bahamas, Jamaica, and Barbados to fill critical jobs in health care and agriculture. Around the same time, political instability in Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic fueled emigration from the region.

### Colin Powell (1937-2021)

The first person of color appointed as the Secretary of State. He was born in 1937 in New York City to Jamaican immigrant parents. He underwent military training in the State of Georgia, where he was refused service in bars and restaurants because of the color of his skin. He won numerous U.S. and foreign military awards and decorations. His civilian awards included the Presidential Medal of Freedom (twice), the Congressional Gold Medal, the Presidential Citizens Medal, and the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award.



### James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Johnson was born in 1871 in Jacksonville, Florida, the son of Helen Louise Dillet, a native of Nassau, Bahamas, and James Johnson. His maternal great-grandmother, Hester Argo, had escaped from Saint-Domingue (today Haiti) during the revolutionary upheaval in 1802. Johnson became involved in civil rights activism, especially the campaign to pass the federal Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, as Southern states did not prosecute perpetrators. In 1905 he became the president of the Colored Republican Club, started by Charles W. Anderson. James is the writer of the Black National Anthem.



### Shirley Anita Chisholm (1924-2005)

Chisholm was born on November 1924, in Brooklyn, New York to immigrant parents from Barbados and British Guiana. She entered the world of politics in 1953 when she joined Wesley "Mac" Holder's effort to elect Lewis Flagg Jr. to the bench as the first black judge in Brooklyn. She became the first person of color Congresswoman and woman candidate for President.



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