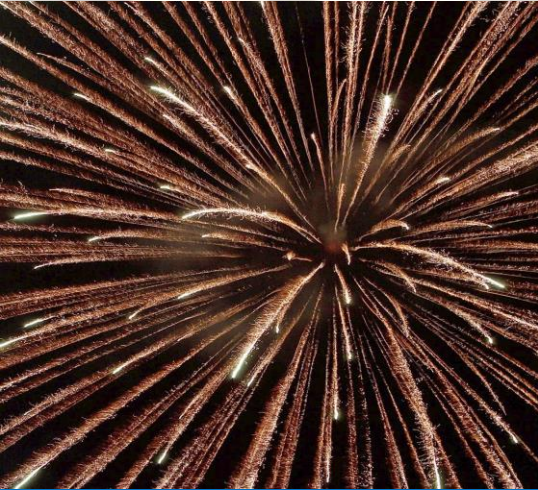


# Honors Program Newsletter



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!!**



Humble Salutations.

I'm Johania Charles, the newest member of HPSAB. As we go further into this semester and new year, it is important to think about those resolutions we traditionally make at the beginning of the year. One of the most desirable traits an HP student should have is dedication, as it is said to be a character trait of extraordinary leaders. We must always remember what it means to be an HP student. To me, an HP student is a fearless, driven, smart and responsible individual with a "healthy disregard for the impossible," as they say in LeaderShape. As an HP student, we must also be willing to make the necessary sacrifices to prove our commitment to the Honors Program, both in and outside the classroom. After all, a promise made is a promise kept.

I encourage you all to embrace new opportunities and challenges this semester. Step out of your comfort zone. Pick up a new hobby. Join HPSAB. Find something that makes you happy and do it! Remember that our experiences help shape who we are. So again, don't be scared to try something new.

For our HP members graduating this May, I look forward to seeing you all in our HP Alumni section. Be sure to keep us updated on all your accomplishments and life after Barry. To everyone else, I leave you with this quote, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration"- Thomas Edison. Hard work pays off. Best of luck on your academic endeavors.

Johania Charles

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# MEET HPSAB



**Johania Charles**

**Position in HPSAB:** Service Coordinator

**Year at Barry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**Year in HP:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

**Years in HPSAB:** 1<sup>st</sup> year

**Why I joined HPSAB:** I joined HPSAB because I thought it would be the most effective way to contribute and be more active in the Honors Program. With my position in HPSAB, my goal is to create service opportunities that we can all participate in to enhance our HP experience.



**Presler Maxius**

**Position in HPSAB:** Chair



**Arin Blake**

**Position in HPSAB:** Secretary



**Nina Escalante**

**Position in HPSAB:** Co-Editor



**Abigail Solórzano**

**Position in HPSAB:** Co-Editor

# HP ROSTER

Need help choosing the best biology professor or just want to find out about a program? Well, why not ask your fellow HP members? Here in the Honors Program at Barry University, we welcome students from all majors. Here are the current Spring 2018 HP members.

<b><u>BIOLOGY</u></b> Kailyn Belle Isle Arin Blake Taylor Checkley Alayna Gallagher Lauren Hall Nicole Rafols	<b><u>ENGLISH</u></b> Johania Charles	<b><u>COMMUNICATION</u></b> Nina Escalante	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b> Stefan Jugmohan Adriel Solórzano
	<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b> Maegan Cuesta	<b><u>CRIMINOLOGY</u></b> Dainely Fabregas	<b><u>PHILOSOPHY</u></b> Presler Maxius
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<b><u>MANAGEMENT</u></b> David Rodriguez	<b><u>ART</u></b> Abigail Solórzano		<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b> Isaac Sellers

# HP ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



*Villanova Law's "Red Mass"  
cocktail event*

**Vincent Silvanio**, a former Stamps Scholar, entered the Honors Program in Fall 2013 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Law from Barry University in May 2017. His Senior Honors Thesis title was "A Call for More Uniform Regulation of Sports Agents." Vincent sent in his timely HP alumni news below. We wish him the very best and a bright future ahead!

"My name is Vincent Silvanio, and I'm a 2017 graduate of Barry University's Honors Program. I am currently a 1L (First year) law student at Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, located in Villanova, PA. I plan to specialize in Sports Law and Contract Law, with

the hope that one day I will be able to delve into the world of Sports Agency.

I would like to thank the Barry University Honors Program, along with Dr. Sirimangkala and my entire Thesis Defense Advisory Committee, for their assistance with my HP Thesis. As a result of the HP Thesis, I was able to research and explore the sports agency world, prior to my journey at Villanova Law. This was a blessing in disguise because it allowed me to expand my knowledge of the field and advocate for positive changes to help better the lives of the athletes of our generation, as well as the sports agents currently representing those amateur and professional athletes.

Once again, I'd like to thank the Honors Program for instilling in me the values of hard work and ambition.

Sincerely,  
Vincent Silvanio



**Kelsa Bartley** entered the Honors Program in Fall 2007 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Photography from Barry University in May 2010. Her Senior Honors Thesis title was "The Shutterbug Project: How Teaching Photography to Children in Marginalized Communities may be used to Promote Social Justice." In Spring 2010, Kelsa presented the research based on her thesis at the Southern Regional Honors Council 38th Annual Conference, Greenville, SC. Kelsa's Shutterbug Project was also featured in Barry Magazine (the 2010 issue) and on a PBS show called Street Arts. Here is news from Kelsa:

"Thanks for sending the newsletter! I'm doing okay. It has been quite stressful. A lot more than I first anticipated. I'm in the middle of my 4th semester doing my Master of Science in Information (Library Science) at Florida State University, with a Health Information Technology Certificate. It's a totally online program, so I've been doing it part time while working full time at the University of Miami (UM). I'm doing 2 classes a semester because I got scholarships to pursue the graduate program from the American Library Association and the Medical Library Association. Both organizations require recipients to do at least 6 credits per semester, which has been rather hectic. I plan on taking a break during summer 2018. I definitely need it! I'm hoping to graduate in December 2018. All I have to say is thank goodness I don't have kids yet!

I've also been busy getting into the medical library world. My interests so far are library marketing, outreach, emerging technologies and teaching. I've been managing social media profiles for the library I currently work at and for the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. I was also recently appointed to the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force at the Medical Library Association. I'm also on the Diversity Council here at UM. So very busy! So much so, that I've put photography on the back burner for now. I'm still doing some charity events and teaching basic classes, but no major jobs. I just don't have enough time!

I hope everything is okay with all of you. Take care, Kelsa Bartley

# FALL GLS RECAP

Every semester the Honors Program Student Advisory Board (HPSAB) plans and hosts a GLS (Guest Lecture Series) for Barry University's student body, faculty, and staff. The goal of our GLS is to educate ourselves and others on current yet pressing topics or issues occurring either locally or globally.

Last Fall, our guest lecture series was titled "The Aftermath of Hurricane Irma." The series focused on the economic impact of Hurricane Irma on South Florida and the Monroe County's building codes and compliances for the Florida Keys.

We had the privilege of hosting two panelists:

- Mr. Tom Hudson, *Vice President of News and Special Correspondent for WLRN; Host and Producer of The Sunshine Economy*
- Ms. Christine Hurley, *Assistant County Administrator, Monroe County, FL*



We are always grateful for the support we receive from panelists, guests, and of course our moderator, Presler Maxius (HPSAB Chair).

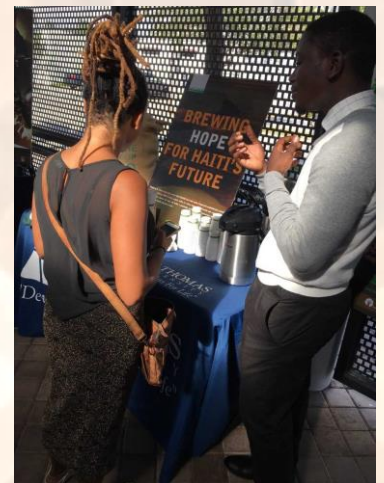
# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Café Cocano is a project started by St. Thomas University and farmers in the Northwestern part of Haiti. The depot is located in Port de Paid, but most of the coffee is picked in the neighborhood mountainous towns.

The goal of the coffee project is to increase the profit margin of the farmers. Before St. Thomas became involved, the farmers used to make about 65 cents per pound for their coffee. Now, they make \$4.25 per pound. The wage increase is possible because St. Thomas buys coffee directly from the farmers, transports it, and roasts it through Panther Coffee. Panther Coffee also buys directly from the farmers.

I am somewhat involved in the project because Barry University's CCSI (Center for Community Service Initiatives) department has joined St. Thomas in retailing the coffee in Miami. We go to different events on and off campus to advertise and sell the coffee.

~ Presler Maxius, Chair HPSAB



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**HP BUDDY SYSTEM**

Here at HP, we don't want you to think you're on your own. We are a family and are here to help each other in whatever way needed. That's why we have our "HP Buddy System"!

All HP members have an HPSAB member to whom they can reach out to for any questions, concerns, or in case of emergencies. Please don't ever hesitate to contact them.

When it comes to events, announcements, or important information, your HPSAB buddy will also be contacting you.

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**IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS****Calling for submissions to attend the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference 2018!**

Where? Washington, DC: April 5-7, 2018

Host Institution: Northern Virginia Community College

Theme of this year's conference: "Honors on the Edge"

*To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Sirimangkala at [psirimangkala@barry.edu](mailto:psirimangkala@barry.edu)****Proposals are due at 11:59 PM, January 31.***<http://www.srhconline.org/conference>**HONORS SOCIETY APPLICATIONS: Application to Alpha Chi, Delta Epsilon Sigma, Kappa Gamma Pi and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies are being accepted.**

Who should apply: Barry undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and above, especially those actively involved in their majors and/or in the larger community.

***All applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 1, 2018.***<http://www.barry.edu/honor-societies/>**Forrest Flammang Scholarship Application Deadline Feb. 12, 2018***Exclusively for Honors Program students*<http://barry.academicworks.com/opportunities/1612>

## Upcoming Events

- **Guest Lecture Series**

The Effects of Sea-Level Rise & Sustainable Modernity:  
The transformation and resiliency of living in South Florida  
Feb. 15, 2018  
4:00 pm – 5:30 PM  
Landon Events Room

- **HP Social Gathering**

March date TBD  
Meet fellow HP students & learn about the program  
Mandatory for all new HP students

- **Thesis Orientation**

March 22, 2018  
4:00 PM, Lehman 328  
For Fall & Spring 2018 graduates



## HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION

### **ATTENTION ALL HP STUDENTS! FREE PRINTING!**

There's no need to pay \$0.05 per page to print because HP has their own lab with a brand-new printer! If you're a member of the program, take advantage of this benefit just for you.

**Visit our lab in Landon 206G.**

\$10 Key Deposit required (*refundable after key is returned*)

**ONLY HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS!**

Email Dr. Sirimangkala for more information.

### **WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**

HP is about you, and as such we want to hear from you. Send us your comments about the program, specific classes, or professors. Or drop off an anonymous note in our lab or outside Dr. Sirimangkala's office. Anything you send will NEVER be published. We want to make the program better and more enjoyable for you. You have a voice and we want to hear it!

Thank you for taking the time to share with us some feedback, suggestions, or concerns. We want to the Honors Program to be worth your time and effort, as well as enjoyable for you. Fill out this anonymous form and either leave it outside Dr. Sirimangkala's office or in our lab. We promise to read it. THANK YOU!