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The DeWitt Clinton High School Annual Alumni Dinner

Sponsored by the DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association

6:30-10:30 P.M.,
Thursday,
May 26, 2022

Come Celebrate the **125th** Anniversary
of DeWitt Clinton High School

Marina Del Rey
One Marina Drive,
Bronx, NY

You are part of its history. Be part of the celebration.

With Tributes to Our Anniversary Years

65th – 1957 ♦ 50th – 1972 ♦ 40th – 1982
25th – 1997 ♦ 20th – 2002 ♦ 10th – 2012

With Special Tributes to Bert Blanco

and to the Classes of 1970 and 1971 that
missed their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Distinguished Alumni to Be Honored



Stephen L. Winters MD '70 is director and founder (1991) of the cardiac rhythm management program at the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, Morristown (NJ) Medical Center.



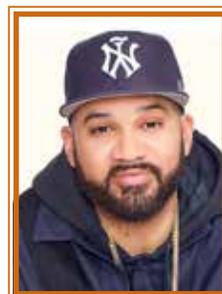
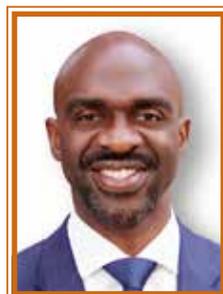
Denise Wallen-Grant '90 is senior director of business transformation & acceleration for Tapestry, a global house of brands that unites the magic of Coach, Kate Spade New York and Stuart Weitzman.



Sam Garnes '92 led the Clinton football team to the Bronx PSAL title in 1991. But he is better known for playing defensive back for the New York Giants (1997–2001) and the New York Jets (2002–2003).



Michael Blake '00 is founder and CEO of the Atlas Strategy Group for professional and personal advancement. He served three terms in the NYS Assembly and earlier in the White House as President Obama's A/D Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.



Joel Martinez '01 (The Kid Mero) is a gifted writer, comedian, music blogger, and a YouTube, Twitter, podcast and television personality. Martinez and his Bronx friend Daniel Baker formed The Kid Mero & Desus Nice, a dynamic duo of opinion and humor.

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President's Letter



Sydney Valerio '99

Dear DWC Alumni,

Our 125th anniversary Alumni dinner is soon upon us. May 26th, in fact. We are so grateful to see New York City open up its spaces for our upcoming gatherings. We ask you to purchase your tickets now since we will have a capacity for what promises to be a memorable celebration. The 125th anniversary of DeWitt Clinton High School will generate large crowds both at the dinner and the Homecoming Day events at the school the following day. Please visit our website for updates and to purchase your tickets for the dinner. Can't make it to the dinner? You can support your alma mater by purchasing a ticket for a graduating senior to attend, advertise your business in our dinner journal, and send extra

love by sharing the event with your networks. As a board, we are busy planning events that can bring us all together again to have fun and to network. The Alumni Association continues to serve as a constant support for student activities and programs because of your donations and membership dues. Thank you for continuing to provide your generous contributions.

We invite you to save the dates and participate in this year's annual Alumni dinner on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Marina Del Rey, Homecoming events on May 27th, and the Golf outing on August 2nd. You can visit our website www.dewittclintonalumni.com for updates, apparel, and ticket information for our events.

With Love from The Bronx,

Sydney Valerio

Sydney Valerio, Class of 1999



DeWitt Clinton

March 2, 1769 - February 11, 1828

United States Senator,
New York City Mayor,
New York State Governor,
Established the New York City
Public School System

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Spring 2022

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Put them on your calendar

Alumni Dinner May 26, 2022 (Details pp. 8-9)



Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Pelham Bay Park Golf Course
Bronx, New York

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Brunch & Registration

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Details galore at:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/93ea485f-7e91-43c5-93f4-1af58f466dc4/details/registration-details>

De Witt Clinton
Alumni Association
DWC Golf Classic



For more information,
call the Alumni Office
914-961-3003

***The DeWitt Clinton High School Faculty Hall of Honor
Fourth Induction Ceremony — Scheduled for Fall 2022***

The Faculty Hall of Honor was proposed by the DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association, which funded its creation and governs its rules and regulations in accordance with the principal's authority as chief administrator of DeWitt Clinton High School.

By "Faculty" is meant principals, administrators, supervisors, teachers, counselors and librarians. Inductees must have held one or more of the above positions at DeWitt Clinton High School for a total of 20 years of full-time employment and be retired from the NYC Public School System. Medical leaves, maternity leaves and sabbaticals are considered time served. Only service rendered to DeWitt Clinton High School and begun no later than 1990 qualifies for induction in 2022.

Submit information on anyone you think qualifies to GJPELISSON@AOL.COM.

What happened to the Third Induction Ceremony — Scheduled for Fall 2021?

The Covid pandemic did not permit a ceremony. Wall plates for each honoree have been made and the certificates of appreciation have been printed. The third induction honorees, listed below, will be invited to participate in the fourth induction ceremony.

*Marsha Beck
Foreign Language Teacher
1985-2011*

*Carolyn Echevarria
Mathematics Teacher
1984-2006*

*Laura Pacher North
English Teacher
1983-2004*

*Terry Sebastian
Health Education Teacher
1985-94, 1997-2013*

*Samuel Blank
English Teacher
1969-1996*

*Terrence Geil
Mathematics Teacher
1984-2006*

*George Pereny
English Teacher
1984-2013*

*Paula Simon
Art Teacher, Alumni Office
1986-2008*

*Margaret Cronin
Social Studies Teacher
1984-2008*

*Maryanne Mola
AP-Guidance
1985-2013*

*Merrily Rossner
English Teacher
1986-2011*

*Rita Sukenick
Special Education Teacher
1978-2006*



Principal's Letter

Dear DWC Alumni,

We hope everyone is healthy and safe. As a school, we have been working very hard to bring back a stable educational environment for our students, while also expanding their opportunities to careers and work-based learning. These ideas come in conflict during this time with all the policies around COVID. The results have been challenging just to ensure students are back in the building on a regular basis. But our school's mission is to do more than simply have students attend school and achieve basic graduation requirements. We operate these 7 different pathways:



Pierre Orbe

- **Macy Honors Early College Program**
- **Health Professions**
- **Computer Science & Engineering**
- **Agriculture**
- **Visual Arts & Commercial Art**
- **Music Production**
- **Dance**

Each pathway offers a four year program that prepares students in attaining a specialized professional certification. The goal is to provide C.C.I. = College Credits, Certification Exams, Internships. These elements ensure that students receive Career and Technical Education, known as a CTE Program.

Each pathway has been engaged in afterschool work-based learning, which is intended to help students learn how to be successful employees. These afterschool programs work in conjunction with their regular classes to prepare for certification exams that will be taken this May 2022.

After one semester, we have successfully

- onboarded over 75+ internship students from 11th and 12th grade. These students are currently being paid for the work they do weekly with our industry partners.
- Another 30+ internship students from 10th grade Engineering will be starting internships in Cloud Computing.
- There are another 12+ internship students from 10th grade Engineering who will be mentored in Architecture, Construction, and Engineering.
- Provided Work Based Learning Programs for students in Computer Science Python, Animation & Photography, Dance in Alvin Ailey/ Ballet Hispanico/ Cunningham Trust, Beat Boxing, and Agriculture & Hydroponics, EMT Training, and Certified Nursing Assistant Training.

By the end of this semester, we will have many of our 11th and 12th grade students taking professional certification exams. These exams will help students have stronger resumes and greater access to enter the workforce.

We also will have a series of promotional videos over the next 6 to 12 months that highlight different programs and efforts here at DWC. These videos originally were intended to promote the school to potential 8th grade students. But as we have been working through the themes and topics, it serves the greater purpose of helping to improve the communication of opportunities that are available to our students, as well as highlighting their success. These videos will be featured on our official school website: www.DeWittClintonHS.com.

Students explain why they chose to attend DeWitt Clinton High School. They are happy to select the pathway program (out of seven) that matches their interests and skills. They voice great respect for their teachers and counselors.

"I Choose Clinton: The Movie"



"Opportunity is DeWitt Clinton"



Students thrive in an academic world that prepares them for college. They take college-credit courses, gain certification in various professions, and benefit from paid internships during junior and senior years.

"We Will Rock You"



Students are amazed to learn of all the sports teams, organizations, and clubs they can join. They can involve themselves in multiple activities and even make life-long friends.

As we complete the first semester, please take note of the following updates:

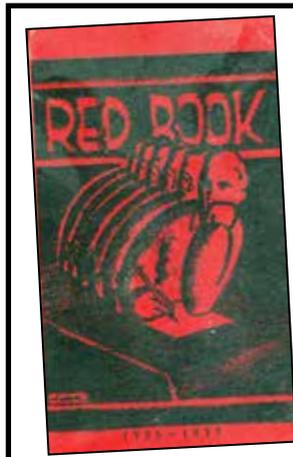
- Semester Passing Rate - Congratulations to all our students and teachers/ counselors/ staff for ensuring strong passing rates for courses. We always strive for more than 85% of our students to pass in every department. Despite the many policy changes made, due to covid, we have achieved this in many of our departments: ELA-87.3%, History- 90%, Math-91.5%, Science- 85.98%, Foreign Language- 87.33% Visual Arts- 90.81%, Music- 91.8%, Dance-73.4%, PE/ Health- 80.7%
- Honor Roll- For students who received the college ready overall averages & attendance, they will be displayed on Honor Roll. Congratulations.
- Principal's Honor Roll- 95% Average or > & 90% Attendance → Receives \$15 Gift Card
- First Honors- 90- 94% & 90% Attendance→ Receives \$10 Gift Card
- Second Honors- 85- 89% & 90% Attendance→ Receives \$5 Gift Card

In addition, students will be receiving college day trips this Spring 2022 and special food/ pizza lunches for their efforts.

Sincerely,

Pierre Orbe
Principal

Sine Labore Nihil – Nothing is accomplished without hard work,



The Old "Red Book" Becomes "DWC on the Cloud"

From the early days of DeWitt Clinton High School well into the 1980s, the new school year saw every student receive a personal copy of the "Red Book," measuring 3.5"W X 6"L. Revised yearly, the "Red Book" provided everything a student needed to know about DWC: school organization, course of study, how to study, athletics, student organizations, clubs, honors and awards, scholarships, cheers and songs, and a guide to the building.

Principal Orbe values what the "Red Book" did, but he wants to replace the print with up-to-date visual technology. As he states in his letter, he has begun to create videos that show and describe every facet of Clinton life. Wherever a student is at any moment, a click on an iPhone or similar device will bring valuable information to the screen.

CELEBRATING THE VALUE OF SPORTS IN A CLINTON EDUCATION

Two thousand years ago, the Roman poet Juvenal first wrote of the importance of having a sound mind in a sound body. He is given much credit for inspiring educational institutions to value both academics and athletics. For 125 years, DeWitt Clinton's steadfast dedication to mind and body has been a factor in why so many youngsters chose DWC to be their high school. This past fall, we enjoyed the great success of our varsity football team. Coach John Applebee led his team to victory in the PSAL Club Championship. This winter we followed other coaches, in particular Chris Ballerini and Cornel Johnson '79, as they motivated their teams to advance the glory of your alma mater.

Coach Chris Ballerini Reports on Varsity Basketball



Bottom Row: Left to Right, Assistant Coach Anthony Correa, Jayden Colon, Justin Coachman, Angel Felix, Jason Coachman, Jomauri Pena, Lyndon Edmonson, Coach Ballerini. Top Row: Assistant Coach Hector Tavarez, Jayson Jones-West, Joshua Phillip, George Acevedo-Dicent, Amare Sterling, Vosco Hicks Jr., Bilal Ouro, Danny Rivera, Assistant Coach Hood.

The DeWitt Clinton Governors have just completed an amazing regular season with a record of 20-1. The stellar mark has allowed the Governors to earn the 4 seed in the upcoming City "A" tournament to be played in the early stages of March. The team has been incredibly balanced all year with 4 players averaging double digits in points. Jomauri Pena, Class of 2023, has led the way with 14 points per game to go along with 7 assists. Jomauri's electric style and speed have been an absolute nightmare for opposing teams as he has disrupted many teams' offensive game plans. Jason Coachman, Class of 2023, can turn a game on its head. Against 16-1 Lehman, Jason led all scorers with 21 points and was an absolute assassin from start to finish. Jason has the offensive ability to take over any game in which he plays. Angel Felix, Class of 2023, has contributed 11 points per game as well. Angel is the defensive stopper on the team and is usually matched up with the opposing team's leading scorer. Angel will do anything necessary for the team to come out on top. Senior George Acevedo has been the energy of the group with an ability to play both inside and outside. His versatility has added a needed dimension to the team that opposing teams have found difficult to figure out. Senior Joshua Phillip has been Clinton's main interior player throughout the

season. In an unrewarding job, Joshua has battled players much taller in height but has negated them with his sheer strength. Joshua also has the ability to move to the outside dragging taller players from the basket because he is a consistent threat from the 3 point line. Finally, Vosco Hicks has been a menace from the 3 point stripe all season. With a range that far outstretches the 19 feet and 9 inches, 3 point line, opposing teams are forced to guard Vosco once he comes over half-court. This greatly enhances the space for other team members to utilize and play off of. The remaining group of young men have been selfless throughout the season and have always cared more about the overall success of the team than any individual accomplishment. This has been truly a team effort throughout with every member of the squad contributing mightily in their own ways to our season's success.

MARCH 2021-2022 PLAYOFF RESULTS

Coach Chris Ballerini and his Governors had a great victory run for the first three games of the March playoffs--Port Richmond (82-48), KIPP NYC (59-57), and McKee (91-85). Then came the fourth game and the victory went to Transit Tech CTE (64-55). Congrats to our coach and players for a great season.

Coach Cornel Johnson '79 Reports on Girls Indoor Track



Coach Cornel Johnson directly above

It was good finally to have an indoor season. Due to the pandemic, we had been inactive for the past year and a half. Starting with the cross-country season this past fall, we have been rebuilding with some young and inexperienced athletes. We had a very good indoor season. Our team finished second at the Bronx championships. Most importantly, these athletes have gained a wealth of experience, especially on how to compete at a high level. Senior Avionne Barnes won the 600-meter race, senior Ashleigh Gonzalez won the 300-meter race; freshman Shania Young won the triple jump and finished second in the long jump--all outstanding performances.

Our freshman and sophomore relays were perennially top three in the City; our varsity relay qualified and competed in this past Millrose Games. At the city championship, our team finished in the top 10 overall. Shania Young won the long jump and placed second in the triple jump. With those performances, she qualified to compete at the New York State championship on March 6, 2022. She and the relays have qualified for the new balance indoor national champions later in March.

Our future looks bright as we transition into the outdoor season this spring.

At the Millrose Games, seated Anayah Henry, standing: Left to Right, Ashleigh Gonzalez, Avionne Barnes, Beverly Okyere.



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Come enjoy the Howard Richter Invitational Meet on Saturday May 7 at your beloved school, starting at 9 A.M. and going until 5 P.M. All are welcome to share fellowship with other alumni, and even show your support for our programs.

Photo: track coach Howard Richter '46 (top left) with the 1980 cross county track team.

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At the Annual Dinner Sponsored by the DeWitt Clinton Alumni Association

**6:30-10:30 P.M.,
Thursday, May 26, 2022**



Marina Del Rey
One Marina Drive, Bronx, NY

Good Food and Cheer
Choice of Main Course

Music and Dancing
Open Bar

Dinner Reservation

Name _____ Year _____

Address _____ Per Person \$125 Annual dues members
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Please return by May 05, 2022 to:
DeWitt Clinton Alumni Assn, Inc.,
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SAVE THE INFORMATION BELOW FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

ALERT: As May 26th nears, make sure the Dinner is still scheduled and that you meet the latest entrance requirements by visiting <https://www.dewittclintonalumni.com/> or <https://www.mdrnyc.com/covid-19-guidelines-for-wedding-receptions-events-in-nys>

Homecoming Day at School
Friday, May 27, 2022, Time TBA
ALERT: As the May 27, 2022 Homecoming Day approaches, visit <https://www.dewittclintonalumni.com/> for the latest information and requirements.

Your Ad for the 125th Anniversary Dinner Journal

Please check one box:	<input type="checkbox"/> Red & Black Page (8"x 10.5" Vertical) Full page in color <small>- Back cover outside - 1 available</small>	\$1,000	Included	Last column: prices for Ads to also be displayed on DWC Alumni Web site
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Make checks payable to the "DeWitt Clinton Alumni Assn, Inc." Contributions are tax-deductible.

Please return by April 24, 2022 to: DWC Reunion Dinner-Journal Ads

PO Box 566, Elmsford, NY 10523-0566

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Alumni Profiles



Pablo Quinones '72 fell victim to herbicide exposure in 1974 while stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. The neuropathy he developed forced his return to the states in early 1975 and shortly after his discharge from military service. He will tell you “I thank God I've survived,” though he was plagued for years with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and still endures the effects of neuropathy. It took until 1986 before he returned to steady employment, for decades now working at Kawasaki Rail Car as an advisor in engineering modifications. In 1994, he took up Taekwondo, and as a 5th degree master, sponsored special need students to have training. (See photograph right)

Then came the founding of the nonprofit Quinones Hope Foundation in New York. For over 20 years as CEO, Pablo has given hope to underprivileged people and saved

lives. Here is how he describes it: *Our mission, Giving Hope and Changing Lives. Through personal, local and business donations and small grants, we will give these special individuals a good chance to improve their daily lives.*

It is an age-old story. A person suffers a tragedy and instead of giving up on life, he dedicates himself to helping people who have been suffering their own tragedies. Thank you, Pablo Quinones, for your brave example of goodness and kindness.



John “Jay” Richardson '81 tells us great news. His son Jared (right) will be attending the prestigious University of Pennsylvania in the fall 2022. Jared stood out academically and athletically at Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey. It



is bound to be the same at UPenn. As we like to say, while Jared did not attend DWC, his DNA did, from his father Jay to his deceased and sorely missed uncle Martin '76.

Following Up on Four Posse Scholarship Winners from 2014

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Four Students Win This Year's Posse Foundation Scholarships



Ismael Sylla, Natasha Harris, Phillix Esquea, Fatoumata Sow

(Abridged) The Posse Foundation annually awards over 100 high school seniors from New York City the opportunity to attend one of their partner colleges tuition free for four years. Posse receives over 15,000 applications for 660 slots. That means a student has less than a 4.4% chance of being awarded a scholarship. Nominations come from teachers, counselors and coaches. This year DeWitt Clinton High School secured not one, not two, not three, but four of those 660 slots.

Congratulations to Ismael Sylla, who will be attending DePauw University; Natasha Harris, who will be attending Lafayette College; Phillix Esquea, who will be attending Brandeis University; and Fatoumata Sow, who will be attending Babson College.



Let us begin with **Ismael Sylla**, of whom we know the least about his present whereabouts. He made a name for himself in 2015 as a sophomore at DePauw University in Indiana. He was part of a protest that supported free speech, shown in this photograph. For the September 21, 2015, DePauw University newspaper, he also wrote an article titled “OPINION - Black on black crime: The misguided argument.” (<https://thedepauw.com/opinion-black-on-black-crime-the-misguided-argument/>) Let us know if you have any information on today's Ismael Sylla.



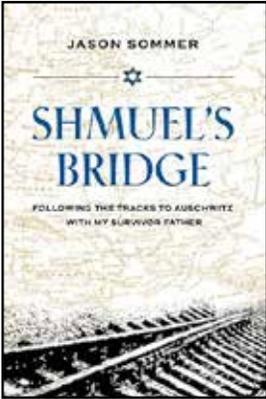
Natasha Harris graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, PA, in 2018 with a bachelor's degree concentrating on philosophy and government/law. She worked as a compliance senior analyst at Goldman Sachs for two years but in 2020 headed off to Brooklyn Law School. She expects to have her J. D. in 2023.



Phillix Esquea started his undergraduate work at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, with plans to become a biochemist. Along the way, he found another interesting field—computer science—and decided to explore it as well. Though he received his B. S. in biochemistry in 2018, he has worked for the past three years as a Goldman Sachs engineer in building solutions to complex business problems using technical and quantitative skills.



Fatoumata Sow graduated from Babson College in Massachusetts in 2018, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. From July 2018 to August 2021, she worked for Nielson IT Services and IT Consulting, becoming a senior analyst in client strategies and analytics. Since September 2021, she has been a senior research analyst for Tastemade, a modern media company that creates programming on food, travel and home & design.



Shmuel's Bridge: Following the Tracks to Auschwitz with My Survivor Father

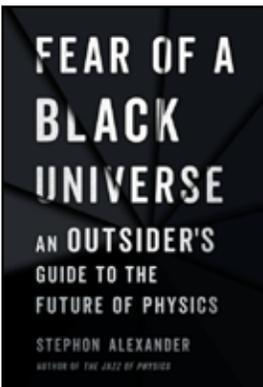
by Jason Sommer DWC 1967

A moving memoir of a son's relationship with his survivor father and of their Eastern European journey through a family history of incalculable loss. Jason Sommer's father, Jay, is ninety-eight years old and losing his memory. More than seventy years after arriving in New York from WWII-torn Europe, he is forgetting the stories that defined his and his family's life and the lives of millions of Jews who were affected by Nazi terror. Observing this loss, Jason vividly recalls the trip to Eastern Europe the two took in 2001.

As father and son travel from the town of Jay's birth to the labor camp from which he escaped, and to Auschwitz, where many in his family were lost, the stories Jason's father has told all his life come alive. So too do Jason's own memories of the way his father's past complicated and impacted Jason's own inner life.

Shmuel's Bridge shows history through a double lens: the memories of a growing son's complex relationship with his father and the meditations of that son who, now grown, finds himself caring for a man losing all connection to a past that must not be forgotten.

Hard: 224 pages Publisher: Imagine (March 15, 2022) ISBN-10: 1623545129 ISBN-13: 978-1623545123

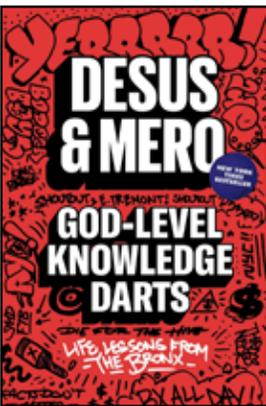


Fear of a Black Universe: An Outsider's Guide to the Future of Physics

by Stephon Alexander DWC 1989

In this important guide to science and society, a cosmologist argues that physics must embrace the excluded, listen to the unheard, and be unafraid of being wrong. Years ago, cosmologist Stephon Alexander received life-changing advice: to discover real physics, he needed to stop memorizing and start taking risks. In *Fear of a Black Universe*, Alexander shows that great physics requires us to think outside the mainstream -- to improvise and rely on intuition. His approach leads him to three principles that shape all theories of the universe: the principle of invariance, the quantum principle, and the principle of emergence. Alexander uses them to explore some of physics's greatest mysteries, from what happened before the big bang to how the universe makes consciousness possible. Drawing on his experience as a Black physicist, he makes a powerful case for diversifying our scientific communities. Compelling and empowering, *Fear of a Black Universe* offers remarkable insight into the art of physics.

Hard: 256 pages Publisher: Basic Books (Aug 31, 2021) ISBN-10: 1541699637 ISBN-13: 978-1541699632



God-Level Knowledge Darts: Life Lessons from the Bronx

by Desus (Daniel Baker) & Mero (Joel Martinez) DWC 2002

A wild, hilarious guide to life from the hosts of the hit late-night show *Desus & Mero* and the Bodega Boys podcast. As they put it: "We want to share all we've learned, after years in the Bronx streets, with you: the people. So with a lifetime spent building up a plethora of information from trials and tribulations and a handful of misdemeanors, we decided to write this book—a sequel to the Bible, or maybe to *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, depending on how big a nerd you are. Let this book be your North Star."

"Listen, we all knew that *Desus & Mero* were smarter and funnier than everyone making TV. I'm sad to now report: They're smarter and funnier than everyone writing books, too. *God-Level Knowledge Darts* is a delight. It's consistently hilarious and surprisingly tender. Every single page made me laugh."—#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Shea Serrano

Paper: 224 pages Publisher: Random House (Oct 2021) ISBN-10 : 0525512357 ISBN-13: 978-0525512356

Note: All comments above come from the publisher or author, unless otherwise indicated.

Alumni Notes

Joseph H. Bernstein '47—Enjoying contacts with my children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren, from Washington state to Maine. Have given up world travel and big-game hunting, but still enjoy being upright on two feet.

Jordan Gorell '48—Member of the track team at Clinton.

Milton Persily '52—Manager of computer services at Equitable Life (early retirement) then director of computer services at LaGuardia Community College - CUNY (early retirement).

Herbert LeShay '56—At DeWitt C, belonged to the service league, senior chorus, Spanish club.

Lawrence Grossman '57—Worked for the *Clintonian* and the *Clinton News*.

Stephen M. Hadermayer '57—Thirty-nine years in editorial art department, *NY Times*; map department manager 1990-2000. Married 50 years September 11, 2021. Three children. Retired since 2000. Never forget the great years at Clinton.

Alumni Notes

Berton M. Miller '57—Retired since 2013 from Berton Miller Associates, Inc., ad agency I founded in 1982. Now live in Sag Harbor, NY (the “crown jewel” of the Hamptons) with my wife of 34 years. I have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. I’m an active member of the East End Photographers Group and have exhibited my work throughout the Hamptons.

Arthur S. Weinstein '57—At Clinton, service league, manager of cross-country and track & field teams.

Carmine Magazino '59—Separated by years! Isolated by pandemic! Yet we are what we remember! So happy to know that great memories of a great school endure for so many-- “Sine Labore Nihil.” I was on the *Clinton News* and football team.

Larry Tasklik '60—My wife and I live in Navarre, Florida, both graduates of the University of Oklahoma.

Gregory Tobkes '60—Ret'd JHS science teacher (2001). Docent @ Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, L. I.

Ed Hara '61—The school has made progress since the Board of Education (DOE) almost closed it five years ago.

William J. Hevert '61—Certified public accountant.

Michael Bregman '62—Clinton varsity track & field.

Neil Lederer '62—Retired school superintendent-52 years. Loved my time at DWC.

Ed Rimer '62—In honor of the DeWitt Clinton football team. Hit hard, never give up. At DWC, I was on the Dean's squad.

Philip Cohen '64—I will not be able to attend the 125 year reunion dinner as I will be in Branson, Mo., attending a reunion of my war time service. After graduation in 1964, I was deployed to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Vietnam and finally, just prior to release from active duty, Korea subsequent to the capture of the USS Pueblo by the North Koreans in 1968. Once a Clintonite, always a

Clintonite, just as there is no such thing as a “former Marine.”

Fred Finkelberg '64—At Clinton, cheerleader, Clinton News business staff, AV squad, Key club, camara club, gym squad. Retired senior bank examiner, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

David R. Gornstein '64—Co-captain, alumni squad, late squad, intramurals. Semi-retired, started consulting business after retirement.

Richard Novick '64—Varsity baseball DWC.

Greg Ohanesian '64—At DWC, marching band, track and cross-country, Phys. Ed. squad. Still practicing law in South Carolina - president of the senior lawyers division of the South Carolina Bar Assn.

Stephen P. Pollinger '64—Retired high school principal. In Florida since 1991. Still a huge Yankees & Giants fan. Married to Teresita since 1987...Happily!

Joseph A. Vecchio, Jr '64—Enjoying retirement with fond memories of DWC.

Roy Kulick '65—DWC Arista member. Since 1979, I have been an orthopedic surgeon, practicing at Montefiore Medical Center, a 10-minute walk from DWC.

Stanley Sprung '65—Taught mathematics at DWC from 1969 to 2003. Retired in 2003, taught math in a private school for ten years. I am now fully retired.

Lance Zavin '66—Consultant for Teamsters Local 237; Board member of Pelham Pkwy Neighborhood Assn; president, Pelham Parkway Jewish Center.

Lewis Ben Lau '68—Worked at National Nephrology Foundation and built 3 dialysis centers. Got a master's degree in information system and worked at ATT, NCR, Lucent Technologies, Alcatel, Nokia (Bell Labs), worked with ATT to be a local service provider and Verizon to be a long distance provider. Worked on the Second Avenue Subway to provide data network until retiring in March 2020.

Barry L. Nelson '68—Elected to the Board of Trustees of the Guilderland Library, Board of Directors of the Westmere Fire Department, and Board of Electors of the Albany County Fire Police.

Robert Tausek '68—Retired after 34 years with the federal government. B.S. from Cornell University. Living the good life with my wife of 43 years. Enjoying my grandchildren Maverick and Nash.

Carmine Tobacco '68—At Clinton, on the library squad and the *Clinton News* staff.

Robert David Sunshine MD '69—Urologic surgeon-still in clinical practice; medical-legal consultant & analyst: have 1 daughter (Alixi) and 1 grandson (Tyler).

Warren Leibowitz '70—Tax professional (enrolled agent).

Michael Weiser '70—Looking forward to finally going to my 50th reunion.

Nicholas A. Nagorny '72—Active in criminal justice.

Cornel Johnson '79—Retired PE teacher at Clinton, but still coaching girls' track.

Lenny Ortiz '80—At Clinton, football and baseball teams, student gov't, G.O. Club. Career: court services coordinator for the NYC Criminal Justice Agency, site plan coordinator Herbert Construction, American Express field plan coordinator.

Natasha Van-Reil '92—At M&T Bank for 20 years, serving as technology support to the executive leadership. In the Air Force for 25 years, a captain soon to retire.

Kaity Colon '99—Pediatric urology physician assistant coordinator of academics and research urology adjunct professor.

James Gilmore Ret. Fac.—Taught in the English dept. and was dean of students.

Bill Palace Ret. Fac.—I get great pleasure when I see (in the Newsletter) the name of a former student (especially from ESL). Sad to hear that Bert Blanco has passed. He was a good friend to all of us.

In Memoriam

Jack Schwartz '38 (June 27, 2021)

Marvin Leibowitz '46 (January 20, 2022)

Simon Bleiweiss '40 (January 12, 2022)

Joseph Imperiale '40 (November 24, 2021)

Robert Birnbaum '44 (December 23, 2021)

Bobby Lee Gioscia '48 (August 27, 2021)

Stewart Wolpert '48 (January 2, 2022)

Theodore Glueck '52 (February 21, 2022)

Stanley Glick '53 (January 15, 2022)

J. Ira Harris '55 (February 21, 2022)

Jay Allen Shaw '55 (December 3, 2021)

John Tognino '56 (December 19, 2021)

Jeff Wald '60 (November 12, 2021)

George Thompson '61 (September 12, 2021)

Freddy Cayetano '81 (January 2, 2022)

Juan Alfonso Abreu '02 (February 4, 2022)

Kathleen Gallagher RF (January 2, 2022)

Deborah Eiseman RF (December 31, 2021)



Robert Birnbaum '44 served as president of both the New York and American Stock Exchanges, and was an influential figure on Wall Street in the 1970s and 1980s.

Birnbaum, who attended New York University and Georgetown Law School, died on December 23, 2021, in Boca Raton, FL.

Theodore Glueck '52 served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. He attended Lehigh University and graduated from New York University under the G.I. Bill. For 30 years, he was associated with Bank Leumi Group, Israel's oldest and largest bank, serving as a director, acting chairman, chairman of the Executive Committee and chairman of the Loan Committee of its U. S. subsidiary Bank Leumi USA. Theodore Glueck passed away on February 21, 2022.

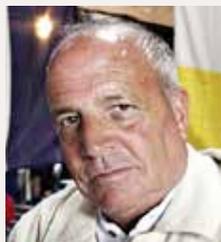


J. Ira Harris '55 used the competitive nature he developed playing stickball in the Bronx to catapult him to national prominence in the fast-paced investment banking business. He became partners in such prestigious firms as Salomon Brothers and Lazard Freres & Company. His generosity to worthy causes, including

DWC, was breathtaking and inspiring. Harris passed away on February 21, 2022, at his home in Palm Beach, FL.



John Tognino '56 had a career in the financial services industry spanning over 50 years, holding executive positions at NASDAQ, Charles Schwab & Co. Inc, and Merrill Lynch. He was the former Chairman of the Board of his alma mater, Fordham University, but could be heard singing the DWC Fight Song at Fordham events. Tognino died on December 19, 2021, in Bronxville, NY.



Jeff Wald '60 was an entertainment manager and producer. His clients included Donna Summer, Sylvester Stallone, George Carlin, Marvin Gaye, Miles Davis, Helen Reddy, Roseanne Barr, Mike Tyson and Crosby, Stills & Nash. His producer credits included *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *The Roseanne Show*, *The Newlywed Game*, *Pensacola Wings of Gold* and *The Gong Show*. Wald died on November 12, 2021, in Los Angeles, CA.



Juan Alfonso Abreu '02, known today as Xtassy Beats, was born in the Dominican Republic, moved to New York City at age 12 and went on to become one half of the production duo A&X (Alcover and Xtassy). They are renowned for their massive reggaeton smash "Danza Kudoro" by Don Omar, featuring Lucenzo, as well as "La Vida Es Un Carnaval" for which Xtassy won a BMI Award. Xtassy passed away in New York on February 4, 2022.



Kathleen Gallagher spent the late 1980s to the mid-2000s helping to develop the Health Careers Program at DWC. As a registered nurse, she led DWC's partnership with Montefiore Hospital which resulted in hundreds of students becoming certified aides and future nurses. Gallagher passed away in New York on January 2, 2022. And sure enough, she loved Irish music and dancing.



Deborah Eiseman was inducted into the DWC Faculty Hall of Honor in 2019. She taught special education at DWC from 1983 to 2008, during which time she was named Teacher of The Year by the superintendent of Bronx high schools (2002) and by the DWC Alumni Association (2005). After retiring, she turned to writing novels. Greatly admired for many reasons including her 30-year struggle with MS, Eiseman passed away on December 31, 2021.



Lest We Forget Their Service to Country



Jack Schwartz '38, U. S. Navy, first in the Pacific 1942-1946, and later in the Korean War 1951-1952, retiring as a LCDR.

Bobby Lee Gioscia '48, U. S. Army, Korea 1953-1954, Korean and U. N. Service Medals, U. S. Army Commendation Medal.

Joseph Imperial '40 was a WWII veteran.

Stewart Wolpert '48, member of the first graduating class of Brandeis University in 1952, served in the U. S. Army as a medic.

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