

## CUNY JUSTICE ACADEMY

The CUNY Justice Academy (CJA) is a unique educational partnership connecting John Jay College of Criminal Justice to CUNY's six traditional community colleges. This program provides academic pathways leading from associate degree study to a bachelor's degree and ultimately to exciting careers in the fields of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Forensic Financial Analysis.

By enrolling in a degree program of the CUNY Justice Academy, CJA students receive dual admission into one of the six participating CUNY community colleges and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

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JOHN JAY COLLEGE  
in partnership with  
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## 'JUSTICE AND THE INDIVIDUAL' CJA ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

### 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: ARTURO URENA

MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*"When a community does not feel protected by the police and enforcers of the law, it makes its own justice."*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: JOSÉ JAVIER CASTRO

MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*"Psychological pressure, physical abuse, and social instability are just some of the issues that we young men face as we grow up near gangs."*

### 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: AMANDA CAMACHO

MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*"The injustices I witnessed through this experience were numerous. I saw a community divided between seeing justice and remaining loyal to the 'no snitch' culture."*



CJA students at community colleges submitted essays that addressed one of these three questions:

**Q1:** What is your earliest memory or experience related to justice or injustice? How did this shape you as a person?

**Q2:** OR Imagine you could change one aspect about New York City to make it a more 'just' place. What would it be and why?

**Q3:** OR 'Who' does justice look like? Describe someone in your life, either past or present, who you feel embodies justice.

The winning essays will be published on the CJA website: [www.jjay.cuny.edu/CJAcontest](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/CJAcontest)