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*I would like to thank all the speakers, artists, and volunteers
that participated and helped to make this event special for the
graduates of Recoveries R US LLC Class 2022*

*Thank you
Connie Pacheco, President*



*Recoveries R US
Graduation Ceremony
October 13, 2022
Eastwood Manor
Grand Ballroom
3371 Eastchester Road
Bronx NY 10469*

Recoveries R US LLC

Recoveries R US, LLC is a dynamic organization founded in 2013. Our mission is to provide professional development, vocational training and education for those interested and seeking to enter the Substance Use Disorder field. We strive to equip our students with quality, experiential hands on training. Students will walk away with all the necessary tools to succeed in the field of Counseling, Coaching, and Peer Advocacy for Substance Use Disorders.



“Life itself is your teacher, and you are in a state of constant learning”.

Bruce Lee -

Message from the President



*It has always been my sincere desire to help others. When I started this journey, my goal was to open a school that would provide adults with the opportunity to return to a classroom setting that was safe, inspirational and motivating. My dream came true, and every year I get to re-live that dream. I am overwhelmed with joy when I see the graduates march down the aisle. I am a firm believer that accomplishments should be recognized and celebrated. This graduation sets a mark for your dreams, your goals and milestones. It demonstrates your commitment, your dedication, and most of all, your passion to succeed. This is the beginning of many more accomplishments to come. To make a difference, **You Have to Start Somewhere**, and it all starts with you! Each and every one of you have made an impact on Recoveries R US. You are a part of who we are and what we represent. May your future endeavors bring you joy, prosperity and growth. Thank you for choosing Recoveries R US as you pursued your careers in the Human Services field and Remember: To make a difference, **You Have to Start Somewhere, and It All Starts With You!***

Sincerely,

Connie Pacheco, President

2022 Graduates

Michael Archer

Asaph Martínez

Michelle Bates

Ladell Jacobs

Jamal Bell

John Kovac

Heriberto Colon

Herman Knowing

Eddie Cuadrado

Jomil Luna

Diana Dyson

Selena Mason

Simone Edwards

Ariel Perez

Jason Ellison

Daniel Rivera

Rafael Garcia

Jose Rivera

Kerry Gilder

Nikkita Roberts

Marion Glass

Teofilia Rosado

Jarrette Hairston

Adrain Soto

Pricilla Hiciano

Benjamin Tejada

Brian St.Hill

Michael Williams

Hilton Hunte

Dejeneba Yameog

Graduates completed a 350-hour Comprehensive Curriculum Approved by OASAS (Office of Addiction Services And Supports) and or 138 hours for Recovery Coach and Peer Advocate Training Approved by the New York State Certification Board

Master of Ceremony

Christopher Nazario

Executive Director of Vida Family Services Inc.

Welcoming Remarks

Connie Pacheco President RRUS

Blessing of the Ceremony

Deborah Williams/ Executive Assistant

Key Note Speaker

Luis Laboy

Senior Administrator for ACACIA Network

Inspirational Speech

Michelle Dawson Operations Supervisor of UBP

Guest Speaker

Kim Watson

LGBTQ Office of Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams

Valedictorian

Benjamin Tejada, CASAC, CRPA

Marion Glass, CASAC, CRPA

Heriberto Colon CASAC, CRPA

Jomil Luna CASAC, CRPA

Michael Williams CRPA

Esteem Presentation Award Presentation of

Awards

Connie Pacheco & Deborah Williams

Entertainment

Deborah Williams

Egypt La Beija

Closing Remarks

Christopher Nazario & Connie Pacheco



Key Note Speaker

Luis Laboy is a person in long term recovery, Senior Administrator for OASAS Residential Programs at AACTA Network. A Bronxite with a

strong passion to help the vulnerable marginalized individuals with addiction prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. He is a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate, Licensed Master of Social Work from Fordham University. Master's in public administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is a Master Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor, an OASAS Certified Education and Training Provider, Chairperson for the Bronx Council on Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders, a member of the ASAP New York Certification Board, on the Steering Committee at FORNY Alumni Association of New York State, member of the Bronx Opioid Impact Collaborative, as well as the State Opioid Response Citywide Addiction Support Network, and the South Bronx Street Outreach Provider.



Inspirational Speaker

Michelle Dawson is an Operations Supervisor at United Bronx Parents Inc. - She has a BA degree from Metropolitan College of New York, a

CRPA, CARC, and Casac-T from Recoveries R' Us. Michelle utilizes her Recoveries R' Us training to facilitate thought-provoking groups that empower her staff to engage with underserved and marginalized clients effectively. She is the founder of YOUniversal Wellness, which provides Peer Services and Life Coaching to youth ages twelve to seventeen. Michelle's goal is to promote the success and advancement of teens in urban communities.

Recoveries R' Us Instructors



Daniel Hyden is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors degree in Justice Studies. He served eight years in the military, Mr. Hyden has worked in detox, Methadone and outpatient settings. Daniel is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in Psychology.

Entertainment



Egyptt LaBeija has entertained audiences at The Bronx Pride, BAAD G-Note Entertainment Christmas Party, Her current projects include: The independent photo documentary on Christopher Street, the Boots and Saddle Photo Project, and the short film, Happy Birthday Marsha

Spinning at the turntables DJ Mimi

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