



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Jose M. Serrano attended the Community Leader's Reception at the Smith Auditorium of Manhattan College, located in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, on Thursday, March 12.

"Manhattan College has been a landmark institution in this community for 156 years. The Community Leader's reception celebrates the strong relationship this school has built with the public throughout its history," said Senator Serrano, a Manhattan College alumnus.

"When 'town' and 'gown' are working together, we see a real positive impact on academic achievement, not to mention a more vibrant and sustainable community," said the Senator. "Learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom, and tonight's event drives home that point."

The reception, which is celebrated each year by Manhattan College and the College of Mount Saint Vincent, was attended by several local representatives, and school and religious leaders, including Manhattan College President Brother Thomas Scanlan F.S.C., Council Member G. Oliver Koppel and Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson.

"I am thrilled to return to my alma mater and meet those individuals who, in their respective fields of expertise, help to brighten the future for today's class of students," said the Senator.