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## CARDOZO HOSTS 41ST COMMENCEMENT



May 29, 2019

A star-studded line-up kicked off Cardozo's 41th Commencement Exercises. Graduates received J.D. and LL.M. degrees at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall on May 28.

Ira Dizengoff '92, Chair of Cardozo's Board of Overseers, welcomed graduates and their families by reminding them that "we are what we repeatedly do."

Dean Melanie Leslie '91 echoed this message as she recounted a story from a recent alum who stood up against corruption. She urged graduates to do the right thing, even if they are the only ones. "You are ready to be ethical leaders," Leslie said. "I am sure of it."

Claire McCaskill, former senator from Missouri, gave the commencement address. "I hope you love the law as much as I do," she said, as she urged students to find "a job that makes you jump out of bed in the morning."

Another recognizable name took the stage as Sir Paul McCartney was

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August 26, 2019

[Cardozo Named One of Billboard's Top Music Law Schools for 2019 \(/news/cardozo-named-one-billboards-top-music-law-schools-2019\)](#)

Billboard named Cardozo School of Law one of the top law schools in the country for training lawyers in the music industry. Cardozo is ranked among law schools around the nation, including Harvard and University of California, Berkley.

August 16, 2019

[Cardozo Welcomes the J.D. Class of 2022 \(/news/cardozo-welcomes-jd-class-2022\)](#)

Integrity, generosity, grit and joy were the guiding themes of Dean Melanie Leslie's welcome to the Class of 2022 for their first day of orientation.

July 8, 2019

[Class of 2019 Gives Back to Cardozo \(/news/class-2019-gives-back-cardozo\)](#)

Cardozo's 3L Class Gift is an annual tradition at the Law School. Led

awarded the International Advocate for Peace Award from the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution. “I’m especially proud to receive this award from Cardozo,” McCartney said, adding that all of his songs “come from the same place: a love for humanity.”

Graduates Rachel Zilberfarb and Ishara Quick, LL.M. and J.D. respectively, delivered the remarks for their classes. Quick mentioned her challenges as first in her family to attend law school and inspired the audience to follow their dreams. “The cautious don’t live at all,” she said.

[Watch Senator Claire McCaskill's keynote address \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwMhhCgvqLQ&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwMhhCgvqLQ&feature=youtu.be)

[Watch Sir Paul McCartney's speech \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVi8ppRmlol&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVi8ppRmlol&feature=youtu.be)

### **AWARD RECIPIENTS (FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION)**

Award for Extraordinary Leadership- Dean Monroe Price

Award for Distinguished Service- Professor Arthur Jacobson

Monrad Paulsen Award- Dean David Martinidez

### **AWARD RECIPIENTS (CLASS OF 2019)**

#### **Cardozo Service and Achievement Awards**

Nicholas P. Anselmi

Rachel E. Behar

Michael Celler

Nicole Duke

Jared V. Grubow

Nicholas Gliagias

Medea Matiashvili

Maitreyee Mopalwar

Alexandra N. Nieto

by a student committee, these individuals dedicate their efforts to enhancing engagement and fundraising efforts among classmates, friends and family in our community.

April 12, 2019

[Randall Rothschild '97 Talks Real Estate, Law and Business \(/news/randall-rothschild-97-talks-real-estate-law-and-business\)](https://www.yu.edu/news/cardozo-hosts-41st-commencement/2019/04/12/randall-rothschild-97-talks-real-estate-law-and-business)

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Randall Rothschild '97 on April 9 as part of the *Pathways* speaker series. Rothschild discussed how Cardozo prepared him for a career in the real estate industry.

March 22, 2019

[Randi Weingarten '83, a Crusader in the Fight for Worker's Rights and President of the 1.7 million member American Federation of Teachers, Talks of Her Passion for Public Service \(/news/randi-weingarten-%E2%80%9983-crusader-fight-worker%E2%80%99s-rights-and-president-17-million-member-american\)](https://www.yu.edu/news/cardozo-hosts-41st-commencement/2019/03/22/randi-weingarten-83-a-crusader-in-the-fight-for-workers-rights-and-president-of-the-1.7-million-member-american-union)

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Randi Weingarten '83, President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), in front of an audience of students, faculty and staff on March 20. “Having a law degree is an opportunity that opens a bunch of

Aashini Shrivastav

doors," said Weingarten.

Julia Spivak

Benjamin H. Winters

Rachel Zilberfarb

### **Professor John Appel Award**

Elana A. Bengualid

Eduardo J. Quiroga

### **Distinguished Performance in the LL.M. Program**

Melody L. Andre

Chanel L. Briggins

Dmytro Petrov

### **Best Written Work Not for Publication in a Journal**

Nicole Duke

### **Best Written Work for Civil Advocacy**

Jessica M. Kulig

### **Best Written Work for Criminal Justice**

Lauren A. Rose

### **Best Written Work for Publication**

Alexandra N. Nieto

### **Jacob Burns Medals**

Mehack Ali

Ahdieh Alipour Herisi

Sari Michelle Bronner

Geroline A. Castillo

Jordan N. Coyne

Gabriella Garner

Emily R. Lundgren

Natalia I. Mata

Alexandra S. Mitton

Jennifer R. Pierce

Ian J. Postman

Adam E. Rubin

Ava L. Schein

Nicole R. Schill

Eva M. Thomas

Kathleen L. Wahl

Angela M. Wanslow

Dih-Lin Wong

### **Mike Downing Memorial Coaching Award**

Ethan Smith

### **Beatrice Cohen Award**

Ruth V. Fruchter

### **James Lewis Award**

Ezra Sakkal

### **Telford Taylor Award**

Keegan J. Stephan

### **Intellectual Property Award**

Chanel L. Briggins

Nathaniel Kosslyn

**Federal Bar Council**

**Cornelius W. Wickersham Award**

Alexander J. Schnapp

**Jacob Burns Ethics Center in the Practice of Law Award**

Agnes K. Baik

**Stanley H. Beckerman Public Interest Award**

Natalia I. Mata

**Jonathan A. Weiss Award for Public Interest Law**

Melissa Olivo

**Archie A. Gorfinkel Award**

Ricky A. Shah

Ilana B. Kornfeld

**E. Nathaniel Gates Award**

Lindsey E. Rubinstein

**Steven Eric Tanenbaum Leadership Award**

Abigail K. Pearlman

**National Association of Women Lawyers Award for Outstanding Graduate**

Khadija Foda

**Louis Henkin Award**

Mordechay Sorek

**ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award**

Briana P. Sheridan

**Andrew S. Zucker Award**

Jaynah Josselyn Ross-Mendoza

**Dr. Samuel Belkin Award**

Deluwara Ahmed

**Felix Frankfurter Award**

Shelley Attadgie

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