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Unsung Civil Servants Get Honors for Public Service

100-Year Association Awardees
By DAVID SIMS



HER DAY TO SHINE: Sharraine Franklin (third from left) was the top prize-winner at the Hundred Year Association's public service awards ceremony, receiving \$6,000 from Con Edison for her work as a Public Health Educator. She travels to under-funded clinics to share techniques on dealing with critical health problems, so that patients can 'move from just having the information on different health tactics to actually take action to improve their lives,' she said.

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Outstanding civil servants who work tirelessly for the city out of the spotlight were given their chance to shine Dec. 16 at the annual Public Service Awards of the Hundred Year Association, which presented \$22,000 in cash prizes to 10 city employees.

In addition, 15 academically talented children of civil servants received \$30,000 in college scholarships from the organization, made up of businesses and companies that have operated in the city for more than 100 years.

Public Health Educator Cited

The top employee prize-winner, Sharraine Franklin, is a Public Health Educator in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene who travels to high-need areas of the city to advise clinics and doctors' offices on the best ways to help patients suffering critical problems. She received a \$6,000 award from Consolidated Edison.

"We work with medical providers, we bring information to help improve their practice," she said. "We target areas of high disparity: the South Bronx, east and central Harlem, and Brownsville and Bushwick. We bring clinical tools to help them work with their patients, to move from just having the information on different health tactics to actually take action to improve their lives."

Some of the issues Ms. Franklin has worked on include hypertension, obesity, influenza, depression and breastfeeding. "I get to meet a lot of different people, which is great, but I get to help them also," she said. "When I come with the tools, the information, they're so pleased, because the areas that we target are so deprived, usually they don't have a lot of resources. They'll be able to bring these resources to these providers."

This newspaper presented a \$3,500 award to Douglas Cruz, a School Safety Agent who works at Christopher Columbus High School in The Bronx and spends time after school educating children in the Law Enforcement Explorers.

Outline Potential Careers

"We teach them about different careers in law-enforcement, different agencies, the FBI, the Police Department, the School Safety division," he said. "We teach them about the lifestyle of a police officer, what they go through, and we teach them what they go through on the street."

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