

# MELISSA HORNE

**Bachelor of Arts, English Writing, Minor in Business Marketing (2011)**  
**The City University of New York, College of Staten Island**  
**The Verrazano School – A Selective Undergraduate Honors Program**  
**High Honors Distinction – English Department**  
**Valedictorian**

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## ACADEMIC HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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Summa Cum Laude (2011)  
The Verrazano School Graduates Award (2011)  
Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund Recipient (2008 – 2011)  
Dean's List (2007 – 2011)  
CSI Scholarship (2007 – 2011)  
Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges (2010 – 2011)  
Phi Beta Kappa Associates Award (2011)  
CSI Foundation Prize: Creative Writing Award (2011)  
Women's Center Essay Winner (2009)  
My Staten Island Essay Winner (2009)  
Campus Activities Board – Appointed Member (2007 – 2009)  
CUNY Model Student Award at the Eighth Annual COPE Symposium (2008)

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## VOLUNTEER WORK & CONTRIBUTIONS

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### ***Bertha Harris Women's Center Intern Fall 2009***

I worked approximately 10 hours per week (5 hours scheduled in the center) collaboratively promoting, planning, and executing existing events such as Take Back the Night, Long Island Iced Latina with comedian Marga Gomez, and the gift drive for Safe Horizons. I assisted building new events such as a Car Maintenance Show, an International Potluck, and Freshwoman Orientation. I initiated an Honesty Box where student can express concerns, questions, and leave comments for the Women's Center to address centering around gender specific issues on campus as well in students' everyday lives. I was also responsible for the design and editing of the Fall newsletter.

### ***Campus Activities Board (CAB) 10/2007 - 3/2009***

I was one of twelve members on the College of Staten Island's programming board. I was appointed to the board in October 2007. I attended both the NACA Mid-Atlantic and NACA National conferences in representation of the College of Staten Island last year. Unfortunately, I had to resign early in the Spring 2009 semester due to unexpected circumstances but I hope to reapply in the future. While on the board, I organized a comedy series for last spring's Coffee House in the Green Dolphin Lounge. I successfully negotiated a deal that saved the board over \$3500 for that event. Before my resignation I was excited to put together a series called "Take Me Away Tuesdays." My goal was to build an event for every Tuesday of this spring's semester, rotating the North and South sides of campus, in order to introduce our student body to more frequent and fun activities as well as market CAB to larger audience. As a board member, I was required to attend bi-monthly meetings in which we discussed and voted on upcoming events and ideas as well as planned new programs for the student body. CAB is responsible for the research and development of a variety of social and educational activities for the college. By contacting professionals and working with faculty, CAB ensures programming that is economic as well as enjoyable, thought provoking, and informative.

### ***OCSF Volunteer 2008***

As part of a mentoring class through the Department of Psychology at the College of Staten Island, I have participated as a state volunteer to girls placed a New York State Office of Family and Children's Services facility. I worked with the girls to help build projects centered around changes they would like to see in regards to the community, education, and relationships. I continue to work with the girls and this facility and I am eagerly trying to build a bridge between them and their communities so that when they return home they can remain on a productive path. I have done so by becoming involved with organizations and familiarizing myself with all legal aspects regarding incarcerated youth. I plan to attend law school specializing in public interest, most specifically family court that oversees juvenile cases.

### ***Heads Up Awareness Program 2007 - 2009***

I am the founder and program coordinator of a new organization called the Heads Up Awareness Program that launched in early November 2007. My goal is to bring youngsters together within the community and provide service opportunities. I encourage parents to participate with their children. My first event was a Crescent Beach cleanup, featured in the "Our Town" section of the Sunday, December 2, 2007 edition of The Staten Island Advance. My following events, at the Blue Heron Nature Center in Staten Island, were in recognition of our troops. We wrote letters, made cards and decorations that were sent overseas to our soldiers. These were all free events that I secured the necessary supplies by donation.