

## CONGRESSMEN SERRANO AND ESPAILLAT HOST DOMINICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION



Congressmen Jose Serrano and Adriano Espaillat hosted their Dominican Heritage Celebration on Tuesday, February 21 at Lehman College with local community groups and advocates. The event featured local entertainment and honored community leaders working with the Dominican Diaspora in the borough. This year's distinguished honorees included Eddie Cuesta, Dominicanos USA executive director; Jaime Vargas, former ambassador of the Dominican Republic for Asian Affairs and small business owner; Dr. Hugo Morales, psychiatrist and civic leader and Sussie Lozada, UNITEHERE! Local 100 community organizing and political director.



(Above) Eddie Cuesta (c) proudly accepted his award from Congressmen Serrano (l) and Espaillat (2nd from r) while dancers Milly Sosa and Genuel Espina and honoree Dr. Hugo Morales (r) congratulated him on his success.

(Left) Sussie Lozada (2nd from l) was presented the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her service to the Bronx and its residents.  
Photo by Miriam Quin

## NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/NCB'S RECOGNITION AWARDS



NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx hosted a recognition award ceremony on Wednesday, February 8 to celebrate its recent designation as a Baby Friendly Hospital. The distinction was awarded by Baby-Friendly USA, an initiative of the World Health Organization and United Nations Children's Fund designed to recognize hospitals that encourage and promote breast feeding and mother-baby bonding. The event also honored the positive transformation of the hospital's Labor and Delivery Service which last year saw 1,297 babies born and 97% of the babies received mother's milk.

Above) Clinicians, providers, administrators, community leaders and elected officials celebrated the prestigious recognition.  
Photo courtesy of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx



## MINI PONY VISITS BRONX CENTER

Patients at the Bronx Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare were treated to a heartwarming visit by a mini pony named Claire on Wednesday, February 22 as part of their therapy.

(Above) Claire gave Juan Guerrero a kiss. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## KINGS HARBOR MULTICARE CENTER ADOPT-A-PLATOON FUN FAIR



Kings Harbor Multicare Center's Men's Club hosted a Fun Fair on Thursday, February 16 to raise funds for the Adopt-A-Platoon program, a charity organization that sends care packages to platoons from the proceeds. The fair raised over \$400 and the previous flea market the week prior raised nearly \$300. There was great fun to be had at the celebration including horse racing, ring toss, football throw, baseball; delicious cotton candy, ice cream sundaes, mini waffles, donuts and soda.

(Above) Resident Joan Perillo enjoyed her cotton candy during the fun fair.  
Photo courtesy of Kings Harbor Multicare Center