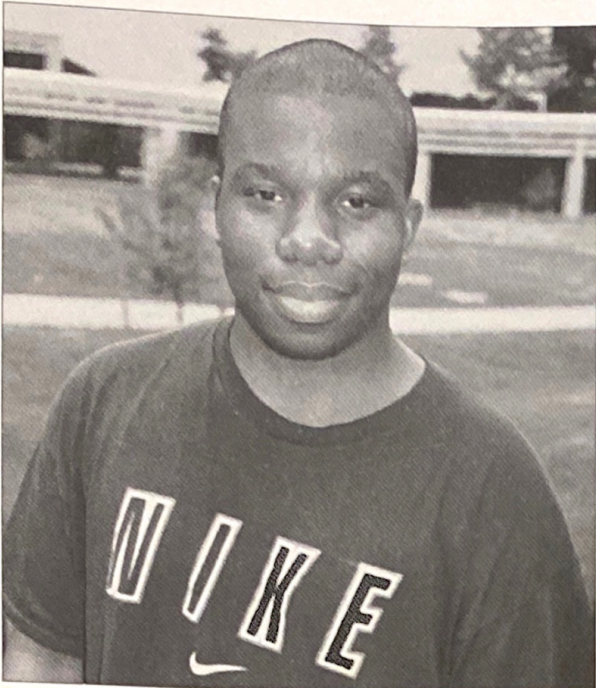


Meet the Class of 2001: The Presidential Scholars



Damon T. Samuel

Lehman College has awarded its first Presidential Scholarships to three freshmen students: Damon Samuel, Laurie Martinez, and Mohammed Khan. The scholarships range from \$2000 to \$5000 per year and are renewable for up to four years. Selection was based on the students' high school records, SAT scores, writing ability, extracurricular activities, and recommendations.

Damon Toussaint Samuel, 18, is a graduate of Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. In high school he took advanced placement courses in English and Calculus. An avid chess player, he was captain of the Mount Saint Michael chess team and president of the school's Chess Club.

"After I earn a degree in computing and management at Lehman, I plan to attend the Culinary Institute of America," he said. "My ultimate goal is to be the owner and executive chef of a restaurant which I have designed."

Samuel lives in Manhattan with his parents.



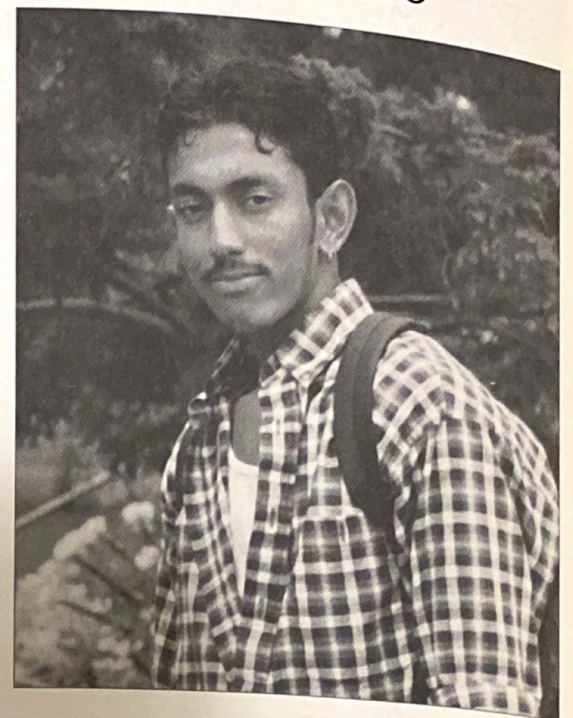
Laurie Martinez

Seventeen-year-old **Laurie Martinez** is a Bronx native who graduated from Gorton High School in Yonkers. She plans to major in psychology, minor in education, and receive State certification that will allow her to teach special education at the elementary school level. She is particularly concerned about helping children with handicaps.

As a high school student, Martinez became a mediator in a conflict resolution program. She also taught conflict resolution to children in an after-school program and through community service organizations.

"My goal is to become a teacher and I'm willing to work very hard to accomplish this goal," she said. "Most of all I want to be successful in college and make my parents proud."

Martinez lives with her parents, a brother and a sister. She enjoys playing sports, especially basketball, softball, and field hockey.



Mohammed Khan

Mohammed Khan, 18, is an honors graduate of Lehman High School. He plans a double major in biochemistry and computer science. He hopes to attend medical school.

Khan was in the Arista Honors program in high school and was a star handball player. He won the high school handball competition in the Bronx for two years in a row and looks forward to playing at The APEX.

In high school, he did volunteer work on programs for the homeless and elderly shut-ins.

"I like sports, working out, good food—all that stuff," he said. "And I really like almost every kind of music except country."

Khan's family emigrated to the Bronx from Guyana when he was five years old. He lives with his mother and two younger sisters.

"Graduating from college will give me the opportunity to make a better life for myself and my family," he said. ♦

'Message for Peace' from Hiroshima Survivors at Lehman College Art Gallery & Library

Message for Peace, an exhibition from the world-famous Peace Museum in Hiroshima, Japan, will be presented through Oct. 9 at the Lehman College Art Gallery and the Lehman College Library Gallery. Nobuhiro Hosomoto, secretary-general of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and **Ricardo R. Fernández**, president of Lehman College, will speak at the opening reception to be held at the Gallery Tues., Sept. 16, from 5-7 pm.

The Art Gallery will feature a multimedia exhibition of photographs, posters, and artifacts documenting the devastation and human suffering caused by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and of Nagasaki on August 9. More

than 200,000 people died from flames and massive radiation resulting from these bombings. Many thousands more experienced life-crippling after effects of radiation. The exhibition also documents Hiroshima's recovery and transformation into a vibrant community dedicated to the work of peace and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Library exhibition includes a video of survivors talking about their experiences as



well as books and drawings by Japanese children on the theme of peace.

"We have learned from history that cooperation and tolerance are the true vehicles to peace," President Fernández told reporters from Japanese TV networks that filmed the exhibition on its opening day. "This exhibition is a hopeful message from the courageous citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It serves both to teach us and to inspire us. ♦