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Saint Barnabas High School student honored for her volunteerism and hard work

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One dedicated student from Saint Barnabas High School has been awarded for her extracurricular achievements as well as hard work ethic in the Bronx and elsewhere.

Sofia Rosado was given a virtual version of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce's Women of Distinction Scholarship towards the end of last month, which was sponsored by the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Rosado is described by award givers as a motivated, conscientious and independent student who volunteers in her school's office while also being known among her teachers for her thorough and "meticulous work ethic."

One Saint Barnabas alum, Barbara Selesky, who is now director of marketing and media relations at Woodlawn commented on Rosado's achievement, saying "the importance of awarding this Women of Distinction scholarship is twofold."

Continuing her academic career with a focus in technology, the distinguished student has completed multiple courses in applied psychology and computer science at Saint Barnabas.

In her spare time, Rosado works as a babysitter and volunteers throughout the Bronx, which is what made her stand out as a worthy candidate.

She has recently been inducted into the National Hispanic Honor Society and also plans on attending Queens Borough Community College, where Rosado currently plans on majoring in computer science.

“Woodlawn takes great pride in being the final resting place of many notable women of distinction who have changed the course of history through their leadership,” Selesky added, noting that female leaders like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, African-American trailblazer and social activist Madam C.J. Walker, author Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman (best known as Nelly Bly) and the Queen of Salsa, entertainer Celia Cruz, have all called Woodlawn a final resting place.

Bronx Chamber of Commerce’s Women of Distinction Scholarship event has traditionally taken place each March during a luncheon which honors Women’s History Month; however due to COVID-19 issues, the virtual June event was held in its place.