Hunter College held its 217th Commencement on Wednesday, May 30 at Radio City Music Hall. Thousands of graduates were in attendance and presented with their degrees. The candidates were given the privilege of listening to keynote speaker and prominent actor Vin Diesel, who was awarded a Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. US Senator Chuck Schumer was also in attendance and spoke to the graduates about the importance of creating opportunities for themselves.

Several student-athletes were honored by President Raab by sitting on the stage with some of Hunter’s most prestigious graduates. Benjamin Crusinberry (men’s volleyball and track and field), Nick Brutus (wrestling), Filip Koritysskiy (men’s tennis), Vera Pertsovksaya (cross country and track and field), Ivonne Chow (women’s cross country and track and field) and Alexandra Rubiano (swimming) were mentioned in the President’s remarks as extraordinary students and singled out for their successes over the past four years.

From the Hunter College Athletics Program, congratulations to all of the graduates and thank you to all of the student-athletes and coaches for making the 2017-18 athletic year another successful and memorable one!
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From the AD’s Desk

Two Promoted to Head Coaching Positions

Alex Trezos will be promoted as the new Head Coach of the men’s and women’s tennis teams after spending the 2017-18 year as an assistant coach. Last season, Trezos had a hand in coaching four CUNYAC All-Stars on the men’s squad, including Florimond Le Goupil Maier, Nasser Ghaffar, Sean Kemp and Filip Koritysskiy. He helped guide the Purple and Gold to their fifth-straight CUNYAC Championship finals, where the team eventually fell to Baruch College.

Daryn Johnson takes over as head coach of the men's and women's cross country and track and field teams. He joined the Hunter ranks in 2015 as an assistant coach and helped them through some of their most successful seasons in program history. During his time at Hunter, the Hawks have won three women's cross country CUNYAC Championships, two women's indoor track and field CUNYAC Championships and two women's outdoor track and field CUNYAC Championships.

Hawk Alumni and Community,

That concludes the 2017-18 athletic year! And one for the record books it was.

We had over 60 student-athletes earn CUNYAC All-Star status, two Rookies of the Year, one Runner of the Year, two Tournament MVP’s, two Coaches of the Year, two Student-Athletes of the Month, four Team Academic Awards, two All-Region honorees, two All-American Honorable Mentions, two Academic All-Americans and two CUNYAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Honorable mentions. That is quite the impressive showing by our student-athletes and I cannot be more proud of what they have accomplished this year.

It's truly a team effort day in and day out. There are so many moving parts that go into a successful operation and so much adversity that our student-athletes, coaching staff and administrative support staff handle on a daily basis. The professionalism that they exhibit is unmatched and they set the bar to the highest of standards.

Now that the athletic year is complete, I think we all deserve a little down time to rest the engines. However, the fall will be here in the blink of an eye which means the training must soon resume if we plan on bettering ourselves as a whole for next year!

To all the student-athletes, thank you once again for an amazing 2017-18. Enjoy your summer and train hard. For those that have concluded their time at Hunter, I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors. And for those returning in August, I look forward to seeing you for another year!

Once a Hawk, always a Hawk!

Sincerely,

Terry Wansart
Director of Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals

Hunter Finishes Second In CUNYAC Commissioner’s Cup

2017-18 Commissioner’s Cup - Final Standings
1. Staten Island - 113 Points
2. Hunter - 105 Points
3. Baruch - 76.5 Points
4. Lehman - 58 Points
5. CCNY - 50 Points
6. John Jay - 48.5 Points
7. Brooklyn - 35.5 Points
8. Medgar Evers - 3 Points
9. York - 0 Points