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another for support of their resolutions required the utmost negotiating skill and tact. For their hard work and achievement in mastering the legislative process, LaGuardia's students were recognized with an Honorable Mention Award.

Following on the success of LaGuardia's participation in the Model UN, we felt that our student delegates would represent the college well at the ATHGO Global Forum on Climate Change at the United Nations on June 6-9, 2007. Unlike the Model UN, this conference provided a non-competitive environment in which the students learned about the pressing issues related to climate change. The conference included seminars and presentations by a variety of distinguished experts on the issues as well as speeches by several U.N. ambassadors. The students participating in the forum were required to write position papers focused on methods of combating or mitigating the effects of global warming and climate change. In preparation, LaGuardia students worked with peers from other educational institutions including MIT, the London School of Economics and Columbia University to analyze and discuss the presentations they attended. Four of the six students who attended presented their experiences from this very important international student event at the 2007 Opening Sessions.

The students participating in these experiences were Ahmed Adil, Kimberly Alvez-Moats, Alex Ali, Alejandro Andrade, Natalee Broderick, Kelly Evans, Morris Hopkins, Seung Hee Joo, Sriyanta Karki, Rhazi Kone, Andre Lappa, Manju Poudel, and Dimitri Siavelis.

Our delegates are planning to attend future NMUN conferences, the first to be held in Washington D.C. this November, to be followed by the annual New York conference this March. Participation in these events was made possible by funding support from Academic Affairs and LaGuardia's College Association. For more information about these activities, please contact Charles Keyes or David Styler (ckeyes@lagcc.cuny.edu or dstyler@lagcc.cuny.edu) ▶

## CO-OP SPOTLIGHT

# Juanita Rosado – “Attending LaGuardia Opened Many Doors”



*Juanita Rosado interned at Pfizer and is now working there full-time.*

*By Paula Zimmerman, Program Assistant, Cooperative Education*

Juanita Rosado came to New York five years ago from Colombia. In Colombia, she left school several times. After working in the U.S. in a variety of jobs, she realized the importance of school and enrolled at LaGuardia. “I love LaGuardia, said Juanita, “There is a great atmosphere where I was given the opportunity to build my confidence, academic potential, and challenge myself. It is an enriching environment due to its diversity and excellent teachers who inspired me.”

She went on to say that she had a very good experience with the Transfer Service Department who encouraged her to believe she could succeed at any school after LaGuardia. Also, the staff members in Cooperative Education, Lucy Sardell and Cindy Giustra were very supportive. “My internship at Pfizer was through the Cooperative Education Department,” she said. “I discovered my participation in the Honors Program was a factor in being selected for the Pfizer internship.”

### Internship Experience

Juanita's internship at Pfizer was from December 2005 to June 2006. “Initially, when I was told about completing an internship, I was not happy about it,” she said. “I questioned why I would have to do this. I was not sure if an internship at Pfizer was a good fit for me. I was not sure about working in the corporate world since my major was liberal arts. I also felt unsure about my

English skills and my skills in general. Yet upon reflection of my internship experience, I am so grateful. It gave me real world experience and opened many doors for me.”

Juanita's internship was in Pfizer's Legal Department where she photocopied and scanned documents. Additional duties included taking care of the workroom, making sure it was stocked with supplies; and ordering supplies if needed.

She focused on doing her job well and was recognized and given more responsibility. She worked in a very supportive atmosphere with former LaGuardia interns who had been hired at Pfizer. She was always conscious of her attitude, felt glad to be there and continued to network throughout Pfizer.

After her internship, Juanita knew she wanted to stay at Pfizer. She applied for a full-time position that was posted on-line. Juanita was called for an interview. However, the person who interviewed her was so impressed with her that he recommended her for another open position. “This was “sort of a miracle,” said Juanita.

She had three more interviews and then was hired. Her manager was promoted and moved to another department and recommended that Juanita transfer to this department as well.

Juanita is currently working at Pfizer as an administrative assistant supporting the chief of staff to the Vice chairman. She is responsible for all administrative needs; calendar management, expenses, presentations, and coordination of meetings. She also supports the senior director of strategic initiatives who reports directly to the CEO. She is back-up support to the Vice chairman and other members of the leadership team.

Juanita graduated from LaGuardia in 2007. She is now attending Fordham University where she was awarded a partial scholarship. Her long-term goals are to be a college professor or an English/Spanish translator, perhaps at the U.N. “Why not?” a confident Juanita said.