

2013 H.O.P.E. Diversity Scholarship Dinner Remarks
February 21, 2013
Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Please join me in again thanking our scholarship recipients for their remarks.

Tonight we have the opportunity to celebrate our students and to offer thanks to the individuals whose generous gifts have enabled these and other scholarship recipients to make their educational dreams a reality. For everyone here, H.O.P.E. is more than the acronym for our Helping Our People Excel scholarship, it is a principle in which we deeply believe.

English author Albert Pine said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Pine's words are particularly apt as they relate to both our scholarship recipients and all of the benefactors who support them. Our recipients understand well the tremendous opportunity they have been given thanks to their scholarship. They know it is integral to their success and to their future, and I know that they will remember its meaning throughout their lives and will later share their success with others.

For our current benefactors, the sharing of their resources enables our students to excel and, I am sure, to ultimately have an important and far-reaching impact on our world. Thanks to you, these students are able to focus on their education and on becoming the outstanding men and women of whom we are justifiably proud. Through them, you leave a legacy that is valued and, as Pine said, immortal.

A special group I want to thank is the H.O.P.E. Diversity Scholarship Committee, ably led by its chair, Dr. Ronnie Tucker. Not only do the committee members review applications and then select these talented students, many times they often become mentors to the recipients. Thanks to their efforts, these students are here tonight. Will the members of the committee please stand and be recognized?

I also want to take a moment to thank WITF as the presenting media sponsor for this evening's event. WITF is a well-known and trusted source for news, programs and services that satisfy and stimulate curiosity for audiences in our region. WITF's mission is to strengthen communities by connecting us to each other and to opportunities for lifelong learning. We want to thank those individuals from WITF who are here tonight. Thanks for joining us.

In a few minutes, you will have the pleasure of hearing from our guest speaker, John Quiñones. I am sure his presentation will not only inform, but inspire, and I know you join me in looking forward to his presentation.

Thanks to all of you, I know that many hopes and dreams will be fulfilled. Thank you again for being here and thank you for your support.

John Quiñones Introduction

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the highlight of our celebration of Shippensburg University's annual H.O.P.E. Scholarship Program.

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In our ever-changing world, there is one constant — sharing of information. For those here who are, shall I say, somewhat older like me, it remains amazing that we can communicate with anyone around the world and instantaneously share important information.

Tonight's guest knows the power of communication and has used it as a voice for needed change.

John Quiñones is the Emmy Award-winning co-anchor of *Primetime* and has been with ABC News for nearly 25 years. During his tenure he has reported extensively for ABC News, predominantly serving as a correspondent for *Primetime* and *20/20*. His reports have exposed varied issues including insurance scams and his series "What Would You Do?" tests human nature through hidden camera scenarios.

He is the recipient of numerous awards in addition to his seven Emmys, including the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award. John is also author of the book *Heroes Among Us: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Choices*, chronicling the bravery of ordinary people who perform heroic acts of humanity.

We are honored to have him here with us tonight so ladies and gentlemen, please welcome John Quiñones.