

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE  
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Dear Parents:

We hope that you had a wonderful summer. We have much to be proud of in our school's still relatively short history and are looking forward to the upcoming school year. The Parent Teacher Association welcomes you to the 2009/2010 school year!

We are the new co-Presidents of the Parents Association of the High School of American Studies and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

I am one of the co-presidents and my name is Terence Hanrahan, father of 10<sup>th</sup> grader Stephen. This will be my first time as a member of a PTA. Professionally; I am involved in technology sales and hope to bring my business expertise to the PTA so that we can raise funds. More than funds though, the PTA benefits from involvement of the parent community, and I encourage each of you to consider getting involved or donating your time where and when there is a need for that.

I am one of the co-presidents and my name is Ed Lowe, I am the father of a 10<sup>th</sup> grader in his second year at HSAS. I also have a senior at RKA in Riverdale. I have served on the Executive Board and SLT for 1 year at HSAS. I own and operate a school bus company here in the Bronx for the last 25 years and feel that my children's education comes first and we all need to help in any way possible. Having gone to a private high school when I was young, I really appreciate this opportunity my son has to get a "private school education at a fantastic public school"; I hope to speak to and see many of you often this year.

**Your presence and input at PTA meetings is crucial for the success of the association's community building efforts.** We therefore encourage you to mark your calendars and come to as many PTA meetings as possible. Our meeting schedule is in the parent section of the school's website. Meetings start promptly at 7 pm and are held in Room 106 unless otherwise noted.

We look forward to your participation and, thus, encourage you to join the PTA. While a financial contribution is not mandatory to join the PTA, **your financial support is a key component in the successful implementation of the support we aim to offer the teachers and students**, and it is greatly appreciated. The funds that the PTA raises support the sports program, extracurricular activities, special events and specific teacher requests. With that in mind, we urge you to fill out and return the membership form.

We look forward to seeing you at PTA meetings. **Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.**

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