



**South Bronx Charter School for
International Cultures and the Arts selects
Beatrice C. Thompson-Collymore
as Honoree**

Distinguished Educator and Administrator Selected as Honoree by the South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts for Third Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance

NEW YORK, June 17, 2008 – Beatrice C. Thompson-Collymore, Victory Schools New York Regional Director since 2004, has been selected by The South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts (SBCSICA) as an Honoree for its Third Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance. The banquet will be held at Il Lido restaurant in the Bronx. SBSICA is located in Community School District 7. Its charter was approved in 2005 by the Department of Education and initially served grades K-1. Now it the third year of its charter, SBCSICA currently serves 265 students in kindergarten through third grade.

"Beatrice Collymore's commitment to children and passion for education reform have had a positive impact on every child that walks through the doors of our school," said Richard Izquierdo-Arroyo, Board Chair of South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts, "Our board and school staff are proud to honor her for all her hard work."

Beatrice Collymore has over 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator. She has served as a teacher, principal, deputy community superintendent, State district deputy superintendent, and education consultant in school systems across the nation. Mrs. Collymore has authored numerous papers and publications as she continuously shares her experience and wisdom with the education world. She attended New York University, obtaining her Masters

Degree in Secondary Education, specializing in inquiry oriented core curriculum. She then studied at the Gifted Institute at Columbia University's Teacher's College and took courses on gifted education at Hunter College before returning to New York University to obtain a Professional Certificate of Advanced Studies in Education, specializing in administration.

As Regional Director at Victory Schools, Mrs. Collymore serves as lead educator and supervisor for Victory's work with charter schools, including Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School, South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts, Grand Concourse Academy Charter School, and Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls Charter School, opening in Fall of 2008. She uses her vast knowledge of education and curriculum to support our school leaders in delivering the highest quality instruction to our students.

About Victory Schools

Victory Schools is a national leader in public charter and district school management partnerships. Victory's mission is to create the finest public schools in America through partnerships with state departments of education, local boards of education, teachers, teachers unions, outstanding community groups and parents. The company is unique in its consultative approach to assisting public school districts; its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders; and its desire to provide the highest quality, most personalized service to the schools and districts we serve. Victory was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in New York City. This fall the company will provide services to 19 public and charter schools serving approximately 7,000 children in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. For further information, Victory can be contacted at (212) 786-7900

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