

The East Harlem School

A T E X O D U S H O U S E



EHS in 2003

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Ivan with EHS students in 2002

**FOUNDED IN 1993, THE EAST HARLEM
SCHOOL NOW HAS HUNDREDS OF
ALUMNI OUT IN THE WORLD.**

Each has forged their own path, and we celebrate the diversity of their journeys. Hearing their updates brings us tremendous joy. Their young lives remind us why we remain independent and dedicated to the cultivation of every individual—body, soul, and mind. We hope you will feel the same way.



ISAAC

EHS 2010, Eagle Rock School and
Professional Development Center 2014

*When Covid-19 hit, Isaac joined the faculty at EHS as a Teaching Assistant.
Now, he lives in Chicago where he works in youth support services.*



ABOVE: Isaac with 6th grader, Mariam, at EHS in 2020.
LEFT: Isaac performs at The EHS Poetry Slam in 2010.



ABOVE: Saraly, second from right, visits Washington DC with EHS classmates in 2013.
RIGHT: Saraly at her EHS graduation in 2014.



SARALY

EHS 2014, Dana Hall School 2018, Barnard College 2022

Saraly recently helped curate an exhibition called Undesign the Redline at Barnard College, where she is a senior. She is also co-president of the Latinx affinity club and an RA on campus.



CAMILLE

EHS 2017, Chatham Hall 2021, Rice University 2025

At Rice, Camille is especially enjoying her sculpture class, which she reports is a nice reprieve from the many STEM classes in which she is also enrolled. After attending four years of boarding school, she has found the adjustment to college easy.



ABOVE: Camille in an EHS art class in 2014.
LEFT: Camille in her dorm room at Rice in 2021.



JENNIFER

EHS 2018, Dream Charter High School 2022

While at EHS, Jennifer was recruited to be the goalkeeper for the Uruguayan U-18 Soccer Team and competed in the World Cup in 2018. She continues to play on their national team.

ABOVE: Jennifer plays for the Uruguay National Football Team in 2018.
RIGHT: Jennifer attends the EHS Benefit as a 4th grader in 2013.



MANOLO

EHS 2010, The Urban Assembly Harbor School 2014,
SUNY Maritime 2019

As a Third Assistant Engineer with an Unlimited Horsepower License, Manolo is able to serve as engineer on any ship in the world. He has traveled to five continents, over twenty countries, and has crossed the Atlantic Ocean countless times.



ABOVE: Manolo graduates from SUNY Maritime in 2019.
LEFT: Manolo signs a yearbook at his EHS graduation in 2010.



ABOVE: Madyson reveals her college choice in the spring of 2021.
RIGHT: Madyson at her EHS graduation in 2017.



MADYSON

EHS 2017, Cristo Rey 2021, Bates College 2025

Madyson was a recipient of The EHS Warrior Award, our school's highest honor. She graduated from high school with the Cristo Rey Service Award and continues to focus on social justice and advocacy in college.



BRIANNA

EHS 2011, Ms. Hall's School 2015,
Drexel University 2019, Temple University 2021

Brieanna teaches kindergarten outside of Philadelphia. After recess every day, she leads her class of 24 students in a meditation practice, a skill she learned while at EHS.



ABOVE: Brieanna with her students in Philadelphia in 2021.
LEFT: Brieanna speaks at her EHS graduation in 2011.



TOLULOLA

EHS 2014, Young Women's Leadership School 2018,
Dartmouth College 2022

At Dartmouth, Tolulola sings in an acapella group and is a trained peer resource for victims of sexual assault. She is majoring in psychology with a minor in human-centered design.

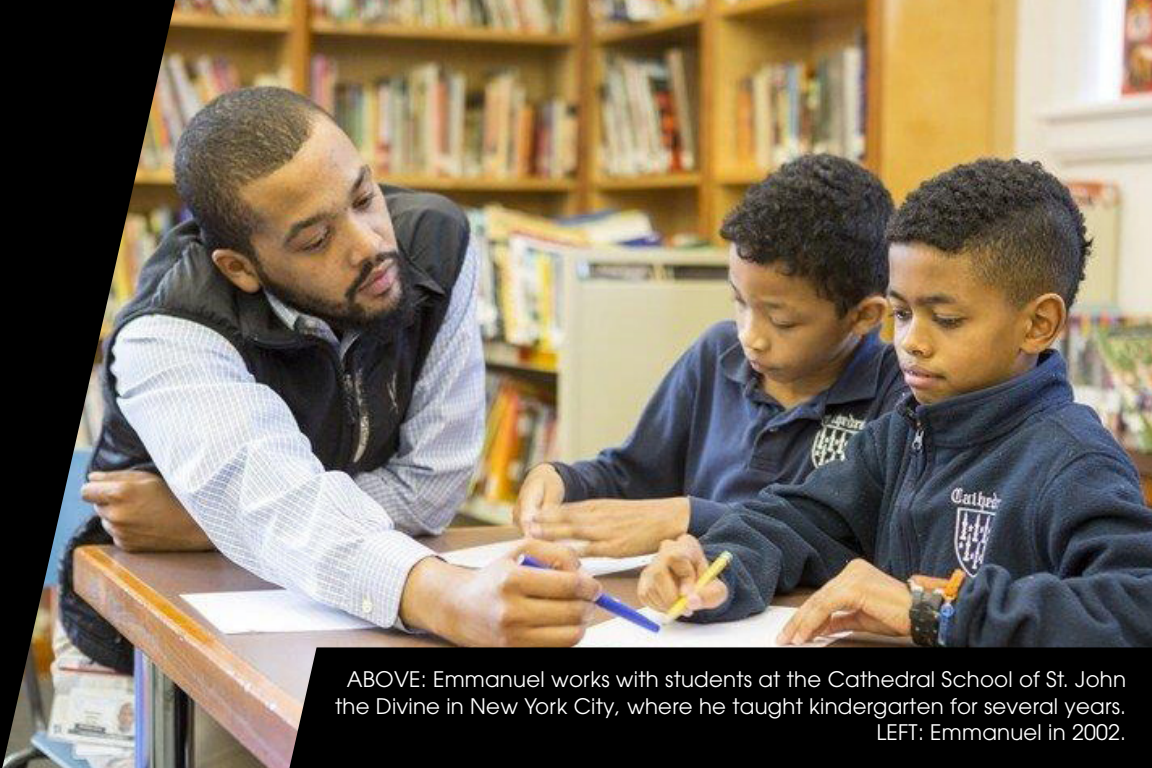
ABOVE: Tolulola on campus at Dartmouth in 2019.
RIGHT: Tolulola performs at The EHS Poetry Slam in 2011.



EMMANUEL

EHS 2002, Deerfield Academy 2006, Bucknell University 2010,
Columbia University 2019

Emmanuel, a father of two young girls, has worked in education since he graduated from college. He is currently the Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT.



ABOVE: Emmanuel works with students at the Cathedral School of St. John the Divine in New York City, where he taught kindergarten for several years.
LEFT: Emmanuel in 2002.



LATOYA

EHS 2015, Cristo Rey Brooklyn 2019,
Hofstra University 2023

Latoya is a Division I Track and Field athlete. She competes in the 100 and 200 meter dash events, which she began running as a fifth grader at EHS.

ABOVE: Latoya, right, competes on the track for Hofstra in 2020.
RIGHT: Latoya in 4th Grade at EHS in 2010.



LUIS

EHS 2012, Essex Street Academy 2016, City Tech 2022

Luis worked full-time as an EMT through the Covid-19 pandemic and continues to support New York City as a first responder, while simultaneously pursuing his bachelor's degree in hospital administration.



ABOVE: Luis on the job in 2019.
LEFT: Luis at his EHS graduation in 2012.



AISSATOU

EHS 2013, St. Jean Baptiste High School 2017,
New York University 2021

*Aissatou graduated from NYU with a degree in Middle Eastern and Islamic
Studies and minors in Korean and Law and Society.*

ABOVE: Aissatou on her graduation day from NYU in 2021.
RIGHT: Aissatou in 6th grade at EHS in 2010.



TROY

EHS 2021, The Browning School 2025

Troy's poem, "Breakfast Conversations," honored his mother, an ER nurse, and won the hearts of our audience at The EHS 2019 Poetry Slam.



ABOVE: Troy performs at The EHS Poetry Slam in 2019.
LEFT: Troy at The Browning School in 2021.



MAYRA

EHS 2009, Beacon High School 2013,
New York University 2017, Columbia University 2019

*Mayra, the oldest of seven, was the first person in her family to attend college.
Having completed a Master's Degree in Developmental Psychology, Mayra is
looking ahead to her PhD.*

ABOVE: Mayra performs at The EHS Poetry Slam in 2008.
RIGHT: Mayra in 2021.



TYLER

EHS 2013, Essex Street Academy 2017,
Johnson and Wales University 2021

Tyler always had a special bond with Chef Jonah at EHS, and now, after graduating with a degree in culinary nutrition, she looks forward to opening her own bakery.



ABOVE: Tyler is busy in a test kitchen in 2019.
LEFT: Tyler attends the EHS Benefit in 2012.



ABOVE: Cory, first row second from left, and classmates in Central Park in 2006.
RIGHT: Cory on his wedding day in 2020.



CORY

EHS 2008, The Loomis Chaffee School 2012,
Rochester Institute of Technology 2016

*Cory, a medical assistant and aspiring physical therapist,
is married to his best friend, whom he met at Loomis.*



ALEJANDRA

EHS 2014, Beacon High School 2018,
Skidmore College 2022

*Alejandra returned to 103rd Street as a Summer Semester Teacher in 2019.
Now, she hopes to work as a consultant after graduation.*



ABOVE: Alejandra is hard at work in an EHS class in 2013.
LEFT: Alejandra in 2021.



DEVIN

EHS 2017, The Marvelwood School 2021,
St. Thomas Aquinas College 2025

Devin, a Division II Lacrosse player and athletic scholarship award recipient, credits EHS for giving him the tools to focus in the classroom and on the lacrosse field. "I can't imagine having had that in a different school," he said.

ABOVE: Devin, #99, plays lacrosse at The Marvelwood School.
RIGHT: Devin in 2021.



NEFERTARI

EHS 2000, Westover School 2004,
Howard University 2008, Wharton 2016

Nefertari, a former professional dancer, is currently the Global Insights Lead for Luxury Beauty within the Global Client and Agency Solutions organization at Google.



ABOVE: Nefertari, bottom right, appears in People Magazine with Hans and Ivan Hageman and classmates in 2000. LEFT: Nefertari addresses the Class of 2014 at their EHS graduation.



EHS students in 2002

OUR MISSION

The East Harlem School challenges students to develop a balanced physical, moral, and intellectual strength that they will use to adapt to change - and for the final purpose of creating and sharing lives of deep meaning, dynamic virtue, and transcendent joy. We are a middle school (grades 4-8) that recruits children from families with low income and the highest values, and we give preference to those who keep to the traditional belief that creative flight can only be sustained by grounded discipline.

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