



# Urban Educator



## Outstanding 2020 Urban School Graduates

From a **worldwide** pandemic **that** forced schools to close in mid-March to nationwide protests in response to racism, senior year for the nation's urban students has been anything but normal. Despite these **circumstances**, students in the Class of 2020 have excelled and **realized** their dreams.

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## New Leadership at Council Begins

Michael O'Neill, a member of the Boston School Committee for Boston Public Schools, takes the reins as chair of the Council of the Great City Schools' Board of Directors for a one-year term, effective July 1.



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**Operational Issues in the  
Reopening of Schools  
during the COVID-19 Crisis**

**Facilities, Transportation,  
and Security**  
June 2020



## **Council Releases Returning to School Series Reports**

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the nation's urban school districts to close their schools in mid-March. Now those same school systems are knee deep in planning for the reopening of schools in the fall.

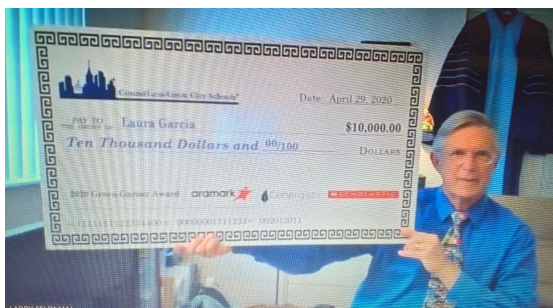
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## **Four Urban Students Win CGCS- Bernard Harris Scholarships in Math and Science**

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the world and transformed education, yet four graduating high school seniors remained resilient and were awarded the 2020 CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships.

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## **Miami Urban Educator of the Year Awards \$10,000 Green-Garner Scholarship**

Laura Garcia, Cuban-born 2020 graduate of South Dade Senior High School in Miami, has been awarded the \$10,000 Green-Garner Scholarship.

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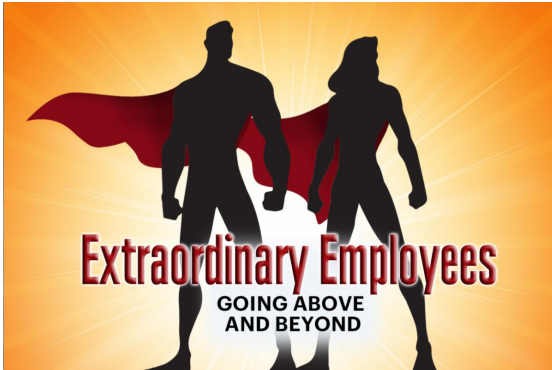


## Legislative Column

### *The Summer of Our Discontent*

A new flurry of activity in Washington at the onset of summer reflects the daunting challenges now facing American society. The resurgence of the coronavirus, inconsistent federal and state public health directives, economic instability, historic levels of unemployment, closure of our public schools, discriminatory policing, and institutionalized racism have converged at a single moment in history.

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## Extraordinary Employees

Across the nation, urban school district employees have gone above and beyond the call of duty during the coronavirus pandemic, from passing out meals, to distributing laptops, to conducting lessons online and making house calls.

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## Upcoming Events

### 64th Annual Fall Conference

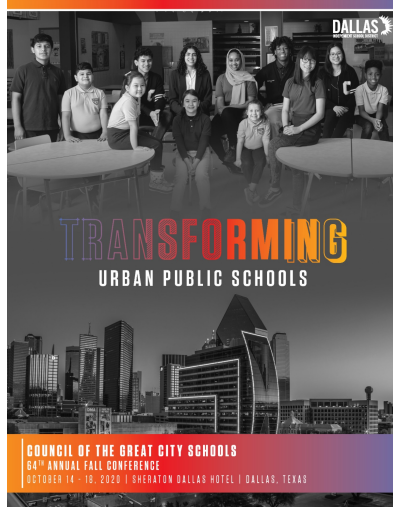
The Council of the Great City Schools is holding its 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference in Dallas.

**When:**

October 14 - October 18, 2020

**Where:**

Sheraton Dallas Hotel  
400 N. Olive St  
Dallas, TX 75201



[Register Link](#)



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