

Graduation 2019 News

**Assemblymember Rodriguez Will Be Keynote Speaker for Commencement;
Rodriguez and Moran to Receive Honorary Degrees**



Assemblymember Robert J. Rodriguez, BA, MBA.



Alina Moran, MPA, FAB

At the Class of 2019 Commencement ceremony on May 21 at Alice Tully Hall, the keynote address will be delivered by New York State **Assemblymember Robert J. Rodriguez, BA, MBA**. He was elected to the New York State Assembly in November 2010, and represents New York's 68th Assembly District, NYCPM's, which includes East Harlem, Central Harlem, and parts of the Upper East Side in Manhattan. He has helped champion legislation in Albany that would be of great benefit to FCNY and put it on equal footing with other academic-affiliated patient centers including SUNY Optometry and NYU Dental. He will also receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa* at the ceremony.

The additional honoree is **Alina Moran, MPA, FAB**, Chief Executive Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, the community hospital of choice for residents of East Harlem and neighboring communities. Ms. Moran leads day-to-day operations of the 338-bed acute-care facility, overseeing a \$355 million budget and over 2,500 employees. Metropolitan is part of NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest public hospital system in the country, and Metropolitan is a clinical affiliate of NYCPM. Ms. Moran will also receive the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa* at the ceremony.



A new Faculty Marshall will debut at commencement. With the departure of Dr. Peter Barbosa (see story), **Matrona Giakoumis, DPM ('10)**, has assumed the role of Faculty Council President and will service as Faculty Marshall.

Ninety-three students will receive Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degrees at the ceremony.