II.B - Medgar Evers College, Honorary Degrees
to be awarded at the annual Convocation
Ceremony on September 26, 2011

Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne is the founder, president and chief executive officer of Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery & Grill, which employs over 1,000 people and is the largest manufacturer, distributor and franchisor of Caribbean baked products in the United States. Mr. Hawthorne is active in a number of civic associations and currently serves as Chairman of the American Foundation of the University of the West Indies. He is a graduate of Bronx Community College. He has established a scholarship program for needy students at Bronx Community College and has also provided scholarships for high school students on their way to college.

Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva was the president of Brazil from 2002-2010 and is widely regarded as the most popular president in the history of the nation. President Da Silva improved the lives of the poor in Brazil while growing the country’s economy to the eighth largest in the world and still paying off foreign debt. President Da Silva instituted several measures to support the Afro-Brazilian population in Brazil, including implementing various educational, religious, health and other social programs to improve their living conditions and foster equality.