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### Carolyn Williams collection, 1983-2012

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**Guide to the Carolyn Williams Collection, 1983-2012**  
**LD6501.B758 W55**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Carolyn Williams Collection, 1983-2012</b>
<b>Collection ID:</b>	<b>LD6501.B758 W55</b>
<b>Creator:</b>	<b>Bronx Community College</b>
<b>Extent:</b>	<b>35 linear feet (includes oversized artifacts)</b>
<b>Repository:</b>	<b>Archives and Special Collections. Bronx Community College</b>

### Abstract

The Carolyn Williams Collection consists of 35 linear feet of plaques, awards, citations, and art objects given to Carolyn Williams during her career.

## Administrative Information

### Access

Collection is open to the public. Library policy on photocopying will apply. Advance notice may be required.

### Publication Rights

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### Preferred Citation

Identification of item, date (if known); The Carolyn Williams Collection, LD6501.B758 W55, box number; Archives and Special Collections, Bronx Community College.

### Custodial History

The New Hall and Library Collection was donated to Archives and Special Collections in 2016 by the Office of the President of Bronx Community College.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed and cataloged in 2017.

## **Biographical Note**

Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams is the first woman to serve as the leader of the Bronx Community College of the City University of New York. She was named its sixth president in June 1996. Prior to assuming this presidency, Dr. Williams served as the President of Los Angeles Southwest College, 1991-96. Her reputation as an expert in designing programs to help community college students continue their post-secondary education was utilized by The Ford Foundation Urban Transfer Opportunity Program, the United Negro College Fund Transfer Opportunity Program and the National Center for Educational Alliances. Under her 15-year leadership at Bronx Community College, national and international outreach programs at the College were expanded, particularly through the National Center for Educational Alliances which oversaw activities in Austria and South Africa. Dr. Williams was instrumental to the inception and consequent construction of the New Hall and Library from 2009-2012 and the Children's Center building on campus in 2011. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's degree in urban planning, and a PhD in higher education, all from Wayne State University in Detroit.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Carolyn G. Williams collection consists of awards, citations, and gifts given to Dr. Williams during her tenure as President of Los Angeles Southwest College (1992-1996) and President of Bronx Community College (1996-2011). Several of the objects pertain to Dr. Williams' involvement in organizations such as the National Council on Black American Affairs and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The collection consists of plaques, glass works, small works of sculptures, and other objects.

## **Organization Note**

Items in this collection are organized chronologically.

## **Access Points**

### **Subject Names**

Williams, Carolyn

### **Document Type**

Awards.

Artifacts.

Sculpture.

Paintings.

**Subject Organizations**

Bronx Community College.  
 Los Angeles Southwest College.  
 National Council on Black American Affairs.

**Subject Topics**

College administrators.  
 Community colleges.

**Subject Places**

Bronx (New York, N.Y.)

**Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	Yankees cookie tin	undated	Cookie tin with images of Yankees stadium. Bronx Chamber of Commerce sticker affixed.
1	Letter holder	undated	An unremarkable letter-holder.
1	Small African mask sculpture	undated	Small African mask sculpture.
1	Pewter tumbler	undated	Pewter tumbler.
1	Service to Education Plaque	undated	Glass plaque marked "Service to Education".
2	Glass plate 10 years leadership	6/24/2005	Glass plate with inscription "Ten Years Leadership BCC 50th Anniversary Gala".
2	NCBAA award	10/2009	Glass plaque. Awarded by the National Council on Black American Affairs with the inscription "In Recognition of your support for the NCBAA Leadership Development Institute". Awarded at Chicago, Illinois.
2	NCBAA Plaque	4/10/2011	Glass plaque inscribed "NCBAA honors".

<b>Box</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
2	Unity and Strength Association plaque	3/25/1999	Plaque presented by the Unity and Strength Association.
2	Citation of Merit	3/19/2002	Citation of Merit presented by Adolfo Carrión Jr., President of the Borough of the Bronx.
3	Disability Awareness Glass Plaque	5/2000	Glass plaque with inscription "Disability Awareness Recognition Award".
3	Chicago Plaque	4/2001	Glass plaque with inscription "City College of Chicago Salutes America's Community Colleges"
3	G & B Glass plaque	3/17/2012	Glass plaque with inscription "G and B Foundation, Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award - Former President of BCC".
3	Glass plate with artwork	undated	Glass plate with mounted artwork in straw, leaves, braided cord, and plaster. Plaster sections are damaged. Labeled "Traviza Pieza Escultural Edición Limitada" and "Hecho A Mano #30".
3	China Plate	undated	Plate with raised image of the Great Wall of China.
4	Plastic NCBAAs plaque	10/2008	Plastic plaque inscribed with "In Recognition of your support for the NCBAAs Leadership Institute for Mid-Level Administrators in Community College October 13-17, 2008".
4	BCC 50th Anniversary Plaque	2007	Awarded to Carolyn Williams on 50th Anniversary of Bronx Community College.
5	TRIO plaque	2004	Plaque from TRIO-SSS-PASS Center.
5	Dominican parade plaque	5/4/2005	Plaque from Bronx Dominican Parade Scholarship Fund.
5	Chamber of Commerce certificate	3/30/2007	Certificate of Recognition issued by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

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5	Monmouth University award	11/14/2008	Plaque from Monmouth University's Graduate Department of Psychological Counseling in Recognition of Pioneering Contributions to and Activities in Higher Education.
6	Marcella R. Brown wooden plaque	10/15/2006	Wooden plaque from board of directors of Marcella R. Brown Foundation.
6	University Heights High School plaque	2007	Plaque from University Heights High School.
6	NCBAA/AACC plaque	1992	Awarded by the National Council on Black American Affairs of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.
7	Washington DC box	undated	Box with hinged lid. Outside of lid has image of the Capitol building and an image of Washington DC on the underside. The floor of the box has a plate reading "ACE Board of Directors".
7	LA Southwest College tile	10/1993	Labeled "Manganese Ironspot tile used to face the ellipse of the LA Southwest College Technical Education Building October, 1993. Memento donated by "Shirley Bros. Construction, Edward C. Baker & Assoc. Architects, Ralph A. Carlson Enterprises".
7	Wooden animal sculpture	undated	Wooden sculpture of an animal, possibly a tapir.
8	Line Drawings	undated	Eight line drawing of people.
9	Phi Delta Kappa plaque	1995	Issued by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa - Beta Phi Chapter.
9	African-American Legal Defense and Education Fund plaque	undated	African-American Legal Defense and Education Fund plaque
10	AACC Board of Director's plaque	2000	Awarded for service as chair from July 1, 1999 to June, 30, 2000.
10	AACC Board of Director's plaque	2000	Awarded for service as chair from July 1, 1999 to June, 30, 2000. Identical to the above item but also bearing the emblem of the AACC.

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10	AACC Board of Director's plaque	2000	Awarded for service as chair from July 1, 1996 to June, 30, 2000.
11	California State Assembly plaque	5/19/1992	Plaque from California State Assembly to faculty and administration of Southwest College.
11	Development of the African-American Manchild III plaque	2/13/1994	Given regarding the Strategies for the Development of the African- American Manchild III conference.
11	University of Texas at Austin plaque	1999	Issued by the University of Texas at Austin for the Community College Leadership Program naming Carolyn Williams as visiting scholar.
11	Joseph L. Gruber award	2000	Awarded by the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc.
12	Southwest Community College plaque	8/19/1996	Awarded to Carolyn Williams as president of the college.
12	Juanita Miner Community Service Award	4/12/1997	Issued by the North Bronx Section of the National Council of Negro Women.
12	Boy Scout plaque	1999	Plaque with Boy Scouts of America emblem inscribed "Boys Scouts of America 1999 Board of Directors Campaign - Bronx Council".
13	National Archives and Records Administration plaque	undated	Plastic plaque with fragment of red tape suspended inside. Inscription describes the tape as taken from Civil War records.
13	Small glass box	undated	Small glass box marked "Miami- Dade Community College Carolyn G. Williams".



<b>Box</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
13	Clock/Thermometer/Hydrometer	undated	Combination clock/thermometer/hydrometer mounted in a metal block labeled "ACE".
13	Waterford clock	undated	Clock with sticker "Waterford crystal made in Ireland".
13	ASC Senate plaque	1996	Plaque awarded by Senate of Los Angeles Southwest College to Carolyn Williams for service as President from August 3, 1992 to August 23, 1996.
13	Educator Award	undated	Awarded by Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers Inc.
13	CAEL Plaque	2007	Awarded for service on board of directors.
14	Leaf engraving	1999	Glass block with engraving of a leaf marked "Schlauser". There is an empty cylindrical cavity in the block possibly indicating a missing piece.
14	Student Government Association 2002 plaque	2002	Plaque presented by the Bronx Community College Student Government Association.
14	London Met paperweight	undated	Paperweight marked with London Metropolitan University icon.
14	Pen holder	undated	Desktop pen holder with a ballpoint and fountain pen.
14	Vietnam plaque	undated	Glass plaque from Vietnam Association of Community Colleges.

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14	Thomas W. Smith plaque	undated	Plastic plaque inscribed "CUNY Baccalaureate Program Thomas W. Smith Academic Fellowship.
14	Puzzle sculpture	undated	Sculpture which also functions as a three-dimensional puzzle. Marked "Mar del Plata Argentina".
14	Middle College High School plaque	1996	Middle College High School plaque
15	Glass clock	1996	Glass clock. Underside is inscribed "Carolyn G. Williams In Recognition 1996 NBCAA".
15	New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women plaque	9/30/2000	Presented to Carolyn Williams by Dr. Suzan D. Johnson Cook, president, and the members of the board of directors.
15	Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Award	8/24/2007	Mavis & Ephraim Hawthorne Award presented to Carolyn Williams for "outstanding contributions in the field of education in the United States".
15	Trio Day clock	2009	Glass plaque inscribed "Carolyn G. Williams President Bronx Community College Trio Day 2009". Inset clock. Has rod on rear side as a stand.
16	Student Government Association 2003 plaque	2003	Plaque presented by the Bronx Community College Student Government Association.
16	Organization for International Development plaque	undated	"Community Service Award" presented to Carolyn Williams from the Organization for International Development.
17	Highland Park Community College plaque	5/23/1989	Plaque presented to Carolyn Williams for "seven years of outstanding leadership of Highland Park Community College".

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17	NCBAA Distinguished Achievement Award	1991	Award for Carolyn Williams's presidency of the NCBAA/AAJC from July 1986 to June 1991.
18	Citation of Merit	2/18/1998	Citation of Merit from Fernando Ferrer, President of the Borough of the Bronx.
18	Bronx Hispanic Foundation plaque	12/1/2004	Plaque presented to Carolyn Williams by the Bronx Hispanic Foundation.
19	Pen stand with clock	1996	Pen stand with mounted clock and nameplate.
19	Apple sculpture	3/4/1997	Pewter sculpture of apple on wooden base with plaque "Carolyn G. Williams President, Bronx Community College Welcome to N.Y. from N.Y.W.A. and Greater N.Y. Links March 4, 1997". Also marked "Queen's Art Pewter Limited".
19	Pedestal missing sculpture	12/11/1997	Pedestal from Network Organization of Bronx Women missing companion sculpture.
19	Al Gore letter	6/18/1998	Framed photograph and letter from Vice President Al Gore.
19	Glass plaque with wooden stand	2007	Glass plaque with separate wooden stand. Plaque is inscribed "In Recognition of 10 Years of Outstanding Leadership, Commitment, and Service Bronx Community College Men2 Committee Black Male Initiative CUNY".
19	NCBAA/Community Colleges Plaque	4/2007	Plaque from National Council on Black American Affairs and American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Inscribed "Carolyn G. Williams President 1985-1991".
19	Clapperboard plaque	6/12/2008	Plaque in the shape of a film clapperboard inscribed with "KODAK Student Filmmaker".
19	Wooden statue of woman	3/2011	Wooden statue of a woman holding a piece of paper which reads "State of Florida 1905 Official Charter Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Girls". The base is inscribed "Dr. Carolyn G. Williams NCBAA/NE".

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19	Women's Hall of Fame Plaque	3/31/2011	Plaque for honorary induction into the BCC Virtual Hall of Fame.
19	Glass bowl and pen stand	undated	Glass bowl with label "Mikasa Austria" and glass pen stand with inlaid clock and label NCBAAs- AACC.
19	Glass cup sculpture	undated	Glass cup with BCC crest and inscription "SGA 2006-2007."
19	Wooden sculpture of person	undated	Stylized wooden sculpture of a person with a sticker which reads "Compliments of NCBAAs/NE AACC".
19	Framed bead artwork	undated	Framed artwork composed of beads and cords.
19	Portrait of an old woman	undated	Portrait of an old woman.
20	George E. Pataki plaque	2003	Glass plaque from New York Governor George E. Pataki to "African American Leader of Excellence in State Service".
20	Annie Moore statue	2011	Small statue labeled "Annie Moore Ellis Island 1892" with the base labeled "Dr. Carolyn G. Williams Bronx Community College Irish Heritage Committee College Honoree March 10, 2011".
20	COPE Plaque	undated	Glass plaque awarded to Carolyn Williams for service as chair of COPE sub-committee on faculty, staff, and administration.

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20	Statue of Boy Scout	undated	"Child's Champion" award from the Bronx Council and the Boy Scouts of America.
20	Mizner quote paperweight	undated	Paperweight with inscription "When you steal from one author, it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research - Wilson Mizner 1870- 1933".
20	Large vase	undated	Large vase with images of flowers and peacocks.
20	Kaleidoscope Award	1997	Award dated 1997 with stand marked "Kaleidoscope by Chesnick Scopes 1983".
20	Marble cylinder with clock	1994	Inscribed "Happy Birthday, Dr. Darolyn Williams - LASC".
21	Spirit of Detroit Award	4/25/1991	
21	"The Madibogo Prayer" painting	1995	Painting by Kim Buma entitled "The Madibogo Prayer". Marked "63/65".
21	Los Angeles County resolution	8/17/1996	Resolution of county of Los Angeles honoring Carolyn Williams.
21	California Legislature resolution	8/29/1996	Resolution of California Legislative Assembly honoring Carolyn Williams.
21	Bank Street College plaque	1997	Bank Street College of Education greeting sent on the occasion of Carolyn Williams' installation as president of BCC.
21	Citation of Merit	10/22/1997	Citation of Merit presented by Fernando Ferrer, President of the Borough of the Bronx
21	New York State Assembly Citation	10/22/1997	Citation of merit from the New York State Assembly.

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21	Citation of Merit	3/26/2002	Citation of Merit presented by Adolfo Carrión Jr., President of the Borough of the Bronx.
21	Quinnipiac University honorary degree	5/21/2006	Honorary degree from Quinnipiac University of Doctor of Humane Letters.
21	CUNY Educational Summit plaque	3/16/2011	Women's History Month award from Third Annual CUNY Educational Summit.
21	Mask with glass eyes	undated	Mask with glass eyes.
21	Animal mask with glass eyes	undated	Animal mask with glass eyes.
21	LASC mug	undated	Mug with logo of Los Angeles Southwest College.
21	Los Angeles Resolution	undated	Framed resolution of city of Los Angeles honoring Carolyn Williams.
21	Phi Theta Kappa Honorary membership	undated	Honorary membership in Phi Theta Kappa honors society.
21	Msinga necklace	undated	Mounted and framed necklace.
22	MHHC Foundation 2004 Education Leadership award	2004	Glass plaque.
22	Ida B. Wells statue	1997	Statue on base. Base has plate which reads "Dr. Carolyn G. Williams President Los Angeles Southwest College Inaugurated October 15, 1993 National Council on Black American Affairs/AACC". The rear of the statue is signed M. Helcombe and dated 1997.
22	Rosa Parks Medallion	1999	Congressional Rosa Parks medallion.

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22	Harvard mug	undated	Coffee mug with Harvard seal.
22	York St. John clock	undated	Glass clock labeled "York St. John".
22	Boy Scouts cup	undated	Pewter cup with Boy Scouts of America emblem. "Woodbury Pewter" marked on underside.
22	Green vase	undated	Bears no markings.
22	Small baskets	undated	Apparently created as decorations.
22	New York Council plaque	undated	Plaque from Council of the City of New York congratulating Carolyn Williams on being named "woman of the year" by the Network Organization of Bronx Women.
22	New York State Assembly Commendation	undated	Commendation issued by the Assembly of the State of the New York.