



QUEENS COLLEGE SYDNEY SPERO MEMORIAL AWARD



As a working woman who had to go to college at night, Sydney Spero empathized with students in similar circumstances. She voluntarily tutored youngsters in elementary school with reading problems. She read to blind students at the Lighthouse. As an administrator, first at the American Nurses Association and then at Columbia University, she participated in drives to unionize these institutions, supported affirmative action programs, and helped defend minority workers who were unfairly treated. She would be thrilled by the purpose of this award created in her honor.

Queens College Extension Center 2001 Annual Sydney Spero Awards

The annual Sydney Spero writing awards are presented at the end of every spring semester. Nathan Spero, our librarian, in honor of his wife, Sydney, sponsors these awards. Cash prizes of \$500 will be given to one undergraduate and one graduate student. Previous recipients are not eligible.

This year, the Spero committee consists of Nat Spero, Librarian, Linda Levin, Skills Specialist and Michael C. Becton, student and last year's recipient. Entries must be submitted by May 15th, 2001 and may be in the form of an essay or a short story at least 2 doubled-spaced, typewritten pages long. Please use the following criteria as a guide for your submission.

Your entry must reflect how your **course** work this semester has changed your outlook or point of view about an important issue such as education, community, urban living and social life in political terms. How has this change helped you grow personally as well as professionally?

Please see any committee member if you have any questions about the contest. The winning pieces will be read at our graduation ceremony in June. We look forward to reading your thoughts as you reflect on your experiences at the Extension Center while honoring the memory of a woman who, like you, knew the value of education and how it can change your life.