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Fund for the City of New York Announces 2026 Sloan Public Service Award Honorees

Six extraordinary public servants recognized for transformational leadership, innovation, and service to New York City

NEW YORK, NY — The Fund for the City of New York today announced the recipients of the 2026 Sloan Public Service Awards, widely regarded as one of New York City's highest honors for career public service. The awards recognize six exceptional public servants whose leadership, innovation, and commitment have strengthened public institutions and improved the lives of New Yorkers across housing, healthcare, sanitation, education, libraries, and public spaces.

The 2026 Sloan Public Service Award honorees are:

- **Daniel Greene**
Executive Vice President for Property Management Operations
New York City Housing Authority
- **Danielle Keane**
Principal, PS 5 Port Morris School of Community Leadership
New York City Public Schools
- **Jonathan Kuhn**
Director, Office of Art & Antiquities
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation
- **Larissa Larrier**
Manager of Digital Navigation Initiatives
Brooklyn Public Library

- **Frank Lettera**
Assistant Chief, Office of the Commissioner
New York City Department of Sanitation
- **Theodore G. Long, MD, MHS, LHD (HON)**
System Chief Medical Officer, Clinical Services and Population Health; Chief
Executive Officer, NYC H+H Accountable Care Organization

Presented annually since 1973, the Sloan Public Service Awards honor career public servants whose work exemplifies excellence in government and strengthens the civic life of New York City. Over more than five decades, the awards have recognized leaders whose skill, integrity, and commitment sustain some of the nation's most complex public systems and services.

This year's honorees collectively represent extraordinary breadth and impact across city government and public institutions. Their accomplishments include leading the nation's largest municipal healthcare access initiative for uninsured residents, transforming one of New York City's most challenged public schools, overseeing environmental remediation efforts in the country's largest public housing authority, expanding digital equity and neighborhood library access, modernizing major citywide sanitation operations, and preserving one of the nation's most significant public art and monuments collections.

"The Sloan Public Service Awards remind us that the strength of New York City depends in large measure on the extraordinary public servants who work every day to improve the lives of others," said **Dr. Lisette Nieves, President of the Fund for the City of New York**. "This year's honorees represent different agencies, disciplines, and career paths, but they share a profound commitment to public service excellence, institutional leadership, and the people of New York City. Their work reflects the very best of government at its most effective, innovative, and humane."

The honorees were selected through a rigorous multi-stage review process led by an independent Selection Panel composed of accomplished civic, nonprofit, philanthropic, and public sector leaders.

"It has been an extraordinary privilege to chair this year's Sloan Public Service Award Selection Panel alongside such distinguished and deeply committed panel members," said **Georgia Boothe, Executive Vice President of Children's Aid and Chair of the Sloan Public Service Award Selection Panel**. "In honoring these six remarkable public servants, we also honor the hundreds of thousands of public sector workers whose dedication sustains New York City every day. These honorees remind us that excellence in public

service is not abstract — it is visible in stronger schools, safer housing, healthier communities, cleaner neighborhoods, and more accessible civic institutions.”

Several honorees led nationally significant initiatives at moments of major civic challenge. Dr. Ted Long directed large-scale public health and humanitarian response efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and the arrival of asylum seekers in New York City. Daniel Greene has overseen environmental health reforms and lead remediation initiatives affecting more than 500,000 NYCHA residents. Frank Lettera has helped implement major citywide sanitation modernization and cleanup initiatives across one of the world’s most operationally complex municipal sanitation systems.

Other honorees focused on strengthening community institutions and expanding opportunity. Danielle Keane transformed PS 5 in the South Bronx into a nationally recognized model of community-centered education and student support. Larissa Larrier advanced digital inclusion and innovative neighborhood-based library services throughout Brooklyn. Jonathan Kuhn spent nearly four decades preserving and expanding New York City’s public art, monuments, and civic cultural assets.

“These honorees reflect the remarkable complexity, scale, and impact of modern public service,” said **Dr. Aldrin Rafael Bonilla, Executive Vice President of the Fund for the City of New York**. “Whether improving healthcare access for uninsured New Yorkers, strengthening neighborhood schools and libraries, preserving public history and culture, modernizing essential city operations, or improving living conditions for hundreds of thousands of residents, each of these leaders demonstrates how thoughtful, mission-driven public service can profoundly shape the future of New York City.”

The 2026 Sloan Public Service Awards Citywide Reception and Ceremony will take place on **Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the New York Historical Society** and will bring together public servants, civic leaders, nonprofit executives, elected officials, and private sector partners from across New York City.

About the Fund for the City of New York

Since 1968, the Fund for the City of New York has worked to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers by advancing innovation, effectiveness, and excellence in government and nonprofit operations. Through programs, partnerships, and special initiatives, the Fund supports practical solutions that help public institutions better serve New York City and its residents.

Through initiatives such as the Sloan Public Service Awards, the Fund recognizes the public servants whose leadership, integrity, and innovation strengthen New York City and improve the lives of millions of residents. Established in 1973, the Sloan Public Service Awards are

widely regarded as one of New York City's highest honors for career public service. Each Sloan Public Service Award honoree receives a \$10,000 prize, a commemorative crystal trophy, a professional portrait, a video profile highlighting their work and impact, and inclusion in a commemorative publication recognizing their contributions to New York City.