

OLIVER SCHOLARS GALA

2018 Host
SHIRLEY RUMIERK



Shirley will play the role of "Vanessa Suarez" on Jason Katims' *Rise* for NBC. Last year, she starred in the independent film *11:55* opposite John Leguizamo and Elizabeth Rodriguez as well as in David Frankel's *Collateral Beauty* for New Line Cinema, starring Will Smith. She recently completed guest star roles on *Blue Bloods* for CBS and *Power* for Starz. Shirley is a proud Board member of The 52nd Street Project in New York City, which teaches kids in Hell's Kitchen the importance of theater and arts education while working alongside professional working actors (a program she was a member of as a child). Shirley is also a proud Alumna of Oliver Scholars, an organization that unlocks doors of opportunity for high achieving Black and Latino students in New York City. Shirley is a graduate of Harvard University.