

'Justice of Law' Sonia Sotomayor cracks jokes at Lehman College at Dream Big Initiative event

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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor had encouraging words for children part of the Dream Big Initiative during her visit Saturday.

Turns out they have more in common than just the block.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor told a packed Bronx theater Saturday that she and singer Jennifer Lopez could share the moniker J.Lo.

"I'm the justice of law and order from the Bronx," the borough's other favorite daughter joked with a few hundred people at Lehman College.

Sotomayor, confirmed earlier this month as the court's first Hispanic justice, was there to address children who were part of the Dream Big Initiative, a Bronx Children's Museum program based on her success.

"You can be like all of us," she said of herself and other city, state and local politicians on the stage, "by having dreams and working hard."

The children in the program created art inspired by Sotomayor's life, including a model of the Bronx in pastel.

Bronx native Frank Garcia, 77, choked up when Sotomayor was introduced. "It's fantastic, fantastic," he said.

Mayor Bloomberg joked that the court needed a judge from one more borough. "My job is to make sure we get one from the fifth borough, Staten Island," he said.

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