



**Subject:** Welcoming Our New Student Chaplain and Updates to the Interfaith Space

Dear City College Community,

As we begin the Fall 2025 semester, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Joshua Medina** as our new **Student Chaplain**, effective **September 16, 2025**. The creation of this role reflects our shared commitment to providing a welcoming, inclusive, and safe campus environment that supports the diverse spiritual and personal needs of our students.

Mr. Medina brings extensive experience in pastoral care, interfaith engagement, and community leadership. He has served as a Chaplain Resident at Northshore University Hospital, a First Lieutenant Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve, and Lead Pastor for the Christian & Missionary Alliance in New York. With a Master of Divinity and training in Clinical Pastoral Education, he is well-prepared to foster dialogue, provide counseling, and create inclusive spaces for diverse communities.

The chaplaincy is not new to City College but has been dormant for several years. As the needs of our community have grown and evolved, we believe those needs will now be best met by bringing back a professional who can ensure that our Interfaith and Meditation Space remains inclusive, safe, and responsive to the diverse traditions represented on campus.

In his new role, Mr. Medina will:

- **Manage and oversee the Interfaith and Meditation Space**, ensuring it remains a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all students.
- **Foster interfaith dialogue and collaboration**, while supporting students from all faith and spiritual traditions.
- **Provide pastoral care and guidance** to members of the college community.
- **Facilitate interfaith programming** that promotes mutual understanding and respect across diverse traditions.

To further support this mission, the following procedures will be in place for the Interfaith and Meditation Space:

- All students using the Interfaith and Meditation Space must **enter through NAC Room 1/211** and **sign in upon arrival**.
- **Partitions will remain available** in the room to allow students to pray or meditate with additional privacy, if they wish.
- The space is to be used for **individual prayer, meditation, and quiet reflection**—not for group meetings or programming.
- Students must **respect others' time, space, and beliefs**, keeping in mind that this space belongs to the entire CCNY community.



You can read the full guidelines for the Interfaith and Meditation Space here: [CCNY Interfaith Space Guidelines](#).

We are confident that Mr. Medina's leadership and experience will help us ensure that the Interfaith and Meditation Space fulfills its mission as a sanctuary for all, regardless of faith or background. His work will be rooted in collaboration, understanding, and respect, values that are at the core of our college community.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Joshua Medina to City College. We look forward to the positive impact he will have on our students and the broader campus community.

Regards,

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