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The City College
of New York

C C N Y M E D I A K I T

City College Facts

LOCATION

Main campus: 160 Convent Ave., New York, N.Y., 10031

A public college in Manhattan whose 37-acre campus is a tree-lined Gothic Revival masterpiece perched atop a hill in historic Harlem.

CCNY provides a conducive setting for academic and research pursuits while remaining a vital part of the city that it serves.

Lower Manhattan Campus: Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Center for Worker Education, 25 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

CAMPUS

37 contiguous acres stretching along Convent Avenue between West 130th Street and West 141st Street

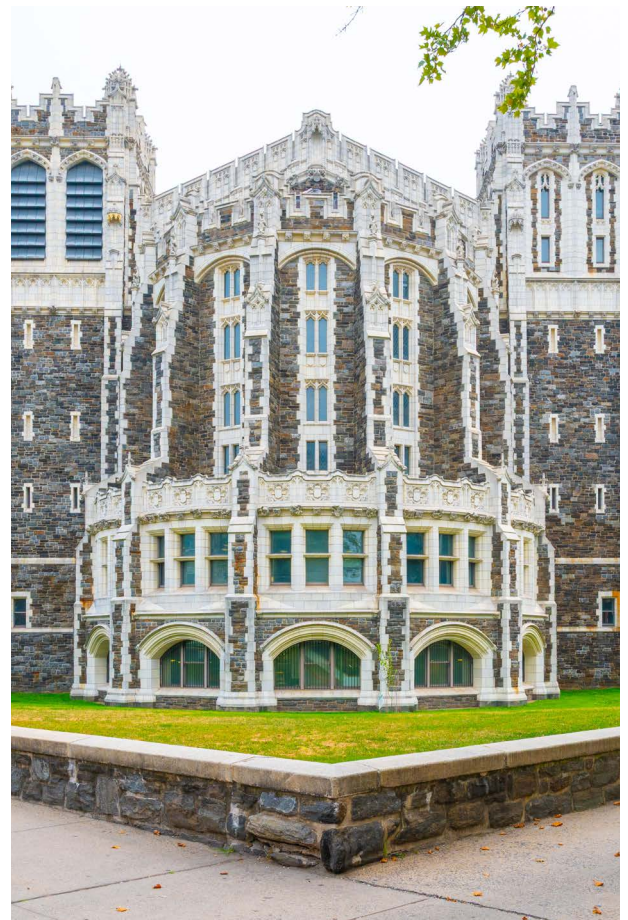
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RESEARCH

The City College is home to research institutes in the sciences, engineering and social sciences. Research expertise on campus includes areas as diverse as nanoscience, photonics, alternative energy, water resources, transportation and public policy. In the humanities and the arts, faculty receive support for research and creative activity leading to scholarly publications, art exhibits, and performances. In addition, education faculty blend knowledge derived from multiple theoretical perspectives with an appreciation for excellent clinical practice, and a commitment to addressing the challenges facing urban teachers. The City College Center for Discovery and Innovation engages in advanced research in key interdisciplinary fields. It is a magnet for regional, national and international researchers and a hub of learning for students and faculty. The influential Carnegie Classifications of Institutions of Higher Education has designated CCNY as a Research 2 (R2) institution, a doctoral university with high research activity.



ENROLLMENT

17,000

LEADERSHIP

President: **Vince Boudreau**
Provost: **Tony Liss**

ACADEMICS

The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership

School of Education

Grove School of Engineering

Division of Humanities and the Arts

Division of Interdisciplinary Studies at Center for Worker Education (CWE)

Division of Science

Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education



LIBRARIES

Morris Raphael Cohen (main) Library plus six specialized or branch libraries: Architecture Library, Art Visual Library, Center for Worker Education Library, Dominican Studies Library, Music Library and Science and Engineering Library. The collection includes more than 980,000 electronic books, 950,000 print volumes and 118,000 electronic journals. As a federal depository since 1884, the libraries hold more than 100,000 government documents.

STUDENT PROFILE

Scoring highly in several categories nationally, The City College of New York is a top performer on social mobility, remains one of the most diverse campuses, and has one of the best undergraduate engineering programs in the country.

The following is how City College fares in the annual evaluation of America's top degree-granting schools:

Ranked as a Best Global University by U.S. News & World Report in its 2026 rankings of the top institutions worldwide.

Top 2.2% in Best Universities Worldwide (Center for World University Rankings).

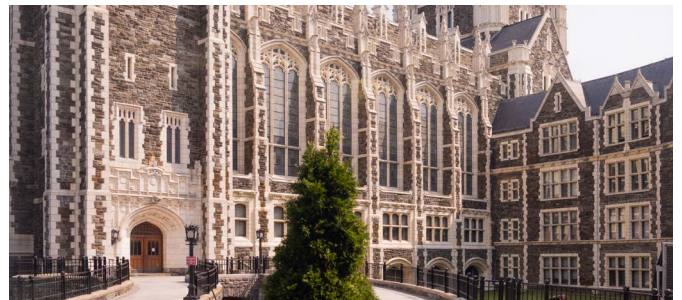
Ranked #1 nationally among universities for economic return on investment by Degree Choices.

CCNY's Grove School of Engineering is ranked among the nation's Best Graduate Schools by U.S. News & World Report.

City College students are frequent recipients of national and international awards, including Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, Goldwater, Gilman, Math for America Fellowships, Javits Fellowships, and National Science Foundation Research Fellowships.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

In addition to its distinction as one of the nation's most ethnically diverse institutions, CCNY is ranked among the "Best Colleges in the U.S." by the Princeton Review, Forbes and U.S. News & World Report. It's also one of the "Best Value Colleges" as measured by the Princeton Review and is ranked in the top 1.2 % of institutions globally by the Center for World University Rankings. CCNY embraces its role at the forefront of social change. It is ranked #1 by the Harvard-based Opportunity Insights out of 369 selective public colleges in the United States on the overall mobility index.



FACULTY SUCCESS

City College faculty members are frequent recipients of national and international awards, including Fulbright, Guggenheim, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation fellowships and grants, and book writing awards. Faculty research awards and contracts in Financial Year 2026 totaled **\$70,272,394.30**.

A HISTORY OF THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

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| <p>1847 City College is founded as the Free Academy by Townsend Harris at 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. It is the first public institution of higher education in New York City and the first tuition-free college in the nation.</p> <p>1853 The Alumni Association of The City College of New York is founded by the class of 1853.</p> <p>1884 William Hallett becomes the first known African- American graduate of CCNY.</p> <p>1907 CCNY's uptown campus, designed by George P. Post, opens along Convent Avenue.</p> <p>1919 City College School of Technology, and City College School of Business and Civic Administration established.</p> <p>1921 Albert Einstein delivers his first-ever academic lecture in the United States in CCNY's Great Hall on April 14. The School of Education is established.</p> <p>1930 Women are first admitted to graduate and business programs.</p> <p>1940 Legendary avant-garde filmmaker Hans Richter establishes City College's film program.</p> <p>1950 CCNY's men's basketball becomes first and only team to win both the NCAA and NIT tournaments in one season.</p> <p>1951 City College becomes entirely coeducational.</p> <p>1953 CCNY acquires the campus of Manhattanville College and expands south to 130th Street on Convent Avenue.</p> <p>1962 The School of Technology becomes the School of Engineering and moves into its new home in Steinman Hall.</p> <p>1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers the commencement address.</p> <p>1968 The School of Architecture is established. CCNY's Baruch School of Business and Civic Administration becomes Baruch College of the City University of New York.</p> <p>1970 CCNY leads the establishment of the "Open Admissions" program in CUNY.</p> <p>1973 Lewisohn Stadium, an amphitheater and athletic facility built in 1915, is demolished to make way for the North Academic Center.</p> | <p>1976 Tuition is imposed at the height of New York City's fiscal crisis.</p> <p>1978 The Center of Biomedical Education becomes the Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Education</p> <p>1979 Performing arts center Aaron Davis Hall opens.</p> <p>1982 The North Academic Center, housing classrooms, offices, cafeterias and a library, opens as the largest academic building in the CUNY system.</p> <p>1990 Nelson Mandela receives the CCNY President's Medal.</p> <p>1993 Yolanda T. Moses becomes the first female president of CCNY.</p> <p>2005 School of Engineering becomes the Grove School of Engineering, named for Dr. Andrew S. Grove '60, a CCNY alumnus and co-founder of Intel Corp.</p> <p>2006 The Towers at The City College of New York, the first residence hall built on a CUNY campus, opens.</p> <p>2009 The School of Architecture becomes the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture. It is named for Bernard Spitzer '43, a New York City real estate developer.</p> <p>2013 The Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership, formerly the Division of Social Science, is inaugurated.</p> <p>2015 CCNY establishes CUNY School of Medicine, the first at a public school in upper Manhattan.</p> <p>2016 Michelle Obama delivers her last commencement as FLOTUS at CCNY.</p> <p>2018 The Grove School of Engineering celebrates its centennial.</p> <p>2019 City College celebrates the Year of Film and begins planning for a year highlighting the College's work.</p> <p>2022 The City College of New York turns 175 with \$1B campaign.</p> <p>2026 CCNY announces that more than \$500 million has been raised in the campaign.</p> |
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NOTABLE ALUMNI

PUBLIC SERVICE

Gen. Colin L. Powell, (USA) ret, '58

First African-American chair of Joint Chiefs of Staff and first African-American Secretary of State

Felix Frankfurter

Class of 1902, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Edward I. Koch '45

Former mayor of New York

Orubba Almansouri '16

Salutatorian and women's activist

ARTS AND LETTER

E.Y. "Yip" Harburg '18

Lyricist who wrote the songs for "The Wizard of Oz"

Faith Ringgold '55 BS, '58 MA

Award-winning painter, quilter and author of children's books

Oscar Hijuelos '75

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist

Michelle Wallace '75

Major figure in African-American studies, feminist studies and cultural studies

Stanley Nelson '76

Regarded as the foremost chronicler of the African American experience working in nonfiction film today

Lillias White '78

Tony Award-winning actress

Walter Mosley '91MA

Writer

Maurice Ashley '93

First African-American international chess grandmaster

Ernesto Quiñonez '96BA, '06MA

Award-winning writer

Joanna Ventour, '16

Multiple award-winning communications graduate

BUSINESS

Andrew S. Grove '60

Leader in the semiconductor industry and CEO of Intel and benefactor of Grove School of Engineering

Linda Kaplan Thaler '72

CEO of The Kaplan Thaler Group

Josh S. Weston '50

Former chairman and CEO of Automated Data Processing, Inc

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

Jonas E. Salk '34

Developer of first polio vaccine

Matthew Goldstein '63

Chancellor of the City University of New York (1999-2013)

Mario Runco '74

Former astronaut who served on three space missions

Laurie C. Zephyrin '97

First ever Department of Veterans Affairs' national director for reproductive health

Antonios "Andoni" Mourdoukoutas '16

Valedictorian and NSF Graduate Research Fellow

NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATES

Dr. Julius Axelrod '33 (medicine)

Dr. Robert Hofstadter '35 (physics)

Dr. Jerome Karle '37 (chemistry)

Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman '37 (chemistry)

Dr. Arthur Kornberg '37 (medicine)

Dr. Kenneth Arrow '40 (economics)

Dr. Leon M. Lederman '43 (physics)

Dr. Arno A. Penzias '54 (physics)

Dr. Robert J. Aumann '50 (economics)

Dr. John O' Keefe '63 (physiology or medicine)

PRESIDENT'S PROFILE



Vince Boudreau is President of the City College of New York. Dr. Boudreau served as the director of the Colin L. Powell Center for Leadership and Service from 2002 through 2013. He became dean of Colin Powell School in 2013. He has served as professor of political science at City College and as a member of the City University of New York graduate faculty. A specialist in the politics of social movements, particularly in Southeast Asia, his latest book is *Resisting Dictatorship: Repression and Protest in Southeast Asia* (Cambridge University Press). He also conducts research and writes on repression, government transitions to democracy, and collective violence. Dr. Boudreau's research, supported in part by a grant from the Fulbright program, has investigated the relationship between civil society, social movements, and democratization processes in Indonesia and the Philippines. He is the academic adviser to the International Development Program at the City University of Hong Kong. At City College, Dr. Boudreau has served as the director of the M.A. Program in International Relations, the chair of the Department of Political Science, the director of the International Studies Program, and the deputy dean of the Division of Social Science. In addition to his academic work, he has undertaken projects with ActionAid Asia, Jubilee South Asia, and The Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, and has consulted for Oxfam Asia, Action of Economic Reform (Philippines), and Freedom House. Dr. Boudreau received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1991.

LIST OF CCNY PRESIDENTS

In its nearly 180 years, 13 people have served as President of The City College of New York.

1847–1869	Horace Webster
1869–1902	Alexander S. Webb
1903–1913	John Huston Finley
1914–1927	Sidney Edward Mezes
1927–1938	Frederick B. Robinson
1941–1952	Harry N. Wright
1953–1961, 1962–1969	Buell G. Gallagher
1970–1979	Robert Marshak
1981–1992	Bernard W. Harleston
1993–1999	Yolanda T. Moses
2001–2009	Gregory H. Williams
2010–2016	Lisa S. Coico
2017–Present	Vince Boudreau

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