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Greetings,

Spring is here! The ice of winter is melting and buds are blooming. City College is also in bloom. This Spring, we welcomed over a 1000 transfer students and 50 freshmen. For these students and their parents, we hosted an Orientation program, introducing them to our campus traditions and giving them tools and resources to ensure a smooth transition to our CCNY Community.

In January, the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development hosted its annual Winter Leadership Retreat, which featured workshops and seminars led by students and faculty that train students to become tomorrow’s leaders. In February, we celebrated Black History Month through lectures and community service opportunities. March, Women’s History Month, featured a Women’s Leadership Summit and various talks and seminars with faculty and staff from Foreign Languages & Literatures, International Studies and the Career Professional Development Institute.

There’s lots of excitement in Athletics. The Office of the President hosted the 2014 CUNYAC/Con Edison Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships. Congratulations to all the finalists, Staten Island, Baruch, York and Hunter and a resounding applause to Hunter College, the Women’s Basketball Champions and to York, champions in the men’s category. And for the fourth year in a row, Theirry Diessongo earned All-American honors in indoor track and field, after clocking 6:82sec in the 60 meter dash at the 2014 Division III NCAA Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Career and Professional Development Institute hosted over 50 employers at its Annual Career Fair. This year, the Spring fair featured a Career Fair app, a new app that allowed students to input their major area of study and view the employers attending the fair that were relevant to that particular area of study.

There is so much more happening in our Division and around campus and I invite you to find out more in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Juana Reina
Vice President of Student Affairs
Students Celebrate MLK Day with Service to the Community

“Life’s most enduring question is: what are you doing for others?” When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words several years ago, he may have foreseen the great work and efforts of CCNY’s CitySERV team. As they do each year on MLK day, this group of dedicated City College students took a “day on” instead of a “day off” and lent a helping hand to a neighborhood organization. This year’s CitySERV team volunteered their time at Food Bank NYC where approximately 35 students assembled food boxes so that they could be distributed to families in need.

According to Food Bank NYC volunteer coordinator, Heather McGreevy the team packaged 12,000 pounds of food which translates to over 700 meals for New York City families. Ms. McGreevy indicated that this tremendous volume of work would not have been possible without these volunteers. The student coordinators for the event Tiffany Salazar and Andrew Murjas both expressed a sense of pride and accomplishment about the efforts of their team. “Students in CitySERV donate their time throughout the school year, but doing it on Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday holds special significance” stated Ms. Salazar who is a junior majoring in Sociology.

For more information on CitySERV contact the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development at 212-650-5002 or cityserv@gtest.ccny.cuny.edu.
Leadership Programs

Winter Leadership Retreat

Over 40 students attended the 2014 Winter Leadership Retreat on Friday, January 24th. The Retreat helps prepare students to take up leadership roles in the Spring semester and featured presentations facilitated by staff members and students. Presentation topics included disability etiquette, informational interviews, body language of a leader, fundraising, personal finances and sustainable marketing.

In a post Retreat survey, one student said, “Fall 2013 was my very first semester as a leader. I did not know that being a leader [meant] a lot to [a] student’s life [on campus]! Yes, there is someone at CCNY who actually cares about the hard-work that leaders do throughout the year. Thank you very much.”

Campus Life

Now The Campus Comes To You Live!

Early this Spring, the Club Registration Team in The Office of Student Life and Leadership Development created a new webpage, The Live Campus!, that makes it easier for students to keep track of what’s happening on campus.

The Live Campus serves as an extension of The City College website to provide students with more information on upcoming student events, tips on managing student clubs, Student Government information, student leadership programs, and more.

“This will hopefully help bring clubs and organizations together for future collaborations and get more students involved in campus life.” - Merelis Ortiz

The Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, as well as information on how to start a club,” says Merelis Ortiz of Club Registration. “This will hopefully help bring clubs and organizations together for future collaborations and get more students involved in campus life,” says Merelis.

So far, students are excited about the new webpage. “There aren’t a lot of notifications for events and club meetings in the school. This is great! I know there are a lot of students who would appreciate how convenient it is that they can find everything online,” says Candice Borgella, a Media Communications Major.

Visit http://tinyurl.com/thelivecampus or for more information or stop by the Office of Student Life and Leadership development in NAC 1/210.
Campus Life

Lavender Fever Week is coming!

From April 28 to May 2, 2014, come celebrate and show your school spirit at all of our fun events! This year, all proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Schedule

Lavender Fever Week Scavenger Hunt!
Starts: April 28, 2014 at 9:00am
Ends: May 2, 2014 at 5:00pm
City College Campus

Think you know your campus? This is your chance to test your knowledge by participating in our annual Scavenger Hunt where you use CCNY clues to win great prizes.

Relaxation Station
April 28, 2014 / 12:00pm-2:00pm
Hoffman Lounge and NAC Ballroom

Relieve stress and re-energize for the upcoming weeks with yoga, relaxing massages, and bubble tea!

Lavender For A Purpose
April 29, 2014 / 12:00pm-2:00pm
NAC Quad

Come enjoy fun activities, such as inflatables, a dunk tank and a mechanical bull. All proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Movie Night
April 29, 2014 / 8:00pm-10:00pm
The Towers’ Lawn

Watch the movie Dodgeball and enjoy some light refreshment at the Towers.

Kicks for Kids
April 30, 2014 / 7:00pm-9:30pm
Nat Holman Gymnasium

Kicks for Kids is a one game elimination style kickball tournament with randomized brackets. Each team of 8 players cost $20.00. Individuals pay $3.00. The winning team will receive a gift certificate and medals.

Lavender Fest
May 1, 2014 / 12:00pm-2:00pm
NAC Plaza & NAC Quad

The highlight of Lavender Fever Week, Lavender Fest is a celebration of CCNY traditions, food and fun. Some activities include carnival booths, a sport speed cage, a video game dome and the gyroscope. Come enjoy free funnel cakes, frozen treats, popcorn, smoothies and more. Lavender Fest is also the place to get your free Lavender Week T-shirt!

CCNY’s Got Talent
May 1, 2014 / 7:00pm-11:00pm
Aronow Theatre

CCNY’s finest showcase their talents to compete for a grand prize. The talent show is open to all CCNY students!

The Affair
May 2, 2014 / 7:00pm-12:00am
Nat Holman Gym

Dress up in your 1920’s, Great Gatsby style, for the banquet gala that marks the end of Lavender Fever Week. Enjoy dinner, music and take photographs on the lavender carpet!
CPDI FUND

Need money to attend a professional conference workshop? The Student Professional Development Fund issues small grants to City College graduate and undergraduate students to defray the cost of attending conferences, un-paid internships and, professional and academic workshops. What’s Required? You need to be current enrolled and be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of the application and at the time funds are awarded. To get funds, complete an application at and submit all required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For questions call 212-650-5426 or email the Student Professional Development Fund at cpdifund@gtest.ccnycuny.edu. or scan this QR code.

Interviewing Workshop for Engineering Students
Thursday, April 10th
12:30pm-2:00pm
Steinman Hall, Rm. 2M5 (mezzanine level)

Are you an engineering student? Come to this workshop to learn more about how to succeed in an engineering interview. Sign-up at the Career and Professional Development Institute, NAC 1/116 or call 212-650-5327.

Careers for Entrepreneurs
Thursday, April 24th
12:30pm-2:00pm
Location: Steinman Lecture Hall, First floor of Steinman Hall

Come and learn more about what it takes to become an entrepreneur. Sign-up at the Career and Professional Development Institute, NAC 1/116 or call 212-650-5327.

Careers in Immigration Law
Tuesday, April 29th
2:00pm-3:15pm
NAC 6/114

Come and learn more about careers in immigration law. Sign-up at the Career and Professional Development Institute, NAC 1/116 or call 212-650-5327.
Before the Fair

Two Weeks Before:
- Job Search Toolkit
  - Resume
  - Personal business cards
- Branding
  - Social Media profiles, esp LinkedIn
- Perfect & practice your pitch

One Week Before:
- Attire For Hire
  - Professional clothes
  - Briefcase or professional bag
  - Comfortable yet appropriate footwear
- Research
  - Review registered employers
  - Develop target list
  - Prepare discussion points & questions
  - Pre-register, if applicable

March 27: Learn Over Lunch Webinar
- How to Make the Most of the CUNY Big Apple Job Fair
  - Register for the 12:30pm - 1:30pm Session: sps.cuny.edu/bigapple

The Day Before:
- Final review of registered employers
- Make copies of resume
- Confirm attire, check weather

During the Fair

Day of:
- Upon Arrival
  - Look over the registry/floorplan
  - Map out your mission
  - Relax!
- Meeting employers
  - Smile & show enthusiasm
  - Firm handshake
  - Be patient and network while you’re waiting
  - Take notes to remember people

One Day After:
- Review notes
- Draft follow-up messages
- Submit online applications

Two Days After:
- Send follow-up messages
- Connect on social media, esp LinkedIn

One Week After:
- Follow-up again if no response
- Research new job listings online

CUNY Big Apple Job Fair

CUNY School of Professional Studies

The City University of New York
The spring semester at the Towers is off to a great start! The Towers welcomed 35 new residents and its returning residents. New and returning residents enjoy various programs and activities aimed at enriching resident life and college success.

Event and activity highlights include Spring Welcome Week, where RA staff kicked off the spring semester by offering residents a week filled with social events. Events included midnight milkshakes, Grammy’s party, arts and crafts, and an ice cream social.

The EZ Pass Program is an educational program that equips residents with useful tools for a successful spring semester. EZ Pass offers sessions on time management, note taking, study skills, and more. Each session also featured a raffle giveaway.

The Towers collaborated with Public Safety in a well-attended Crime Prevention Workshop, where residents registered their iPhones, tablets, and other devices so that they can be traced if lost or stolen.

In the February Facebook Challenge, residents were asked various questions about the Towers. The resident who got the most correct answers won a prize. Questions and answers are posted on the Towers’ Facebook page.

Events and activities continue through the Spring, including Macaulay and Sophie Davis Visitation Nights at the Towers, where prospective Macaulay (April 3) and Sophie Davis (April 24) students will have an opportunity to see what life at the Towers is all about. Towers residents will host students in the Towers on April 3 (Macaulay) and April 24 (Sophie Davis). And we know it’s early, but we ask you to Save the Date for The Towers Fall 2014 Move-in, scheduled for Sunday, August 24, 2014. Look out for more details during the academic year.
Women’s History Month - Kickoff

Women's Leadership Summit 2014

Women's Leadership Summit 2014

Women’s History Month - Diversity Week

Women’s History Month - Diversity Talks
On March 7, the Career and Professional Development Institute (CPDI) hosted its Annual College Wide Career Fair in Shepard Hall. Approximately 675 students crowded the Great Hall to meet with recruiters hiring for internships, and part time and full time opportunities. This year was a little different because CPDI introduced a new Career Fair App to improve students’ experiences at the Career Fair.

After nearly ten years of planning career fairs for students, CPDI Associate Director, Rhea Faniel knew that her day at the fair would be spent networking with employers, managing logistics and answering students’ questions about which employers might be appropriate for students’ area of study. Ms. Faniel wanted to make it easy for students to find employers at this large scale event. She shared her vision for an app that would identify companies based on students’ majors and lead them directly to the right employers with Baskhar Paneri, a member of Bluecast, winner of the 2013 Kaylie entrepreneurship competition. Paneri introduced her to the Bluecast team of Edwin Mak, Crae Sosa and Tyrone Shillingford.

After weeks of consultations, source code editing and debugging, Bluecast developed the new app. Ms. Faniel and two of CPDI college assistants, Maureen Montalvo and Courtanie Sanders, worked with Bluecast to input employer information and field tested the App to ensure that it was user friendly.

Overall, students attending the Career Fair liked the app and 500 uses were recorded. Currently, the Career Fair App is only available for Android devices. Bluecast plans to add enhancements to the Career Fair App and to make it available for i-Phone users. The Career Fair App will be used at the Science, Engineering and Technology Career Fair in October 2014.
Featured Article

An Outstanding Year!

The 2013-14 season was another banner year for the City College of New York men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams, under fourth year Head Coach Hugh Reid. On the men’s side, the Beavers won their fourth consecutive City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) Championship and sixth overall. For the women, winner of five conference titles, City came up just short in the conference championship, finishing second. Five men earned conference All-Star honors while four women were recognized among the best in CUNYAC.

Star sprinter Thierry Diessongo had another outstanding season, winning first in the CUNYAC in both the 60 meter and 200 meter dashes, and running a leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay team. For his accomplishments, Diessongo earned Performer of the Year honors in a vote by the coaches of the conference. For the second consecutive year, Diessongo reached the NCAA Championship Finals, finishing sixth with a season-best time of 6.82 secs and earning All-American honors for the second straight year. With his accomplishments, Diessongo has rightly earned the moniker ‘fastest man in CUNY.’

In just her first season with CCNY, freshman Ashley Beaver emerged as a dominant fixture in the throwing events, shattering school and freshman records in the weight throw and shot put on almost a weekly basis. Beaver earned conference Athlete of the Week honors six consecutive times, and won both throwing events at the CUNYAC Championships.

Demesvar Destin was named CUNYAC Rookie of the Year, this after earning rookie of the week honors three times and producing a brilliant season in the jumping events. Shakeema McKie earning the conference Sportsmanship award, recognition for her outstanding leadership and dedication on and off the field.

Congratulations to the whole team on an outstanding year.

Thierry Diessongo (Second from Left)
Upcoming Events

AWARD CEREMONIES

Wednesday Night Live!
April 24, 2014
6:30pm- 9:00pm
NAC Ballroom

Wednesday Night Live is a new monthly series that features live entertainment at CCNY. Come end the semester with great food, music and dance!

National Society of Leadership & Success Induction Ceremony
May 7th, 2014
5:00pm-6:30pm and 7:30pm- 9:00pm
NAC Faculty Dining Room

The CCNY Chapter of the National Society of Leadership & Success will host its inaugural induction ceremony to recognize and honor students who have completed steps towards becoming members of this leadership honor society. To attend as a guest please email eortega@ccny.cuny.edu.

69th Annual Sports Nite Banquet
May 14th, 2014
5:30pm
Location: TBD

CCNY Athletics honors student-athletes and those who have made outstanding accomplishments in the 2013-2014 season.

Student Leadership Awards Dinner
May 15, 2014
5:00pm- 8:00pm
NAC Faculty Dining Room

The Student Leadership Awards Dinner is an annual event, co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development, where we honor students, clubs and organizations who have done exemplary work throughout the academic year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer at a Senior Center
April 26, 2014
11:00am
Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center

Join CCNY student veterans to volunteer at the Stanley Isaacs Senior Center serving meals and doing art and crafts with residents. To find out about location and other details, email iokpala@ccny.cuny.edu

AIDS Walk with CityServ & National Society of Leadership & Success
May 18, 2014
8:00am
Central Park

Let’s walk and raise funds for AIDS research. For details and to sign up go to http://awny2014.kintera.org/ccny_cityserv

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Disability Services Awareness
April 24, 2014
12:00pm– 2:00pm
Hoffman Lounge

The Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities, Visions, WIPPA, CSSD/Access Futures Club and others answer questions about available disability services.

HIV Testing
April 29 and May 13, 2014
11:00am- 2:00pm
Hoffman Lounge

Take a free rapid antigen HIV test and get results in 20 minutes. Know your status!
Wellness Festival
May 1, 2014 (Lavender Fest)
11:00am- 2:00pm
NAC Plaza
Enroll in health insurance, take an HIV test or have a glucose/cholesterol screening at the annual Wellness Festival.

STUDENT LIFE

The Get Together
April 10, 2014
12:00pm- 4:00pm
Hoffman Lounge
The Access Future Club invites you to chill out and play… games like charades, chess and more! Food and beverages will be served.

Pet Partners
April 30, 2014
12:00pm– 1:00pm
NAC 1/211 A
Stressed from classes? Come relax with therapeutic dogs and puppies from Pet Partners! So cute and cuddly, they’re sure to brighten your day.

Cross-Fit Class
Date: TBA
Wingate Fitness Room
Student Veterans lead a Cross-Fitness class. For details, email iokpala@ccny.cuny.edu

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Game Show Night Sponsored by AEC
May 8th, 2014
5:30pm – 9:00pm
Nat Holman Gymnasium
Teams, clubs and departments play fun game shows and compete for $2,000 in prize money.