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COMMUNITY UPDATES

How Tanya Pope Empowers the Uptown Construction Industry at Columbia

For Tanya Pope—who is Assistant Vice President of University Supplier Diversity at Columbia—mastering the art of advocacy has been a lifelong journey.

Growing up in Washington DC, Pope has always been surrounded by an aura of empowerment and equity. It was her unwavering passion for ensuring diverse entrepreneurs have a seat at the procurement table that led her to Columbia. In her role, Pope leads impactful initiatives around sourcing and helping minority and women-owned firms secure contracts with the University for

construction, design, and trade projects; overseeing the University's construction portfolio which has paid more than \$1.2 billion to MWLBs in the past decade. She also spearheads community-driven programs designed to ensure local residents can be part of the institution's growth.

Neighbors spoke with Pope about her journey in the supplier diversity space and the importance of highlighting career paths in the construction industry. Read our full conversation with Pope at neighbors.columbia.edu/tanya.

Where to Get Thanksgiving Dinner Supplies Uptown

Looking to shop local this Thanksgiving? *Neighbors* has you covered with a guide on where you can find the supplies you need to make this holiday stress-free.

Set your table with a beautiful flower arrangement from **Flowers by Valli** or **Franz James Floral Boutique**. Light some locally made candles from **NiLu**. Find the right wine to accompany any dish you serve at **Harlem Wine Gallery**, which carries wines by Black winemakers and Black-owned wine companies. Grab your turkey from **Casablanca Meat Market** and prepare entrees and sides from **Milano Market**. For



dessert, consider some handmade rugelach from Mr. Lee himself at **Lee Lee's Bakery**. For more recommendations and resources, visit neighbors.columbia.edu/turkey-day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

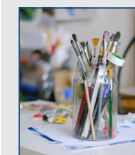


STEM Starters: Spy Science

November 4, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join STEM Starters at Columbia for a day of hands-on interactive spy science activities for local kids and families in West Harlem.

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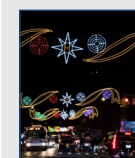


Watercolor and Dance Workshops at 115th Street Library

November 9 to December 14

Join the Harry Belafonte 115th Street Library for watercolor and dance workshops through November and December.

neighbors.columbia.edu/watercolor

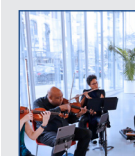


Harlem Holiday Lights 2023

November 14, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join the Caravan of Lights parade to usher in the holiday season and take part in the day-long festivities.

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Music Monday at The Forum ft. Morrisania Band Project

November 20, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Music Monday, a free and open-to-the-public monthly concert series held at Columbia's Forum, will feature Morrisania Band Project.

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