Community Updates

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY SCHOLARS

The Columbia Community Scholars program is still accepting applications. The program offers independent scholars from Upper Manhattan access to University resources for three years to work on a project or acquire a skill. The program is a community benefit that emerged from the agreements surrounding Columbia’s Manhattanville Campus expansion. Columbia Community Scholars are issued a University ID and email address, gain access to the campus and online libraries, can audit classes, and more.

Applications to join the next cohort of scholars are due online on May 1. More information is available at gca.columbia.edu/communityscholars.

COSMOS RET Summer Program Deadline
May 1
COSMOS-NewLAW Research Experiences for Teachers is a professional development opportunity for middle and high school teachers in NYC. neighbors.columbia.edu/cosmos2020

Give Blood to Address Critical Shortage ASAP
Blood drive cancellations have led to a critical shortage in NYC. Healthy people can set up appointments at the New York Blood Center now! neighbors.columbia.edu/giveblood

Columbia Screening COVID-19 Survivors for Antibodies NOW!
Columbia University is seeking recovered COVID-19 patients to donate antibody-rich plasma that can be used to treat the virus, or potentially create a vaccine. neighbors.columbia.edu/donateplasma

Meeting K-12 Student Needs Online Now
Columbia Neighbors hosted MBP Gale Brewer and experts to discuss resources and best practices for remote learning. Available to watch on YouTube. neighbors.columbia.edu/K12townhall

NEIGHBORS COVID-19 NEWS & RESOURCES SITE

The coronavirus pandemic has led to significant changes to programming and operations at Columbia, as well as in the daily life and functioning of our Upper Manhattan community. Columbia Neighbors has developed a site to help our local community keep up with changes, local news, resources, expert guidance, and more. The page, which is updated regularly, provides our neighbors with useful and timely information so they can stay up to date with the rapidly changing situation in New York City and Upper Manhattan.

A connected page is dedicated to resources for local small businesses, including information about Columbia’s rent relief for tenants. There is also information from the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center, the 125th Street BID, the NYC Small Business Services, and more about how local businesses can get access to the city and federal resources available.

There are also other resources, including learn-at-home tips for kids, virtual K-12 classes organized by Columbia faculty, updates on changes to Columbia public programs, and more. Check out the Columbia Neighbors coronavirus site at neighbors.columbia.edu/coronavirus.