

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS

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Taste of Harlem 2023. Photo credit: Michael DiVito

COMMUNITY UPDATES

How We Came Together in 2023

As we rang in the new year, *Neighbors* reflected on a year of community-driven gatherings here on campus and throughout the neighborhood.

In the first half of 2023, **“Taste of Harlem”** invited food fanatics to enjoy a celebration of the Harlem culinary scene. **“Good Vibes in the Park,”** an event centered on Black joy and sponsored by Columbia Government and Community Affairs (GCA), took place in St. Nicholas Park.

Towards the end of the year, The Forum hosted **“Conversations with the Commissioners,”**

an event by The Community Initiative of New York bringing together local youth and city commissioners for a day of conversation.

Later in December, Columbia GCA celebrated **Kwanzaa at the A. Philip Randolph Senior Center**, partnered with the **Riverside Hawks to distribute toys and books** to neighbors in need, and worked with **Charles Pan-Fried Chicken to provide 300 meals to Harlem residents.**

Read more at neighbors.columbia.edu/community-23.

Columbia Student Promotes Bilingual Education

Daniela Palacios (CC'26) was 17 when she founded Para KIDS!, a media company dedicated to motivating all children to become or remain bilingual. Bilingual herself, Palacios was inspired by her experience in an English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom.

Now, Palacios is dedicated to paying forward the benefits of bilingualism to the local community by leading readings and activities that promote bilingual learning at Saturday Science, a program that takes place monthly at Jerome L. Greene’s Science Center and once a year at Manhattanville Community Day.



Daniela Palacios (CC'26), reads to children as part of Manhattanville Community Day activities at Saturday Science in October 2023. Photo credit: David Dini.

Read our full conversation and learn more about how your family can get involved at neighbors.columbia.edu/para-kids.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Uptown Hall: The Inconvenient King
January 14, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The Apollo continues its tradition of partnering with WNYC for their annual celebration on MLK Day.

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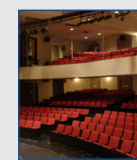


Museum of the City of New York: The Great Borough Bake-Off
Through January 14

Bakers from across the five boroughs made

NYC-inspired gingerbread creations for The Great Borough Bake-Off. The bakes will be on view at the museum through mid-January.

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Pop-Up Concerts: A Percussionist and Violinist

January 23,
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ian Antonio and Josh Modney return to Miller Theatre for an hour of music written for the unlikely combination of percussion and violin.

neighbors.columbia.edu/violinist-24



Uptown Nights: Ian Isiah + Kimberly Nichole

January 26,
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Harlem Stage presents two electric NYC musical artists at their beloved music series Uptown Nights. Tickets start at \$25.

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