In December Columbia Neighbors launched Shop & Dine Local, a resource for finding locally owned restaurants and other small businesses in Harlem and Morningside Heights. With Shop & Dine Local, we hope to encourage a deeper connection between Columbia students, faculty, and staff, and the locally owned small businesses that help create Harlem’s rich and varied streets and culture. Shop & Dine Local will also serve as a means to promote those local businesses, and enrich their relationships with Columbia. As many small businesses have struggled a great deal during the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope that this will provide a valuable service to connect residents of Morningside Heights and Harlem to the institutions that are providing food, services, and goods in their local neighborhoods.

In addition to Shop & Dine Local, Columbia and Columbia Neighbors support our local businesses with a wide array of programs including the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center, the Harlem Local Vendor Program, and this summer’s Columbia Emergency Loan Fund for Small Businesses.

Make sure to check out Shop and Dine Local before you shop for gifts and decide where to dine at neighbors.columbia.edu/shopdinelocal.


The Uptown Triennial 2020 exhibition, the second iteration in the series, presented the work of contemporary artists in dialogue with the Harlem Renaissance, a defining moment in American modernism and African American cultural history, during its centennial year. While the exhibition at the Wallach Art Gallery has ended, you can still view the exhibition on the Wallach Gallery website.

The exhibit includes 25 accomplished artists that work in a wide range of media including painting, photography, video, sculpture, installation and performance. Whitfield Lovell provides an installation of three paintings and sculptural items representing Black World War I returning soldiers. Large Installations by Xaviera Simmons and Derrick Adams focus on the Great Migration and the Green Book as a required resource for north/south car transport during Jim Crow, respectively. Hugh Hayden, a Columbia School of the Arts alumnus, reimagines the cast iron skillet, recasting the historical object with West African mask forms. Hayden says, “It’s an honor and quite surreal to be included amongst so many artists that I look up to, particularly given this time, as we collectively engage with notions of the Harlem Renaissance in our own works.”

Six historical works in Uptown Triennial 2020 offer touchstones from which to explore the far reaching arc of the Harlem Renaissance’s influence. A first edition of Alain Locke’s The New Negro: An Interpretative, an important cornerstone of the movement, is included in this exhibition. Also presented are works by several of the Harlem Renaissance’s revered figures—Aaron Douglas, Augusta Savage, James Van Der Zee, James Weldon Johnson—and a maquette of a theatrical stage set for Duke Ellington by Joseph Urban.

Uptown Triennial 2020 also includes works by artists Tariq Al-Sulaiti, Dawoud Bey, Sanford Biggers, Kabuye Pamela Bowens-Saffo, Jordan Castreel, Renee Cox, Gerald Cyrus, Priyanka Dassgupta & Chad Marshall, Damien Davis, Delano Dunn, Awol Erizku, Derek Fordjour, Leslie Hewitt, Jennie C. Jones, Kehilil Joseph, Autumn Knight, Glendalys Medina, Rashawn Rucker, Dianne Smith, and LeRon Wilson.

Learn more about Uptown Triennial 2020 at wallach.columbia.edu.
WHDC Announces New Interim Leadership

by Mickey Noella, WHDC

The Board of Directors at West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) has voted to move forward in a new direction to fulfill its mission under the Community Benefits Agreement. Doctoral candidate Bethel Boateng, the longtime executive director, has separated from the organization. The board thanks him and is grateful for his eight years of service to the community. Former WHDC Board Treasurer, Zeed Ramadan has been appointed and graciously accepted the role of interim executive director. Ramadan is a former Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone board member and has served as a Community Board Chair.

The board is dedicated to continuing WHDC’s signature programs such as ARISE youth development, Summer Senior Employment Program (SSEP), and the vital services offered at our West Harlem Skills Training Center. ARISE! youth development, Summer Senior Employment Program (SSEP), and the CB9 community on these proposals and much more to improve the quality of life for everyone in West Harlem.

New York State Attorney General Letitia James Joins Columbia SIPA Faculty

Letitia James, who became the New York State attorney general in January 2019 after 15 years as an elected official in New York City, has joined the SIPA faculty for spring 2021 to teach a course on policing and policy. James’s service as the state’s top law enforcement officer represents several firsts for New York. In November 2018 she became the first woman elected as attorney general and the first Black woman to hold the position in New York.

At SIPA, James is the inaugural holder of the William S. Beinecke Visiting Professorship, which was established in December 2020 to support a scholar or practitioner with a focus on public policy. “We are pleased to welcome Attorney General Letitia James to the SIPA faculty,” said Dean Merit E. Janow. “SIPA has long provided its students with the special insights of both scholars and practitioners. It is exciting to welcome one of New York’s trailblazing public officials to teach on an issue of such importance.”

“I am honored to return to SIPA and engage with the next generation of public sector leaders,” said Attorney General James. “Reimagining the role of police in society is one of the most pressing issues we face, and I am eager to continue the work to now be able to rebuild trust in our communities and ensure justice is served for everyone.” The attorney general will co-teach a new course, Rethinking Policing in the 21st Century, in partnership with long-time SIPA adjunct faculty member Basil Smil, Jr., a noted political strategist and policy advisor. James and Smil will examine current police practices through the lens of history, race, recent events, and jurisprudence, analyzing policing training, disciplinary procedures, uses of force guidelines, and other practices in an effort to foster and improve community-police relations.

Columbia Primary Care Celebrates New Location on Manhattan’s Upper West Side

Columbia Primary Care’s latest practice location in the Manhattan Valley neighborhood of the Upper West Side marks an important milestone in the expansion of Columbia’s primary care enterprise. On Friday, Nov. 13, the practice welcomed limited guests for a socially distanced ribbon-cutting ceremony. Leadership team members from CUIMC and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital offered remarks for guests in attendance and viewers watching via livestream.

Columbia Primary Care is a community-based primary care practice of CUIMC and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital that serves as the entry point to Columbia University Irving Medical Center, the region’s full-service academic medical center. Columbia Primary Care’s latest practice location is well-positioned to meet patients’ needs and will make seeking quality care easier than ever. The practice will offer same-day appointments, robust telehealth options, and access to Columbia’s world-class network of more than 2,000 medical specialists. Located at 2702 Broadway on the corner of 77th Street, the new facility includes eight examination rooms equipped with cutting-edge medical equipment, including telemedicine technology in every room, digital signage throughout the practice, and video interpreter services. It is staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, nurse practitioners, and internal medicine physicians, and nurse practitioners.

Announcing the 8th Cohort of A’Lelia Bundles Community Scholars at Columbia University

The Office of Government and Community Affairs is thrilled to announce the eighth cohort of A’Lelia Bundles Community Scholars. Selected from the largest class of applicants in the program’s history, these five new scholars will add their experiences, expertise, and passions to the existing Bundles Community Scholars.

The Bundles Community Scholars program, which was developed as part of the Manhattanville campus expansion process, allows independent scholars from Upper Manhattan to access University resources and participate in Columbia’s intellectual life along with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars.

In June of this year, the program was renamed in honor of Columbia University Trustee and longtime program supporter A’Lelia Bundles. The scholars in the newest cohort are:

DEIDRE FLOWERS

Deidre Flowers is a scholar of African American women in education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and women’s engagement in the Civil Rights Movement. As an educator, she has already contributed a great deal to the scholarship on women of color in education. During her three-year term as a Bundles Scholar, Dr. Flowers will conduct research and gather oral histories for a book on Mildred Louise Johnson and the Modern School, the private school founded by Johnson in 1934.

ANDOLYN BROWN

Andolyn Brown has worked as an educator in New York City for more than 15 years, building a network of educators from across the socio-economic spectrum. As a Bundles Scholar, Dr. Brown will work on developing the Well Educator nonprofit organization, which focuses on professional development in order to help teachers of color sustain long, meaningful, and joyful careers.

DENNIS MORGAN

Dennis Morgan, who is deeply engaged in the integration of technology, education, and equity, has served as the Manhattan Borough President’s Office for Community Affairs. Morgan has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan. He has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan. He has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan. He has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan. He has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan. He has also worked toward racial equity in education on the Community Education Council for District 3 in Manhattan.

RICHARD NICE

Richard Nice, the first rapper signed to Motown, went on to work as a producer and executive with acts including Denys, Child, Jennifer Lopez, Snoop, Kanye West, and many more. Currently, he is creating a curriculum for the Universal Hip Hop Museum and teaching Music Entrepreneurship and Broadcast Theory. As a Bundles Scholar, he will engage in a behavioral study of attitude, disposition, and actions during the quarantine and global pandemic and explore what audio made people happy or depressed, as well as what frequencies attracted them. YHANE SMITH

Yhane Smith is an award-winning filmmaker, writer, producer, and folklorist. For nine years, she used the non-profit Chicks With Flicks Film Fest to amplify the work of women filmmakers. In 2010, she launched the podcast Harlem Queen, based on the life of Ethel Waters, aka “Numbers Queen” and a patron of the Harlem Renaissance. As a Bundles Scholar, Smith will be researching and producing projects that tell stories, culminating in a live performance of the series.

Yhane Smith
**GIFT FROM DAVIS POLK TO EXPAND LEGAL SERVICES IN WEST HARLEM**

The Law School’s Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic will be able to take on more underserved clients. A $500,000 grant from Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will allow the clinic to expand its legal services and reach more clients who are in need of help as they navigate a broad range of justice, providing much-needed pro bono legal services to a wide range of clients,” said Gillian Lester, Dean and Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law. “Our partnership with Davis Polk allows our students to develop and hone their skills as lawyers and also deepens our ties to communities and individuals in need.”

The Davis Polk-sponsored staff attorney is expected to join the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic in 2021. More information can be found at law.columbia.edu/academics/experiential/clinics.

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**Victoria Mason-Ailey, Columbia’s AVP for Planning and Community Affairs Retires**

When Victoria Mason-Ailey was nine years old she knew that she wanted to become an urban planner. To support her passion, her father took her to shadow the team at the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. It was the spark for her love of urban planning and a career that made her an integral part of the team that helped Columbia University bring its Manhattanville campus to life. Now, after 15 years as associate vice president for Planning and Community Affairs, Mason-Ailey is retired.

In her role in the University’s Office of Government and Community Affairs, Mason-Ailey worked alongside area residents and stakeholders on matters of urban planning, land use, and community relations. She was liaison to civic groups that include the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, the Morningside Area Alliance, and the 125th Street Business Improvement District. She also worked closely with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and various city departments, including City Planning, Transportation, and Parks.

“The development of the Manhattanville campus was an ever-evolving process,” said Mason-Ailey. “As agencies requested changes, we would have to adapt to those changes and let our neighbors know. And internally there was always a great amount of interest from students, especially those in Engineering, Law, and Architecture. My goal was to always be proactive in engaging the community and responding to student inquiries.”

**“The striking modern campus now rising in Manhattanville is one part of Victoria’s legacy. She also leaves us with countless personal examples of how to play fair and treat people with kindness and respect.”**

—Shailagh Murray

A 1984 graduate of Columbia’s School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Mason-Ailey came to work for the University after a wealth of experience. She worked at New York City Department of Housing and Urban Development under the administration of Secretary Samuel Nunn. Mason-Ailey moved to Philadelphia and returned to the same City Planning Commission that had set her on her career path as a girl, now as Director of Community Planning. She left that role in 2005 to bring her experience to Columbia.

“When I heard about Manhattanville, I wanted to bring my experience and expertise to ensure there was meaningful engagement with the community during the development of Manhattanville,” she said. Outreach and engagement with the surrounding community were a vital part of Mason-Ailey’s work. Through her leadership, in collaboration with her colleagues throughout the University and countless community partners, she helped to guide Columbia through the city’s unique Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) for the development of the Manhattanville campus. This led to the establishment of the Community Benefits Agreement, in partnership with the West Harlem Development Corporation, and the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with Empire State Development (ESD).

During the Manhattanville development process, Mason-Ailey held hundreds of presentations for groups of 5 to 500 that lasted from five minutes to multiple hours. She continued this work even after negotiations for the campus concluded and new projects emerged. One such project was the NSF PAWR COSMOS testbed, an advanced wireless technology initiative that she was integral in bringing to Columbia and West Harlem.

“Since the project was awarded, Victoria has worked closely with the COSMOS team on various outreach activities to the local community,” said COSMOS project lead Gill Guzman. “Many of these students live a few minutes from the Manhattanville campus, but had never stepped foot there,” she said. “The experience not only let them know they were welcome on campus, but provided an opportunity to envision themselves on a path toward higher education that could include Columbia.” The visit culminated in the students creating end-of-year presentations that provided their own perspectives on how Manhattanville should be transformed through the development of model blocks.

In speaking of Mason-Ailey’s accomplishments, Shailagh Murray, executive vice president of Public Affairs at the University said, “The striking modern campus now rising in Manhattanville is one part of Victoria’s legacy. She also leaves us with countless personal examples of how to play fair and treat people with kindness and respect. I know I speak for the entire leadership of Columbia in expressing gratitude to Victoria for her contributions to this institution and her commitment to the neighbors we consider part of our extended family.”

While she plans to spend more time with her husband and daughter now that she is retired, Mason-Ailey also plans to keep busy. She continues to be an active member of the American Planning Association and works to ensure that urban planners recognize the importance of community engagement. She also chairs the APA’s Planning in the Black Community committee, which is currently focused on increasing the involvement of Black planners and exploring how planning policy has affected the Black community.
Dyckman Institute Scholars Honored in Virtual Ceremony

In November of 2020, Community Board 12 honored the newest recipients of the Dyckman Institute Scholarship with a virtual ceremony during its General Board Meeting. This year’s scholars are freshman Shahed Thabit, sophomore Lord Crawford, junior Karime Robles, and senior Jason Cruz. They join the approximately 25 students from Washington Heights and Inwood who benefited from the $953,769 in need-based scholarships that made it possible for them to attend Columbia College or Columbia’s Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Since 1943, Columbia University has encouraged upper Manhattan high school seniors to apply for the award, which covers the full cost of undergraduate education.

The Dyckman Institute Scholarship can be traced to Alexander Hamilton’s widow, Eliza, who donated the building land for the Hamilton Free School, the first school in Washington Heights in 1818. In 1860, the school became the Dyckman Library, the first free public library in Upper Manhattan. In the early 1920s, the library became the Dyckman Institute, which operated both a museum devoted to local archaeology in Inwood Hill Park and a publishing house. In 1943, the trustees of the institute decided to dissolve it and to establish a scholarship fund at Columbia for students from the neighborhood.

Regardless of where they have attended high school, students living in Washington Heights or Inwood that are interested in one of the 300 need-based scholarships should call 212-341-2512 or visit undergraduateadmissions.columbia.edu.

The Emergency Notification System allows anyone interested in receiving our emergency alerts to sign up by following the process described at preparedness.columbia.edu and cuimc.columbia.edu. Information provided during registration will not be used for any other purpose than providing emergency alerts. Examples of past alerts include inclement weather closures, emergency incidents on or around campus, major transit interruptions, and similar situations.

The Emergency Notification System is one of several mechanisms that Columbia University uses to communicate urgent information to keep the community safe. During a crisis or campus emergency, detailed messages and updates are also posted at preparedness.columbia.edu and cuimc.columbia.edu.
Columbia University stepped up to help local food relief efforts by launching the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund. It brought together the extraordinary resources of the entire Columbia community to heighten awareness, raise funds, and deploy resources to address food insecurity in Upper Manhattan. We are committed to the well-being of our neighbors and every dollar donated to the fund was used to support the program. To date, the Fund has distributed over $200,000 to support organizations providing food relief such as CLOTH, Cathedral Community Cares, Holyrood Church, Uplift NYC, Cornerstone, PALANTE, & more. The Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund operations have wound down, but our commitment to food relief continues through Columbia Community Service and the Medical Center Neighborhood Fund. Learn more at communityservice.columbia.edu and gca.cumc.columbia.edu

1. Holyrood Church Fights Hunger in Washington Heights

Prior to the pandemic, the church was serving approximately 50 guests during two meals each week. They are now serving 65-75 people at each meal and have added grab-and-go meal distribution as well as a food pantry on Mondays. Support from the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund enabled them to purchase more food for their pantry and the cooked meals that they provide.

Photo Credit: Eileen Barroso/Columbia University

2. Columbia Partners With St. John the Divine and City Harvest on Food Relief

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Columbia University and City Harvest partnered to prepare and distribute 1,000 healthy meals a day to New York City residents affected by food insecurity and scarcity. From June 15 to September 7, Columbia Dining reopened for this very special effort as part of the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund.

Photo Credit: Eileen Barroso/Columbia University

3. Ecumenical Food Pantry Feeds 500 Families a Week in Upper Manhattan

The Ecumenical Food Pantry has seen the need for its services almost double during the pandemic. The pantry which typically serves 300 families a week, now serves almost 500. They’ve been able to meet this growing need in part through a grant from the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund. The Ecumenical Food Pantry, which has provided food relief in the Washington Heights community for 20 years, is part of a citywide network of 45 Catholic Charities food programs called “Feeding Our Neighbors.”

Photo Credit: Eileen Barroso/Columbia University

4. Food Bank For New York City Provides 80 Million Free Meals in NYC

Essential workers, furloughed employees, single parents, and seniors have all turned to the Food Bank For New York City to fill in food gaps for themselves and their families during this challenging time. Support for the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund allowed Food Bank For New York City to provide 50,000 more meals to struggling families.

Photo Credit: Food Bank of New York City

5. CLOTH Helps Fight Hunger in the Heights

The food pantry at Community League of the Heights (CLOTH) provides meals to residents of Washington Heights and Hamilton Heights. At the start of the pandemic, CLOTH expanded its food pantry and now serves 500 families every day, a 66% increase in its food relief efforts. CLOTH employees initially had concerns about being able to keep up with the increased demand but partially with support from the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund, they have been able to keep up with the need for food in the neighborhoods they serve.

Photo Credit: Eileen Barroso/Columbia University

6. West Side Campaign Against Hunger’s Turkey Challenge Met

West Side Campaign Against Hunger’s (WSCAH) annual Turkey Challenge had the ambitious goal of providing Thanksgiving meals and turkeys to 5,000 New York families facing food insecurity. WSCAH experienced a 72% increase in customers this year as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Through support from the Columbia Neighbors Food Relief Fund and Columbia Dining, a donation of 150 turkeys was given to WSCAH. The turkeys were distributed to families in immediate need at WSCAH’s West 86th Street location.

Photo Credit: Bruce Gilbert
The programs and services listed here include a number of Columbia’s commitments to the local community as we build our Manhattanville campus. As part of these initiatives, the University has created an online hub dedicated to news and resources for our neighbors in Upper Manhattan. To learn more about our services, programs, and resources, please visit neighbors.columbia.edu.

**Programs and Resources**

**A’Leila Bundles Community Scholars**

Columbia offers independent, community-based scholars from Upper Manhattan free access to a range of University services and resources, including access to all University libraries, course auditing privileges, and the ability to meet with scholars in their field of study, participate in seminars, and attend social events developed specifically for the Scholars.

To learn more, visit gca.columbia.edu/communityscholars, call 212-545-5915, or email communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

**Arts & Cultural Event Space**

Columbia can provide non-Columbia-affiliated local artists and cultural organizations with access to both indoor or outdoor spaces for programming such as information sessions, performances, special events, or presentations. Space is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Columbia and students-related events. Fees depend on the space and University protocols.

To learn more, call 212-548-5800 or visit uem.columbia.edu.

**Athletics Clinics**

The University’s varsity sports programs and the coaches of football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming, track and field, and tennis sponsor and participate in seasonal sports clinics for children from the local community. Clinics take place in Columbia facilities and throughout Harlem and Washington Heights.

To learn more, please call 212-254-2233, or visit uem.columbia.edu/sports-camps.

**Community Impact**

Community Impact serves individuals in need in the communities of Upper Manhattan while providing meaningful volunteer and leadership opportunities for students. Columbia University and Barnard College Residents of Upper Manhattan can register for Adult Education programs, receive health and emergency referrals, and participate in tutoring/mentoring programs.

To learn more, visit communityimpact.columbia.edu or call 212-854-1452.

**CUIMC Student Run Clinics**

Columbia University Irving Medical Center has five specialty clinics that serve our neighbors in New York City.

- The Columbia-Harlem Homeless Medical Partnership (CHHMP) is a student-run clinic that provides free, quality medical care and health services to the homeless or uninsured community in West Harlem. (347-614-2201)
- Columbia Student Medical Outreach (CuSMO) provides free, high-quality healthcare to the uninsured and medically underserved population in Washington Heights and Northern Harlem. (347-688-6766)
- Columbia University Care Access Project (Ccap) is a student-run clinic that strives to increase access to care for all people by providing free medical services, prescriptions, and infection screening to the Washington Heights community. (646-991-1580)
- The Asylum Clinic run by the School of Physicians and Surgeons Human Rights Initiative, provides pro bono medical evaluations to those seeking asylum in the U.S. The clinic is committed to developing a human rights-based approach to medicine.
- The Q Clinic provides free primary care services for members of the LGBTQI community, especially those who are underserved, uninsured, or resources and housing insecure.

**Course Auditing**

The Columbia University School of Professional Studies Manhattanville Course Auditing and Lifelong Learners programs provide adult community members non-Currently enrolled in college with the opportunity to audit select courses from the University’s offerings in the Arts and Sciences free of charge. The Manhattanville Course Auditing program allows 25 residents of Manhattanville Houses & Grant Houses, and 25 residents of the local community to audit up to two courses per year. The Lifelong Learners Program provides up to 50 residents of Manhattanville Houses, Grant Houses, and the local community who are 65 and older to audit up to two courses per year.

To learn more about these programs, please call 212-854-9666.

**Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens**

The Eldersmile Program, part of the College of Dental Medicine’s Community DentCare Network, offers prevention, education, screening, and treatment services for seniors through mobile van visits to the General Grant Houses, Manhattanville Houses and senior centers throughout Washington Heights, Inwood, and Harlem. Services also include diabetes and hypertension screening.

To learn more, or visit dental.columbia.edu/about-us/communityoutreach call 212-305-1045.

**Double Discovery Center**

The Double Discovery Center works with low-income, first-generation college-bound youth from Harlem and Washington Heights to help ensure their success to, through, and beyond college. We leverage and coordinate University resources to provide students with a comprehensive network of support that includes academic enrichment, college and career success, and healthy minds and bodies.

To learn more, call 212-854-3897 or visit ddc.columbia.edu.

**Free Dental Services for Preschool Children**

The College of Dental Medicine offers free dental care and education for young children from the West Harlem area through the Mobile Dental Center, a program of the Community DentCare Network. The program aims to reduce dental decay and improve the oral health of Upper Manhattan’s underserved children.

To learn more, call 212-305-6368 or visit dental.columbia.edu/about-us/communityoutreach.

**Housing Legal Assistance**

Columbia provides funding for two NYC HPD-approved attorneys to offer Manhattanville-area residents anti-eviction and anti-harassment legal assistance. Contact Legal Services NYC directly to find out if you are eligible for this community benefit.

Visit legalservicesnyc.org or call 212-348-7449.

**Little Lions Sports Camp Scholarships**

The University offers 25 need-based scholarships for children ages 6 to 12 in the Harlem, West Harlem, or Washington Heights area. To attend Columbia’s Little Lions Camp. A scholarship covers expenses for one week of camp. Applications must be filed with the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC).

To learn more, please call the WHDC at 646-476-3394.

**Shuttle Bus Service for Seniors and the Disabled**

A free shuttle bus service is available to members of the local community who are disabled or 65 and older (including their attendants) through the ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle. The shuttle connects 96th Street, the Morningside campus, Manhattanville campus, the Medical Center and Harlem Hospital, to the following stations at:
- 96th St. and Broadway
- 116th St. and Broadway
- 125th St. and Broadway
- Harlem Hospital Center (135th St. and Lenox Ave.)
- Columbia University Irving Medical Center (168th St. and Broadway)

Shuttle bus service runs on a regular schedule throughout the day on weekdays, except on state and federal public holidays. Senior citizens and disabled passengers must show their Access-A-Ride, Reliable, or MetroCard, or Medicare cards, to access the service.

To learn more, call 212-854-3382, visit transportation.columbia.edu, or email transportation@columbia.edu.

**Undergraduate Scholarships for Local Students**

Every year, the Thompson-Muñoz Scholarship Fund serves up to 40 aid-eligible undergraduate students from the local community who are admitted to Columbia College and/or the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. Funding is made available to meet their fully demonstrated financial need. Eligible students must undergo Columbia’s undergraduate admissions process.

To learn more, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 212-854-2522.
They Want to Represent You … These 14 Candidates are Running For City Council in District 7

District 7 covers Morningside Heights, West Harlem, and parts of Washington Heights and the Upper West Side. Mark Levine has represented the district since 2014 but is term-limited and now running for Manhattan Borough President.

Shaun Abreu is a tenants’ rights lawyer with the New York Legal Assistance Group and a former member of Community Board 9. He was a deputy campaign manager for Levine during his victorious run in 2012.

Marti Allen-Cummings is a drag artist and activist who serves on Community Board 9. He was a deputy campaign manager for Levine during his victorious run in 2012.

Dana Cohen is vice president of the non-profit Housing Partnership, which works to create and preserve affordable housing. He is a member of Community Board 9 and previously worked as an affordable housing consultant and a mortgage officer for an affordable housing lender.

Stacy Lynch is an attorney and part of a prominent Harlem political family. Lynch was a deputy director of inter-governmental affairs under Mayor Bill de Blasio, helped form the city’s Race and Equity Task Force during the pandemic, and created the civil rights group Daughters of the Movement.

Lena Melendez is a social worker and Uber driver who describes herself as a housing organizer and activist for small businesses.

Maria Ordonez is a student at Columbia University. Ordonez is a community organizer who was involved with a graduate student strike on campus, created a recycling initiative among tenants in her building and has worked on voter registration drives.

Corey Ortega is a community organizer and director of the City Council’s Black, Latino/a and Asian Caucus. He is also a Democratic community leader and formerly worked as a tenants’ rights advocate and director at the NYC Veterans Alliance.

Corey Stillman is a tenant leader at NYCCHA’s Douglas Houses.

Ray Sanchez is CEO of the homeless services provider Aguila, and is a former policy manager for Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. He is an attorney and has worked as a director at the PR firm Mercury.

Luis Tejada founded the Mirabal Sisters Cultural and Community Center, helped form the groups Northern Manhattan is Not for Sale and the Stabilizing NYC Coalition, and helped introduce interpretation and translation services to non-English speaking patients at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Jeanette Toomer, a former English teacher, has served on the executive committees of the National Council of Teachers of English and the Association of Black Educators. She is a former parent leader and president of a housing cooperative.

Other candidates include Albirto Aguilar III, Miguel Estrella and Keith Harris. At the time of writing, there was little public information about their campaigns.

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Let's start your success story together.

The Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers resources, mentorship, and programs for small-business owners and entrepreneurs in the Harlem and South Bronx neighborhoods at no cost to the entrepreneur.

Felipe Ronaldo
Tres Leches Cafe
SBDC Client

For more information, email us at sbdc@columbia.edu or visit us at columbia.business/chsbdc.

The Columbia University School of Professional Studies Manhattanville Course Auditing Program provides adult community members not currently enrolled in college with the opportunity to attend selected courses from the University's offerings in the Arts and Sciences during the academic year FREE OF CHARGE.

This community benefit is available to the residents of the Manhattanville and Grant Houses, as well as community residents living in the following qualifying zip codes in Upper Manhattan: 10025, 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10035 (including Randall's Island), 10037, 10039, 10040 and the following zip codes in the South Bronx: 10451, 10454, 10455, 10474.

Auditors are expected to attend class and may join in discussions only at the discretion of the instructor. Auditors are encouraged to attend class and to keep up with the reading. No examinations or papers are required, no grade is assigned, and no credit is granted for course completion. This opportunity is offered in the spirit that learning is a lifelong endeavor.

Qualified community applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at sps.columbia.edu/academics/auditing-programs. Online applications can be processed more efficiently.

General Information, Admissions Questions, and Advising available by calling 212-854-9660 or emailing auditing@sps.columbia.edu.