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Declaration Reference and Key Data

Obligation Section Number: 5.07 (c)(xvi)

Obligation Title: Community Scholars Program

Obligation Page Number: 56

Obligation Trigger: Acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcel(s)

Obligation Start Date: March 12, 2012

Obligation End Date: March 12, 2038* (10 Year Pilot; 25 Years from Commencement)

Obligation Status: In Compliance

Obligation

Community Scholars Program. Commencing with the acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcels, and continuing for a 25-year period from commencement, CU shall offer independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a range of services provided by CU and resources not usually afforded to non-affiliated residents. Services and resources shall be provided at no cost to participants and shall include access to all of CU's libraries – including on-line access, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events developed specifically for the group of in buildings proposed within the Project Site. Selection shall be determined by an application process, reviewed by a committee of CU's faculty and leaders from relevant local cultural institutions. Scholars shall be appointed for 3-year terms. In the first year CU shall appoint up to five scholars; in the second year CU shall appoint up to an additional five, so that after year one there shall be a plan to have a cohort of ten scholars. CU envisions the program to proceed as a pilot for ten years and then be re-evaluated in good faith to assess its effectiveness.

*Planning activities were still ongoing upon the obligation trigger date. Appointments to the Community Scholars program began in 2013, one year after the trigger date. Therefore, this obligation will be in effect until 2038, 25 years from the commencement of the obligation implementation, after an assessment in 2023.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Annual report

Columbia University's Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Columbia Neighbors Webpage at https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/community-commitments.

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EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(xvi):
Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.
1. Annual report
Monitor's Notes / Comments:
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☐ In Compliance
☐ In Progress
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Annual Report: A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program

Number of Applications Received: 13
Number of Scholars Selected: 5

Note: In June 2020, the program was renamed to honor Columbia University Trustee and program supporter A'Lelia Bundles.

A'Lelia Bundles Scholars Selected Provided Below:

#	First Name (Initial)	Last Name	Zip Code	Selected (Y/N)
1	В.	LloydNettles	10026	Y
2	C.	Lawrence	10037	Y
3	L.	Green	10030	Y
4	R.	Tebout	10040	Y
5	R.	Croney	10027	Y

A'Lelia Bundles Scholars Applicants Provided Below:

#	First Name (Initial)	Last Name	Zip Code	Selected (Y/N)
1	B.		10031	N
2	B.	LloydNettles	10026	Y
3	B.		10039	N
4	C.		10027	N
5	C.	Lawrence	10037	Y
6	D.		10032	N
7	E.		10034	N
8	J.		10025	N
9	L.	Green	10030	Y
10	P.		10027	N
11	R.	Tebout	10040	Y
12	R.	Croney	10027	Y
13	S.		10029	N

Additional Supporting Documentation

- A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Application Information
- A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Project Descriptions: Cohort XI
- Copies of public notifications and/or announcements of available scholarships

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A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Application Information

Application Content and Format

▼ Formatting and Content Guidelines

Please follow the following guidelines when submitting your application.

- 11 or 12 point font
- Normal margins (top 1"; bottom 1"; left 1"; right 1")
- Numbered bottom of page

Applications submitted must include the information noted below and be submitted in order.

 ✓ Section 1: Personal Narrative

1-2 pages describing your educational and/or professional background.

▼ Section 2: Project Description

1-2 pages describing the project you propose to pursue. Please include:

- Your anticipated goals and outcomes
- University resources you would like to access (i.e. courses to audit, library, etc.)
- A brief statement on how your project might be of benefit or interest to the larger community

▼ Section 3: Documentation

Please provide the following information to verify your eligibility and support your application.

- Résumé, or Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of your High School transcript, GED/TASC, OR explanation of equivalent experience. (Required if no college transcript is submitted)
- Copy of transcripts from any college or university work, if applicable. (If you are submitting a transcript from an accredited university, you may omit your high school transcript)

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Letters can be submitted with your application or emailed to <u>BundlesScholars@columbia.edu</u>. Please reference the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program and the name of the applicant in your email subject line.

Section 5: Supplemental Information (Optional)

Other supporting materials you would like to have considered as a part of your application, such as a work sample, writing samples of up to 2 pages, or audio or videotape samples of up to 5 minutes. Materials cannot be returned.

If you have supplemental materials that cannot be submitted digitally, please reach out to BundlesScholars@columbia.edu.

How to Apply

Please submit all required and supplemental documents online via this form.

If your application cannot be submitted online, please contact <u>BundlesScholars@columbia.edu</u> to make arrangements for submission.

Other Considerations

- This program does not lead to course credit, a degree or certification.
- · All instruction in classes is conducted in English unless otherwise noted in course descriptions
- · Admission to A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program is conditional upon proof of northern Borough of Manhattan residency.
- Prior to enrolling in classes and receiving library access, Bundles Scholars will need to provide documentation ensuring compliance with Columbia University's immunization requirements 🗹 .
- Although terms are stated as 3 years, individual scholars may opt to complete the program in less time; continued enrollment depends upon continued compliance with all program requirements and University
 regulations.

 $Please\ direct\ inquiries\ about\ the\ A'Lelia\ Bundles\ Community\ Scholars\ Program\ to\ \underline{BundlesScholars@columbia.edu}.$

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Applications for the 11th Cohort of Bundles Scholars are currently open. Please consult the application information and apply online. Applications are now closed.

Scholars and Projects

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Benefits

Bundles Scholars can access a variety of academic and campus resources. These include:

- · Access to Libraries, including special collections and online access.
- Ability to audit a wide selection of courses
- University ID card
- University email address
- Access to university events and programs
- Annual stipend of \$500
- Platforms to share their work, including the School of Professional Studies' Bundles Scholars Speaker Series
- Opportunities to build relationships within the program and across the university

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Program History

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- - You must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street
 - You cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University
 - · You must have a high school diploma, GED/TASC, or explanation of equivalent experience
- ▼ Will participation in the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program lead to degree program matriculation?

The A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program was developed to assist Scholars in their completion of an independent project or to help them attain skills in a specific area of interest. Participation in the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program is not intended to enable a Scholar to enter into a degree program; no course credit, certificate or diploma will be awarded upon completion.

There are no costs associated with participation in the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program. However should a Scholar opt to audit courses, course fees, lab fees, or book costs may apply. To help offset this, Scholars receive a \$500 stipend annually for each of the three years they are in the program (a total of \$1500 per Scholar).

To whom should letters of recommendations be addressed?

Letters of recommendation should be addressed to the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program. They can be submitted with your application or emailed to <u>BundlesScholars@columbia.edu</u>. Please reference the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program and the name of the applicant in your email subject line.

We are not currently accepting letters of recommendation by mail.

▼ Are "official" transcripts required or will "unofficial" transcripts suffice for the application?

Unofficial transcripts can be submitted with the program application; however, applicants who are selected will be required to submit official transcripts to participate in the program.

 ➤ How do I find my high school transcript?

If your high school is still open, they are most likely to have it. If not, reach out to the state Department of Education, or an equivalent agency that oversees education in the region where you attended high school. If you have a degree from an accredited university, a transcript from that can usually fulfill this requirement.

If you did not graduate from high school, and did not receive a high school equivalency certificate (GED/TASC/etc), you can submit an explanation of your equivalent experience. For more information, contact Maggie Barrows (212-854-2568).

▼ I am a Columbia University alum; does that deem me ineligible to participate in the program?

Only current affiliation with the University renders an applicant ineligible. Columbia alumni who do not have a present affiliation with the University are able to apply.

✓ Is this a new program?

Up to five new Scholars are selected for every year's class.

~	What is the deadline to apply to the program? Applications are due on May 5, 2023 by 11:59 pm.
~	When will I hear about the status of my application? Applicants will be informed of program decisions by the end of July.
~	• When does the program start? New Scholars will begin the program at the start of the fall semester, which is typically immediately after Labor Day.
~	What is the duration of the program? ALelia Bundles Community Scholars are enrolled for a period of up to three years.
~	If I applied last year but was not selected, may I apply again? Yes! You may apply another time. You will need to submit a new application in order to be considered.
~	Is there an age limit for applicants? No. Adults meeting the program eligibility may apply to the program regardless of age.
~	Do I need to be an American citizen in order to apply? No. As long as you are a legal resident of the United States, you may apply.
~	What University resources are Scholars able to access? Individuals selected as A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars: Are issued a Columbia University ID

• Have course auditing privileges (in departments offering auditable courses). The courses available to auditors are typically posted one month prior to the start of the term. To view the courses open to auditors, please go to the <u>Directory of Classes</u> 3, Columbia's online course bulletin. You can search for auditing courses by clicking "A" in the "Course Listings by Department" box and scrolling down to

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• Will be given a Columbia University email account

where the Auditing Department is listed

· May participate in seminars and social events

Gain access to all <u>The Columbia University Libraries</u>
 (including on-line access)

• Have opportunities for dialogue with distinguished faculty members in their field of study

Cohort XI: Scholars and Projects

Bonita LloydNettles: Strategically evolve, monetize and scale the sale of books, composed music and art, oral history and production of events to showcase jazz culture – music, art, literary, and oral history.

Chris Lawrence: Find practical ways to support seniors for more flourishing, resilient and hopeful living, through persistent advocacy on their behalf and a person-focused approach to deep listening and companionship.

La Tonya Green: Document the interiority of Black people's lives in Harlem from just before the pandemic, 2018-2019, to the present.

Ray Tebout: Develop a management training program for emerging non-profit leaders who have been negatively impacted by the criminal legal system.

Renita Croney: Understand the Black aesthetic and how it can be applied to the interior design process in order to uplift black inhabitants and preserve Black cultural spaces.

Information about the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program, including application and instructions on how to apply was distributed electronically to the following officials and organizations below.

Elected Officials

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator Charles Schumer

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (District 10)

Rep. Adriano Espaillat (District 13)

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (District 12)

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (District 7)

Assembly Member Al Taylor (District 71)

Assembly Member Inez Dickens (District 70)

Assembly Member Deborah Glick (District 66)

Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine

City Council Member Gale Brewer (District 6)

City Council Member Carmen De La Rosa (District 10)

Community Boards Chairs and Dist. Managers for:

Community Board 9

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Civic and Tenant Organizations (a selection)

1199 SEIU Training & Education Fund

125th Street Business Improvement District (BID)

3333 Broadway Tenant Association

Advancing the Community of Tomorrow

Apollo Theater

Broadway Presbyterian Church

Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute

Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

Central Harlem Senior Citizens Center

Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano

Citizens Against Recidivism

The Correctional Association of New York

Graham Windham - Manhattanville Cornerstone Community Center

The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce

Mama Foundation for the Arts

Manhattanville Houses Tenant Association

Morningside Area Alliance

National Black Theatre
Studio Museum in Harlem
The Schomburg Center for Black Culture
Ulysses D. Grant Houses Tenant Association
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
We Are Not Afraid Community Resource Center

Web Content

Web content was created to support and promote the Bundles Scholars program. These pieces were then promoted across our newsletter and social media channels. The web content included:

- Updated Bundles Scholars program and application information
- An introduction to the 10th cohort of scholars
- A photo essay of the on campus welcome reception for the 10th cohort of scholars
- A guide to the application process
- Feature coverage of the Bundles Scholar lecture
- Calendar listings for application information sessions, deadline to apply, and lecture

Email Marketing

Email campaigns were developed and sent to our lists for:

- **Columbia News**, which reaches 63,000+ contacts in the internal Columbia community, external subscribers, and the media
- **Columbia Neighbors**, which reaches 6,400+ contacts at our local peer institutions, community leaders and elected officials, as well as a broad range of the community in Upper Manhattan, which we define as 110th Street and above from river to river (as well as some of our neighbors in The Bronx)

Social Media

We used both Columbia and Columbia Neighbors social media accounts to share information about the scholars, the application process, and information sessions. This promotion included \$500 of targeted ad buys across the six channels.

Campaign Details

Each web page, email campaign, and social media post is attached below.

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Meet the 10th Cohort of A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars

The 10th cohort of Bundles Scholars includes two artists, a poet and memoirist, an educator, and an advocate.

By Maggie Barrows October 25, 2022



MORE ABOUT THE BUNDLES SCHOLARS

Meet All the Bundles Scholars

Enjoy Photos from the Welcome Reception for the 10th Cohort of Bundles Scholars

For the 10th year in a row, Columbia welcomed a new class of <u>A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars</u> to the university community. This year, the group includes an advocate working on tech solutions for individuals with disabilities, an artist and screenwriter telling the stories of our uptown communities, a poet and memoirist turning her work into a multimedia project, an educator finding ways to engage students with technology developments, and an artist whose work incorporates both food and social justice.

Bundles Scholars join the university for a three-year period that gives them the resources to expand their research, realize a project, and increase their knowledge through access to Columbia's libraries, course auditing, and building a community with passionate individuals working on a wide variety of projects. The scholars, chosen through a competitive application process, all hail from Upper Manhattan.

This year's new scholars are:



Jillian Louallen is a Bronxite, Columbia alumna (GS'18), and longtime advocate for people intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DDs) and their families. In 2018, she created INCLUSIVE, an organization that uses artificial intelligence to improve the quality of life for people with I/DDs and their families worldwide. INCLUSIVE also performs community-based advocacy and academic research on promoting the overall well-being of families. INCLUSIVE lies at the intersection of the public and private sectors, focusing on tech and social welfare. It works to make the planet more accessible, one community at a time.



Patricia Marte, also known as artist Patty Dukes, is an Afro-Dominican and Puerto Rican Hip-Hop artist, producer, and screenwriter based in Washington Heights. A former artist in residence at Carnegie Hall, Marte also previously worked as a teaching artist and community engagement specialist for various art centers and non-profits like The Public Theater, Manhattan Theater Club, and Dreamyard. Marte is currently the Communications Manager for Firelight Media and Firelight Films. As a Bundles Scholar, Marte will using her passion for art to preserve the distinct culture of uptown communities. This will take the form of telling stories and developing songs to amplify immigrant voices, especially those of Caribbean immigrants and communities.



Glenna Meeks, a Harlem resident who originally hails from Louisville,



Kentucky, is a memoirist who writes poetry, creates digital art, and makes films. Meeks has been published in the London Reader, TAUNT and the upcoming Sarabande Spring 2023 publication of the book *Anthology of Louisville Poets*. As a Bundles Scholar, she will be creating a multimedia representation of her memoir and storytelling projects.



Abby Oulton is a learning and co-design facilitator with 10 years experience in education. Oulton works with the Agile Learning Centers Network and Grow Dialogue, where she mentors new facilitators, designs trainings, and manages coherence-building narrative projects. As an educator, Oulton committed to supporting young people as they shape their lives and figure out what it means to collaborate

with others as a member of a learning community. With her time as a Bundles Scholar, Oulton will develop a series of print and digital guides that make research on the design and social impacts of common technologies more accessible to young people.



Tiffany Parkes is multidisciplinary artist who focuses on art, food and beverage, education, and social justice. In 2017, Parkes formed Pienanny, a moniker (and infinite entendre) that sits at the intersection of feminism, art, and Black cuisine. Pienanny focuses on fusing African, Caribbean, and European elements that reflect the global Black culinary experience. Through Pienanny, Parkes using pies and tarts as mediums for artistic expression and storytelling. As a Bundles Scholar, Parkes will create installations of multi-sensory experiences centered around food, film, mixed media art, and educational conversation known as A Seat Above the Table.

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9 Photos From a Celebration of the 10th Cohort of the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars at Columbia

On Oct. 18, 2022, Bundles Scholars old and new joined together in Low Library to celebrate the 10th cohort.

By Kelly Moffitt-Hawasly October 24, 2022





On Oct. 18, <u>A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars</u> old and new joined together in the Burden Room at Low Library on Columbia's campus to celebrate the tenth cohort of scholars joining the program.

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After remarks from Executive Vice President for Public Affairs Shailagh Murray, four of five of this year's scholars introduced their research interests and projects:

- Patricia Marte, also known as Patty Dukes, a storyteller who focuses on preserving and promoting Uptown culture
- Glenna Meeks, a memoirist who writes poetry and makes films
- Abby Oulton, an educator working on a print and digital series of guides to make common technologies more accessible to young people
- Tiffany Parkes, a multidisciplinary artist who is curating installations of multi-sensory experiences centered around food, film, mixed media art, and educational conversation

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Jillian Louallen, who was not able to attend, is working on an organization that exists to improve the quality of life of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Following remarks from scholars, George Calderaro, director of community relations at the School of Professional Studies, introduced the Community Scholars Lecture Series, which will return in early December with a lecture on caregiving.

Scholars from former cohorts as well as staffers then had the chance to mingle, share ideas, and connect with one another.

Here are a few photos from the evening that showcase the joy of meeting in person for the first time since 2019.









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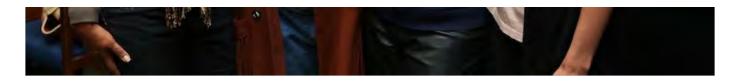
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Want to Become an A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar at Columbia? Here's Your Guide to the Application Process

Applications for the next group of A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars are open, and we have answers to your questions about the process.

By Maggie Barrows March 03, 2023





Every year since 2013, members of the Uptown community have applied and been chosen to become A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars at Columbia University . Known as the Bundles Scholars program, it provides individuals with access to Columbia's academic resources for three years, in order to help them as they work on a project or develop a specific skill.

Originally the Columbia Community Scholars program, it was renamed for journalist, historian, and Columbia University trustee emeritus A'Lelia Bundles in 2020.

Applications for the 11th cohort are now open until May 5, 2023. A virtual information session will be held on the program on March 16, 2023.

What kind of projects do people work on as Bundles Scholars?

Many Bundles Scholars work on developing nonprofit organizations, expanding existing organizations, and writing books. Other scholars use the library's audiovisual resources, do research in the libraries, and audit classes to expand their knowledge about a specific topic, usually with a connection to the community.

MORE ABOUT THE BUNDLES SCHOLARS

Hear from Bundles Scholars About Their Work on Women's History, Community

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Who is eligible to be a Bundles Scholar?

To be a Bundles Scholar you need to live in Manhattan north of 96th Street. Here's the list of eligible zip codes: 10025, 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034, 10035 (including Randall's Island), 10037, 10039, 10040. You also need a high school diploma, GED/TASC high school equivalency, or work experience equivalent to a high school degree.

What kind of things will I have access to as a Bundles Scholar?

As a Bundles Scholar, you'll be able to audit classes around the university. Auditing typically involves sitting in the classroom without participating in the discussions, but also doesn't involve taking exams or completing assignments. You'll also have access to Columbia's numerous libraries, including check-out privileges and access to online resources. Bundles Scholars are given Columbia email addresses and ID cards as well.

How do I apply?

You can get all the details about applying from the <u>application information</u> \Box page, but here are the highlights:

- Your application will include an online form, a resume or CV, a high school or college transcript, a personal narrative, a project description, and two letters of recommendation.
- An unofficial transcript is fine for your application. If you didn't finish high school, a written explanation of work experience equivalent to a high school degree is also acceptable.
- Use your resume or CV to highlight your professional accomplishments.
- Your personal narrative (1-2 pages) provides space for you to explain any experience, connections, interest, and accomplishments that you think are relevant to your application and aren't covered by your resume.
- With your project proposal (1-2 pages), you can lay out your goals for your time as a Bundles Scholar, identify resources that you think will be particularly helpful, and explain any community connections or benefits your project might have. The most important thing for your project proposal is to research and identify that Columbia has the specific kind of resources that will help you along the way.
- Your two letters of recommendation should come from people who know you and can speak to your commitment, expertise, or enthusiasm for your project.
- Feel free to submit additional materials that you think will strengthen your application.

Use the web form to submit your application before 11:59 pm on May 5, 2023.

What happens if I get accepted?

If you're accepted into the Bundles Scholars program, you'll need to provide documentation of your residency in Upper Manhattan in the form of a current residential lease, utility bill, or another official document with your name on it. You'll also need to submit a sealed, official transcript from your high school or college if you submitted an unofficial transcript with your application.

Then it'll be time for onboarding! You'll meet with program staff to walk you through what you'll need to do to audit classes and use the library, and we'll help you get set up to succeed. Part of that is making sure you're able to comply with Columbia's immunization requirements . as well as completing online trainings required of all members of the university community. But then you'll be all set to audit classes, check books out from the library, go to university events, and more.

Where can I learn more?

Head to the <u>Bundles Scholars information page</u> G. You can also sign up for the <u>information session</u> on March 16 to hear from program staff and have an opportunity to ask questions directly. If you can't make it to the information session, reach out to <u>BundlesScholars@columbia.edu</u> with questions.

What if this doesn't feel like the right fit? Are there other programs I can check out?

Absolutely! If you're interested in auditing classes but not working on a project, check out the <u>Community</u> <u>Auditing Program</u>. There are also tons of events on and around campus that are open to the public. Head to the <u>Neighbors event listings</u> to see just some of them.

Know someone who would be a great fit for the Bundles Scholars, or interested in applying yourself? Now's your chance: <u>applications for the 11th cohort are open</u> until May 5, 2023.

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Ever Wondered Who Makes the Beautiful Stone Carvings You See All Around You? Bundles Scholar Chris Pellettieri Tells All

"I take every chance I can get to expose kids to this," Pellettieri said of the stone carving craft.

By Kelly Moffitt-Hawasly April 07, 2023





On Wednesday, March 29, 2023, professional stone carver and A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar Chris Pellettieri Shared his path to stone carving and how he is helping youth in Upper Manhattan and all across New York City find a place in the trade during a Bundles Community Scholars Lecture at The Forum on Columbia's Manhattanville campus.

A lifelong Uptown resident, Pellettieri has made it his life's work to train others in his craft. Pellettieri is the founder and executive director of Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy , a nonprofit dedicated to promoting stone carving which offers training in traditional methods. After attending the Cathedral School and Stuyvesant High School, Pellettieri found his way to the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine's Stoneyard , which opened in 1979 to teach and employ neighborhood residents as the newest parts of the cathedral were being built.

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About the Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy

"I take every chance I can get to expose kids to this," Pellettieri said during the lecture. "Stone carving is really hard, it takes a long time, a lot of practice. If you don't have a setting where other people are beginners too, it is easy to feel like 'I must be bad at this. Something must be wrong with me.' If you're supported by other people who are learning the same as you, you realize 'it's not me, it is just hard,' and you practice, you're diligent, you have guidance, and it is fun all the way, even when you're terrible at first."

Aboubacar Keita, an alumnus of the Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy, who has kept up with the craft, is now an intern with the Academy's Governors Island Mather Building Arts & Craftsmanship High School program in collaboration with National Park Service. Keita was in attendance at the lecture and waved hello to the crowd.

The <u>A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Program</u> , administered by Columbia University's <u>Office of Government and Community Affairs</u> and the <u>School of Professional Studies</u> , enables independent scholars to pursue their lifelong learning aspirations, whether it be completing an independent project or attaining skills in a particular area. The program helps to foster and deepen ties between the university and the many independent members of the cultural and intellectual community surrounding it. The program was named in honor of longtime University Trustee A'Lelia Bundles in 2020.

Pellettieri's project through the Bundles Scholars program is to develop skills and knowledge in support of Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy, with the goal of being able to expand the training offerings.

You can watch the full lecture below and make sure you check out the full library of Bundles Scholars lectures here.



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Columbia University invites members of the Upper Manhattan community to apply to join the 11th cohort of <u>A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars</u> \square .

For a three-year period, Bundles Scholars are given access to academic resources, including libraries, course auditing, and campus events. They also receive a Columbia email address, an ID card, and an annual stipend of \$500. Scholars have opportunities to share their work and build relationships across the University. Past scholars have worked on a wide variety of projects of including developing nonprofits, writing books, and conducting research in their area of interest. Up to five scholars are selected each year and projects with a community connection are greatly encouraged.

A virtual information session will be held on March 16. <u>Register now</u> for the opportunity to ask questions of program staff and learn more about the application process and being a Bundles Scholar.

Apply to be a Bundles Scholar.

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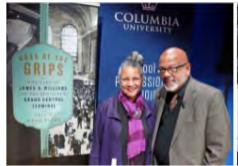
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Zoom Webinar

Learn about the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program , which provides members of the Upper Manhattan community with access to Columbia resources, at this virtual information session. Program staff will provide an overview of the application process, the benefits and resources available to Bundles Scholars, and an opportunity to ask questions.

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<u>Applications for the coming cohort of Scholars are due on May 5.</u>

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The Forum: 605 W 125th Street

Join Columbia Bundles Community Scholar Chris Pellettieri for an in-person lecture at The Forum, or join the event virtually.

New Yorkers have the amazing good fortune to live in an environment rich in the products of the stone carving tradition. Not only majestic landmarks like Low Library, Grant's Tomb, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, but also countless apartment buildings and brownstones that display the skill, creativity, passion, and energy of stone carvers from a bygone era.

Pellettieri grew up in this special place and in the late 1980's he was one of the last people to learn traditional stone carving in an apprenticeship program at the Cathedral. In this lecture, Pellettieri will share his story shedding light on this craft and the youth apprenticeship program he created as founder and executive director of the Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting stone carving and which offers training in the traditional methods.

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This event is presented by the Columbia School of Professional Studies Community Programs and Office of Government and Community Affairs in collaboration with The Forum.

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Neighbors, Reimagined

The spirit of community that flows through Upper Manhattan — neighborhood to neighborhood, block to block — is what makes it one of the most unique places in the world. There are stories of entrepreneurial innovation: of local social impact leaders driving change; of those working to preserve the community's rich history, while building its future; of the critical drivers of culture. All of these facets are connected through the thread of resilience that defines Uptown.

When *Neighbors* launched in 2019, it was designed to continue building bridges between Columbia University and its surrounding communities, spreading awareness about resources, programs, and opportunities that are beneficial for our neighbors. Since its inception, it has emerged as a trusted space, growing beyond a simple resource guide by diving into community-driven narratives.

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celebrating the people of Uptown's vibrant community. In this new phase, you'll be able to find more original stories, resources, local voices, and events across Upper Manhattan and Columbia. We invite you to join us as we embark on this new chapter and deliver content centered on community, culture, conversations, and connections Uptown.

With gratitude,

Team Neighbors

Here's a little sampling of what you can expect to see from us going forward into 2023:

Community



Year in Rewind: Top Columbia Neighbors Stories of 2022

From stories that celebrated the resilience of local entrepreneurs, listicles that highlighted Uptown's historic gems, and conversations with community leaders, we're pressing rewind and taking a look back at the most popular reads on *Neighbors*. Check out which stories landed a spot on the list. Read more.



6+ Organizations Uptown to Volunteer With in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Inspired by civil rights pioneer Martin
Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy of
service, we've curated a list of nonprofits
Uptown to volunteer with. From
organizations centered on combating food
insecurity to those focused on equity in
education, here are ways to pay it forward
in honor of Dr. King. Read more.

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Festive Photos From Uptown Holiday Lighting Ceremonies

Harlem was illuminated this holiday season with two festive holiday lighting ceremonies. Check out this collection of jubilant images captured at the Lights on the Plaza celebration at Columbia's Manhattanville campus and the 29th annual Harlem Holiday Lights Parade. Read more.



Neighbors Bulletin / Boletín — January 2023

From a performance by New York-based composer, producer, and performer Hahn Rowe at the Lenfest Center for the Arts, to a social justice panel celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King, here's a roundup of cultural events Uptown. Check out the January 2023 bulletin, available in English and Spanish.

Connection



Annual Columbia Friends and Neighbors Breakfast Returns With Expanded Holiday Programming Uptown

As part of President Lee C. Bollinger's community-driven holiday programming, Columbia hosted hundreds of local community leaders, entrepreneurs,



Who Cares About Care Workers and Educators? Bundles Scholars Panel Tackles Inequities and Solutions

A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars Vivian Williams-Kurutz, Dr. Andolyn Brown, and Janessa Waiters led an insightful and informative discussion at

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Upcoming Events

Visioning Forward Brunch Series

Join The Dream Center for a brunch series centered on setting goals and intentions for 2023 through the creation of vibrant vision boards. Supplies will be provided. The event is free and open to the public. Starts **Saturday**, **Jan. 14**, **10:00 am**

Uptown Hall: MLK Blueprint for the Culture

Stop by Harlem's historic Apollo Theater for a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. The 17th annual Uptown Hall will explore how the Civil Rights Movement has influenced modern-day social and civil justice movements. It will also amplify the work of a new generation of changemakers at the forefront of activism and community engagement. **Sunday, Jan. 15, 3:00 pm**

MLK Day of Service: Harlem Street Tree Care

Join NYC Parks for a community-driven beautification project Uptown in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Volunteers will learn how to aerate, cultivate, mulch, and identify street trees. They will also learn about the important roles street trees play in New York City. The event is open to the public. Registration is required. **Monday, Jan. 16, 10:00 am**

The Wellness Circle @ The Forum

If mastering the art of self-care is on your 2023 list of resolutions, swing by The Forum for a midday mindfulness and meditation session led by the Harlem Wellness Center. All levels are welcome. No equipment is needed. **Wednesday**, **Jan. 18**, **12:00** pm



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Named after award-winning journalist and author A'Lelia Bundles, the initiative provides scholars with access to a wide range of academic and campus resources to build and evolve their community-driven projects. Learn more about how you can become a part of the next class of Bundles scholars. Applications for the 11th cohort are now open through **May 5, 2023**.

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Learn How the Bundles Scholars Program Can Elevate Your Community-Driven Project

During this virtual session on March 16, A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program organizers will provide an overview of the application process, delve into benefits and resources available to Bundles scholars, and answer questions from individuals interested in being a part of the next cohort. Register here.



Bundles Scholars Lecture: Carving Architecture and Careers

On March 29, join Bundles Community Scholar Chris Pellettieri, professional stone carver and founder and executive director of Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy, for a lecture on the art form. The Morningside Heights native will share his reverence for the craft and how he's using it to empower youth. Register here.

Columbia University's Career Expo Returns This Month



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mission of hiring locally — participants will learn more about career opportunities at Columbia, connect with representatives across the university's schools and departments, participate in job-preparedness workshops, and more!

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Lauren Covey Makes New York Sonic Portraits to Highlight Unheard Voices

Columbia University School of the Arts alumna Lauren Covey is leading a community-based art and archival project, dubbed Sonic Portraits of NY, that uses sound as a therapeutic tool to support marginalized communities.



5 Books by Columbia Faculty for Women's History Month

Looking for some new titles to add to your reading list ahead of spring? Browse these literary gems, penned by Columbia faculty, for everything from parenting advice to the life of a Hollywood pioneer and the stories of refugees in America.



Columbia's Women's Basketball Team Wins Its First Ivy League Championship

For the first time in the program's 37-year history, Columbia Women's Basketball team can call themselves Ivy League Champions. The Lions triumphed in an overtime victory against Cornell University.

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'Mother Country Radicals' Panel Discussion

Stop by the Lenfest Center for the Arts on the Manhattanville campus for a candid discussion that will delve into the inspiration behind the podcast *Mother Country Radicals*, an audio project that chronicles the lives and times of individuals associated with the Weather Underground Organization. The panel will feature podcast creator Zayd Ayers Dohrn (GSAS'06), Film Professor Jamal Joseph, and Carol Becker, Dean of Columbia University School of the Arts. The event is free. **Thursday, March 9, 6:30 pm**

Harlem Arts Stroll

Immerse yourself in the artistry of local creatives along the Harlem Arts Stroll. The event — hosted by a collective of Uptown-based galleries, businesses, and organizations from 110 Street to 155 Street — will give attendees a lens into the community's rich and vibrant culture through art. The stroll will commence at the Calabar Gallery. The event is free. Registration is required. **Saturday, March 11, 1:00 pm**

El Museo del Barrio Exhibition Tour | Juan Francisco Elso: Por América

Calling all art enthusiasts! Stop by El Museo del Barrio for an exclusive tour of *Juan Francisco Elso: Por América* led by one of the museum's educators. The exhibition captures the work of late Cuban artist Juan Francisco Elso, who created pieces that explored the complex forms of contemporary Cuban, Caribbean, and Latin American identities, the cultural influences of Indigenous traditions and Afro-Caribbean religious beliefs, as well as the traumas of colonial oppression. The tour is free. Registration is required. **Saturday, March 11, 2:30 pm**

East Harlem Restaurant Crawl

Join the Union Settlement for an exploratory tour of East Harlem's culinary scene. Attendees will indulge in samples from local restaurants and connect with restaurateurs to learn more about their businesses and entrepreneurial journeys. Stops along the tour include Bistro Casa Azul, CakeBurgers, and Santiago's. **Tuesday, March 14, 5:00 pm**

The Wellness Circle @ The Forum

Join the Harlem Wellness Center at The Forum on Columbia's Manhattanville campus for a midday meditation session. The guided session will include chair stretches and breathing exercises. All levels are welcome. **Wednesday**, **March 15**, **12:00** pm









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National Volunteer Month: Get Involved with These Columbia Community Service Grantee Organizations

The strength of a community is defined by those who share an unwavering commitment to its improvement and evolution. From street beautification projects to initiatives cultivated to combat hunger locally, social impact is a definitive element of Uptown culture.

This month, *Columbia Neighbors* is celebrating volunteerism in Upper Manhattan and amplifying the work of nonprofits in the local community. We've curated a list of six Columbia Community Service grantee organizations to consider volunteering with this season and all year round.

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Teachers College Leads Local Social Impact Projects

To mark its annual TC Impact Day, the Teachers College community tapped into the power of service through an array of local and national social impact initiatives. More than 160 volunteers participated in Impact Day projects, including a book drive that generated 2,300 books for Harlem schools, readaloud sessions that engaged young learners, and beautification projects in Morningside Heights and across the country in San Francisco. Read more.



Nonprofits Driving Change in Harlem and Washington Heights

Looking for volunteer opportunities
Uptown this spring? Harlem and
Washington Heights are home to
grassroots organizations making a
difference locally. Though the list of
transformative nonprofits is endless, we've
rounded up eight impactful organizations
you should know. From social justice
nonprofits to arts education programs,
these organizations are collectively and
holistically dedicated to empowering and
uplifting residents Uptown. Read more.

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Five Tips for Taking Climate Action in Your Community

Christine Appah-Gyamfi, a public interest lawyer who teaches at Columbia Climate School, shared some advice for anyone uncertain about what role they can play in advocating for climate and environmental justice, as well as pointers on where to begin.



Columbia Scholars Share Insights on Medicine & Social Justice

A collective of Columbia University medical students share their perspectives on disparities in healthcare and how the inequities fuel them to use their paths in medicine to advance social justice.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Water Conservation Festival

Dive into the different facets of water conservation with The Horticultural Society of New York at Riverbank State Park. The one-day festival will feature community-driven STEM activities, a drought-resistant plant giveaway, water audit how-tos, artmaking, music, storytelling, and more. The event is free and open to the public. **Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am**

International Earth Day: Climate & Environmental Justice in Harlem

Join Columbia Climate School, Columbia World Projects, and the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce for an informative and insightful conversation about the state of

partnerships can shape climate policy, and Columbia Climate School's role in supporting and empowering surrounding communities in addressing the climate crisis. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. **Saturday, April 22, 12:00 pm**

Open Streets: Car-Free Earth Day

Join Uptown Grand Central for a celebration of Earth Day at La Marqueta in East Harlem. The fun-filled, family-friendly, open-street event boasts a lineup of green thumb-inspired activities including a seed bomb workshop led by the Urban Garden Center, a STEM session guided by HYPOTHEkids, and a recycled art workshop led by Street Lab's READ NYC cart initiative. Attendees will have the opportunity to bike through El Barrio with free unlimited 30-minute rides on classic Citi Bikes and indulge in local eats at Amuse Bouche and Lizzy's Treats. The event is free and open to the public. **Saturday, April 22, 1:00 pm**

Music Monday: Sing Harlem! Choir

The joyful choral ensemble Sing Harlem! Choir makes its return to The Forum! Kick off your week on a high note with a free concert from the award-winning musical group from Mama Foundation for the Arts. The event is free and open to the public. **Monday, April 24, 6:00 pm**

Music on the Brain: Rhythm and Tempo

Join The National Jazz Museum in Harlem and Columbia University's Zuckerman Institute for the next installment of Music on the Brain. Immerse yourself in the sounds of multi-instrumentalist, composer, and educator T.K. Blue and engage in a discussion with Zuckerman Institute Professor Mark Churchland exploring the impact of rhythm and tempo on how we move. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm

The Wellness Circle @ The Forum

Experience the power of community through wellness. Stop by The Forum for a free midday meditation session led by the Harlem Wellness Center. The guided session will include chair stretches and breathing exercises. All levels are welcome. No equipment is needed. Wednesday, April 26, 12:00 pm











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Behind the Groove: A Conversation with Jazzmobile's Executive Director Robin Bell-Stevens

The rich legacy of jazz thrives Uptown and the Harlem-based nonprofit Jazzmobile is keeping the community's tradition of musical innovation alive. For nearly six decades, the organization has played an integral role in the renaissance of jazz music through its trademark mobile concert series and educational programming, which includes free workshops, residencies, and symposia.

In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, *Columbia Neighbors* spoke with the Executive Director of Jazzmobile, Robin Bell-Stevens, about the origins of Jazzmobile, music education, and her favorite Uptown jazz spots.

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Press Play: Inside the Jazz Lab at Columbia's Zuckerman Institute

Pianist Helen Sung, the first jazz artist-inresidence at Columbia's Zuckerman
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This video explores how her experience at
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hosting listening parties to investigate how
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Last Chance to Apply to Become an A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar

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Photo Spotlight: Lights Along Lenox at the Savoy Ballroom

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Nestled along Lenox Avenue, the legendary Savoy Ballroom was one of the backdrops of Harlem's jazz renaissance. This vintage photo captures a view of the Savoy Ballroom circa 1950.

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Columbia Alumni Composers You Should Know (and Stream)

Specializing in everything from classical to show tunes to experimental electronica, these notable composers grew their music careers at Columbia. The list includes New Orleans-bred pianist-composer Courtney Bryan and Tony Award-winning composer and orchestrator Tom Kitt.

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Surgeons Professor Christine Kim is using
music as medicine for people with
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5 Columbia Grads Shaking Up the Craft-Beverage Scene in NYC

From vintners to mead makers, these local entrepreneurs—who are all Columbia alums—are serving fresh new takes on classic alcoholic drinks and infusing their projects with inspiration from the Big Apple.

Upcoming Events

Livestream: Continuing the Dinkins Legacy of Public Safety

Join Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs for a candid conversation with New York City Mayor Eric Adams. The virtual discussion will delve into the legacy of late politician David N. Dinkins—NYC's first African American mayor—and Adams will share his vision for the future of the city. In-person attendance has reached capacity. The live stream is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 pm

Legacies of San Juan Hill: New York City's Black Bohemia (1900-1920)

As part of the series *Legacies of San Juan Hill*, Lincoln Center and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture will host a conversation with leading scholars and cultural leaders about the origins of San Juan Hill and how the founding of that neighborhood reflects the struggles and triumphs of the African diaspora in New York City, past and present. **Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm**

Harlem Culture Crawl Weekend

Immerse yourself in Uptown's vibrancy along the Harlem Culture Crawl. The self-guided tour—which is being hosted by Harlem One Stop and the Harlem Cultural Collaborative—will include stops that illustrate the architectural, artistic, and historical elements of Harlem. The event is free. RSVP is required. **Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30**

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Stop by the Lenfest Center for the Arts for a family-friendly screening of the classic

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comedy *Ghostbusters*. The film—which stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, and Sigourney Weaver—chronicles the hijinks of three odd-ball scientists who study paranormal activity. The screening is free and open to the public. Registration is required. **Saturday, April 29, 1:00 pm**

Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association: Harlem Stoop Sale

Join the Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association for a one-of-a-kind Uptown shopping experience at their annual Harlem Stoop Sale. Over 50 homes between 116th and 124th Streets, across Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. and Madison Avenue, will sell gently used clothes, shoes, antiques, household and kitchen items, artifacts, toys, games, furniture, and more. The event is free and open to the public. **Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am**

The Wellness Circle @ The Forum

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Uptown Voices: Harlem Wellness Center Founder Vivian Williams-Kurutz

"My interest in the wellness space was sparked by lived experience. Yoga chased me."

— Vivian Williams-Kurutz

After experiencing the transformative power of yoga, entrepreneur Vivian Williams-Kurutz set out on a mission to ensure this form of wellness was accessible in communities like Harlem. Williams-Kurutz—an A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar at Columbia University—launched the Harlem Wellness Center as a means to cultivate safe spaces for holistic healing and empower individuals to connect and thrive.

For Mental Health Awareness Month, as part of our Uptown Voices series, we're amplifying her community-driven work in the wellness space.

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Bronx Native Uplifts Communities Through Mental Health Advocacy

Ashley Rodriguez (SSW'23)—a first-generation Dominican American Bronxite—is using her platform to spread awareness about the importance of mental health resources in communities like Harlem and the Bronx. *Columbia Neighbors* spoke with Rodriguez about her path in social work and her work with the HOPE Center in Harlem. Read more.



12+ Photos from Manhattanville Community Day That Are Sprinkled with Fun

Spring showers couldn't stop the magic of Manhattanville Community Day! Our neighbors, elected officials, Columbians, and other community members braved the rain to gather at The Forum and across campus for a festive celebration of Uptown culture. Check out photos from the day and stay tuned for details about the next event! Read more.

Photo Spotlight: Uptown in Bloom

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The Incredible Environmental Benefits of NYC Trees

Public green spaces in inner cities are instrumental in improving the mental health of residents, and they also play an environmentally sustainable role in combatting global warming, a new Columbia study revealed.



Improving Access to Mental Health Care

Nia Josiah, a graduate of Columbia's DNP program, talks about her mission to create wider access to mental health resources and advance equity within the healthcare system through clinical practice and nursing research.

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Columbia Nursing Launches Newest Center

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Columbia University School of Nursing has announced the establishment of the Center for Community-Engaged Health Informatics and Data Science to promote health and health equity, from the community level to the international stage.

Upcoming Events

Taste of Harlem 2023

Calling all Uptown foodies! Join the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce, elected officials, and community leaders for a celebration of Harlem's culinary scene. Indulge in local eats from over 30 vendors, connect with community members, and dance the evening away to nostalgic tunes delivered by WBLS Radio's DJ Miss ID. **Thursday, June 1, 6:00 pm**

Uptown Arts Stroll: 2023 Opening Reception

Join the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance for a celebration of Upper Manhattan's creative community at the opening reception of the Uptown Arts Stroll. The evening will feature live performances and visual art created by local residents. **Thursday, June 1, 6:00 pm**

NYC Multicultural Festival

Celebrate the diversity that defines the Big Apple at the NYC Multicultural Festival in Harlem. From Mali to Italy, during this immersive annual event, attendees will learn about global cultural traditions through the arts. The event is free and open to the public. **Saturday, June 3, 11:00 am**

Summer on the Hudson: Shape Up NYC Dance Fitness

Join Shape Up NYC for a fun dance fitness class along the Hudson River. Shape Up NYC offers free sessions to help New Yorkers prioritize wellness. The class is open to the public. **Saturday**, **June 3**, **11:00** am

Harlem Bazaar

Stop by MASC Hospitality Group's Harlem Bazaar to experience a slice of Harlem's entrepreneurial scene. The open-air pop-up market will feature merchandise, apparel, handcrafted items, and other creations by local artisans, merchants, and designers. The event is free and open to the public. **Sunday, June 4, 11:00 am**

Pride Month Portrait Exhibition Opening and Artists Talk

Kickoff Pride Month celebrating the artistry of LGBTQIA+ creatives. This poignant

cultural exchange. The event, which is being hosted by ArtCrawl Harlem, is free and open to the public. Registration is required. **Monday, June 5, 1:00 pm**



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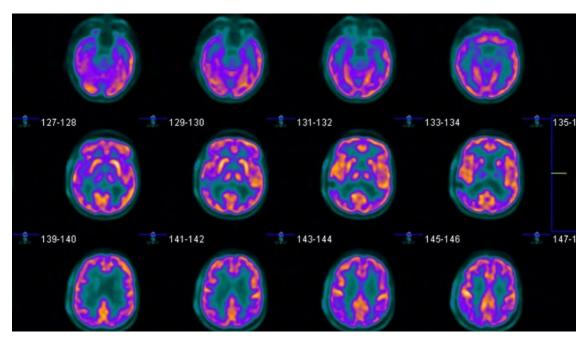
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Columbia Doctors and Engineers Collaborate to Treat
Pediatric Brain Tumors

The brain is shielded from most toxins and pathogens by a highly complex network of blood vessels—the blood-brain barrier—that restricts the size and chemical composition of molecules that can cross through it and into brain tissue. This barrier is also one of the major challenges neuro-oncologists face in treating brain tumors: most chemotherapeutic agents are not able to penetrate the blood-brain barrier to reach brain and spinal cord tumors.

Pediatric oncologist Luca Szalontay co-leads Columbia's Initiative for Drug Delivery Innovation (IDDI) along with radiation oncologist Cheng-Chia Wu. Together with Elisa Konofagou, Robert and Margaret Hariri Professor of Biomedical Engineering, and other colleagues at Columbia, the IDDI team has opened a trial testing a non-invasive method to circumvent the blood-brain barrier. The IDDI team hopes this new approach will improve the currently dismal outlook for the 700 children in the U.S. diagnosed each year with a special type of brain tumor, called diffuse midline glioma.

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From a Successful Startup to a Class on Entrepreneurship

Apoorv Agarwal (SEAS PhD'16) cofounded Text IQ in 2014, which uses AI to identify sensitive data and prevent compliance disasters. It quickly turned profitable and was acquired in 2021. Agarwal taught the seminar "Topics in CS: Building a Successful Startup" for the first time in 2022 to share his experience.



Tamer Fund for Social Venture Selects Four New Awardees

The Tamer Fund provides seed grants to nonprofit, for-profit, and hybrid early-stage social and environmental ventures. The awardees, announced last fall, run the gamut from planting and caring for trees in New York City, to connecting patients with doctors who speak their native language.

Innovation Across the University



Bioengineered Skin Grafts that Fit Like a Glove

Bioengineers at CUIMC have devised a way to grow engineered skin in complex, three-dimensional shapes, making it possible to construct, for example, a seamless "glove" of skin cells that can be slipped onto a severely burned hand.



Orin Herskowitz Wins Bayh-Dole Award

Herskowitz, executive director of Columbia Technology Ventures, received the award for his 17 years of facilitating the transfer of inventions from academic research labs at Columbia to the market for the benefit of society.

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Harnessing the Power of Real Time Weather Data

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Scientists at Columbia Climate School's International Research Institute for Climate and Society developed the Automatic Weather Station Data Tool which simplifies access to high-quality climate data for national meteorological services around the world.



A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars

Residents of Upper Manhattan can apply to be a Bundles Scholar and receive access to Columbia resources while they work on a project that benefits their community. Past projects have focused on arts education, impact investing, health and wellness nonprofits, and more.



Building a Purposeful Career

Rising to the Top, a podcast from School of Professional Studies' Career Design Lab, spoke with Hayley Berlent, SPS lecturer and founder of the Additive Agency, about building a business with the goal of creating positive social change.

Events

Financing the Future: Investors and the Climate Crisis

Columbia Climate School founding dean Alex Halliday will speak with two of Columbia's most influential investment policy strategists, Caroline Flammer, professor of international and public affairs and of climate, and Bruce Usher, professor and co-director of the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise, on the financial implications and opportunities of decarbonizing our world. **Monday, March 27, 6:00 pm**

Columbia Startup Lab Open House

Hundreds of students have been working on startups at Columbia Startup Lab Morningside and competing for awards in the Columbia Venture Competition. Now, graduating students and recent alums who are ready to launch and work full time on their venture can apply to

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current founders/members, and ask any questions you may have.

Thursday, March 30, 6:00 pm

18th Annual Columbia University Energy Symposium

This symposium is the largest student-run energy event in New York City, bringing together hundreds of energy professionals, students, faculty, leaders, and executives representing industry, government, and society to explore and advance our insights into today's challenging energy questions. The theme of this year's symposium is "The Energy Trilemma: Building Security, Affordability, and Sustainability." **Friday, March 31, 9:00 am**

The Business Case for Second Chance Employment

Unemployment and poverty are among the biggest predictors of lifetime incarceration and recidivism. This panel will highlight leading examples of the work of state governors and business schools in providing individuals with a criminal record with pathways to sustainable employment. **Monday, April 3, 8:30 am**

Columbia Global Energy Summit

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Center on Global Energy Policy will convene some of the brightest minds and important leaders to discuss turbulence in global energy markets, the growing gap between climate ambition and reality, and the tensions between today's energy needs and tomorrow's energy transition imperative.

Wednesday, April 12, 8:00 am

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Celebrate Circularity Day NYC 2023 at Barnard

Barnard is teaming up with Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and Columbia Climate School to host a city-wide celebration of the powerful sustainability practice known as circularity: a potent strategy that reduces emissions and waste while building local jobs and community resilience. In a circular economy, once we finish with a product, we place it and its components right back into the supply chain instead of disposing of it in the world's overwhelmed landfills. Circularity Day NYC 2023 recognizes that these simple practices can be leveraged as a powerful climate and economic strategy and represent our path to a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient city. **Friday, March 10, 1:00 pm**

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Watch the Lions in the Ivy League Tournament

The Women's Basketball team won a share of the Ivy League Championship this season and will take on Harvard in the semifinals of the Ivy League Tournament. Tickets are available for those who wish to travel. The game will also stream on ESPN+. **Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm**

2023 Bundles Scholars Information Session

Learn about the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program, which provides members of the Upper Manhattan community with access to Columbia resources, at this virtual information session.

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 pm

More Events in NYC



Antiracism Speaker Series: Jolaade Kalinowski

Kalinowski, assistant professor in the Human Development and Family Sciences department at UConn, will give a lecture titled "Stress Interventions as an Act of Resistance: Black Women's Health." **Thursday, March 9, 10:00 am**



Family Values and the Romance of Russia

Bethany Moreton, a history professor at Dartmouth, will speak about how theocrats in the United States have used Russia as a resource for promoting sexual conformity, racial purity, and gender rigidity since the time of the Bolshevik Revolution. **Thursday, March 9, 5:00 pm**



Harlem Swing Dance Society Celebrates the Savoy Ballroom

The Savoy Ballroom was the home of the original Lindy Hop. This event will include a mini dance lesson and a dance social. Free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. **Saturday, March 11, 2:00 pm**



The Pain Gap: How Sexism and Racism in Healthcare Kill Women

For Women's History Month, CUIMC's Women Employee Resource Group will host Anushay Hossain, feminist policy analyst and author of *The Pain Gap*. CUID required to attend.

Tuesday, March 14, 4:30 pm

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President Bollinger's Impact on Free Speech

When Lee C. Bollinger became president of Columbia in 2002, he had a long list of priorities for the university. They included expanding the institution's physical footprint, engaging more widely with global problems, advancing Columbia's commitment to educational diversity, and deepening core strengths in the liberal arts and in cutting-edge research. They also included promoting the free exchange of ideas and information in novel and rigorous ways.

One of the country's foremost First Amendment scholars, Bollinger has felt a special responsibility to ensure not only that Columbia remained an open forum for discussion but also that it contributed, actively, to the protection of speech around the world. As Bollinger winds down his tenure, *Columbia News* looks back at some of his major initiatives.

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Daphna Shohamy Named Director and CEO of Zuckerman Institute

Shohamy, the Kavli Professor of Brain Science known for her work at the intersection of learning, memory, and decision-making, looks to connect scientists to each other, to broader communities, and to society.



Columbia Launches Center for Precision Psychiatry & Mental Health

Thanks to a \$75 million grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, the center will catalyze the scientific innovation and clinical implementation of precision medicine to advance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness.



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Watch President Obama's Address to Columbia Journalism Conference

The former president sent a video message to the Faultlines: Democracy conference urging journalists and historians to search for solutions in fighting disinformation and strengthening democracy ahead of next year's elections.

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Can Brain Scans Predict How Self-Absorbed Our Behavior Will Be?

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Simply by looking at imaging of the brain, Meghan Meyer, assistant professor of psychology, has been able to predict with 81% accuracy whether you want to think about yourself or other people.



How Can Women Become Better Negotiators?

In her recently published book, *New Story, New Power: A Woman's Guide to Negotiation*, SPS Professor Beth Fisher-Yoshida shares steps for disrupting negative narratives and channeling positive outcomes.



Dennis Mitchell to Serve as Interim Provost

Dennis Mitchell has been named Interim Provost, effective July 1, 2023, as Mary Boyce prepares to step down. Mitchell will remain Executive Vice President for University Life during President-Designate Minouche Shafik's transition.



Apply to Be an A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar

Upper Manhattan residents can apply to be a Bundles Scholar and work on a project or skill that benefits their community. Scholars receive a three-year affiliation with Columbia and access to campus resources. Apply by **May 5**!

Help CCS Raise \$60,000 for Hunger Relief Uptown





Did you know that emergency allotments for SNAP recipients expired on March 1? That means benefits will be cut by 30%, families with children will be the hardest hit, and some of our neighbors will go hungry. Columbia Community Service (CCS) is raising \$60,000 in the next six weeks to support the food relief efforts of CCS grantees who work to combat hunger in our community. **Donate Now**

Events

Days of 2023

The Columbia Hellenic Studies department presents an evening of music and poetry readings in celebration of the poet Constantine P. Cavafy. Cavafy poems will be recited in Greek and/or Arabic, and new writing prepared for the occasion by some of the most exciting living poets will be presented. **Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm**

The Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh - Screening and Dialogue With the Filmmakers

In advance of World Press Freedom day, join executive producer Laila Al-Arian (JRN'06), correspondent Sharif Abdel Kouddous, and senior producer Kavitha Chekuru for a screening and conversation about their documentary which investigates Abu Akleh's death while reporting from the occupied West Bank in May of 2022. **Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm**

GSAS Master's SynThesis Competition

This annual competition is an opportunity for MA students from across the Arts and Sciences to present their thesis research to a general audience in under three minutes using a single slide. First-, second-, and third-place awardees receive prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250, respectively. **Tuesday, May 2, 3:00 pm**

Cancer and the Environment

You are invited to this one-day comprehensive series on the state of the science of

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reduction. Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 am

Photo of the Week



A special Columbia Mailman School of Public Health centennial gala celebrated a century of public health progress highlighting the school's legacy of impact and affirming its leadership for the coming decades. **View Photo**

In the News

April 26 - PBS

Chasing Carbon Zero (Melissa Lott)

April 26 - The Hill

Russia Is Intentionally Targeting Ukrainian Children as an Act of War (Irwin E. Redlener)

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April 25 - The New York Times

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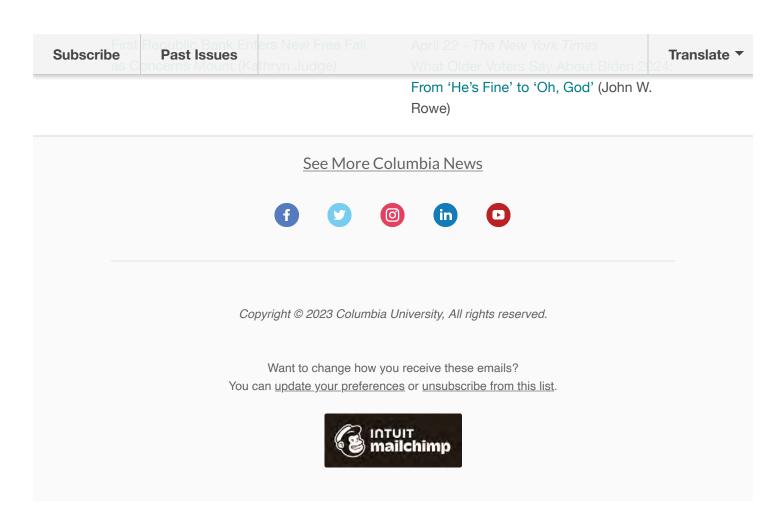
Critics Warn U.S. Inflation Reduction Act Could Keep Prices High (Jason Bordoff)

April 24 - AP

Supreme Court Takes Social Media Cases With Echoes of Trump (Katie Fallow)

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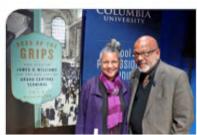


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The A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars at @Columbia University have access to tons of university resources as they work on community-oriented projects. Learn about how you can become a Bundles Scholar.





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Become an A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholar this fall! The 3-year program allows members of the Upper Manhattan community to use Columbia's academic resources to work on a project or goal. Learn more: bit.ly/3J1RT1A



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At this spring's Bundles Community Scholars Lecture on 3/29, scholar and stone carver Chris Pellettieri will talk about the craft of stone carving and the nonprofit he founded to teach carving to a new generation.

Join this in-person event at The Forum:



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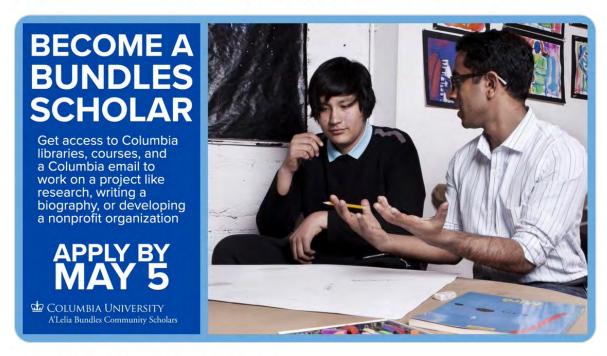
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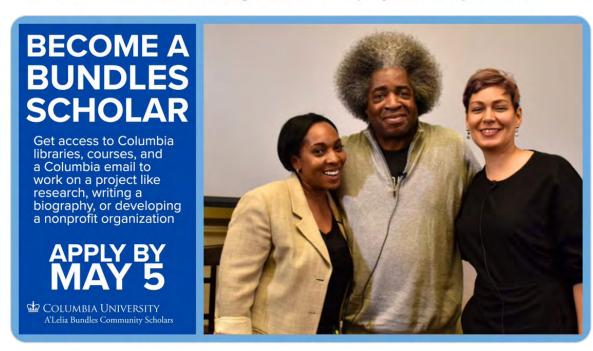
Join a community of passionate individuals from Upper Manhattan as a Bundles Scholar! With 3 years of access to Columbia's academic resources including libraries and course auditing, you can work on a project like developing a nonprofit. Apply by 5/5. bit.ly/3J1RT1A



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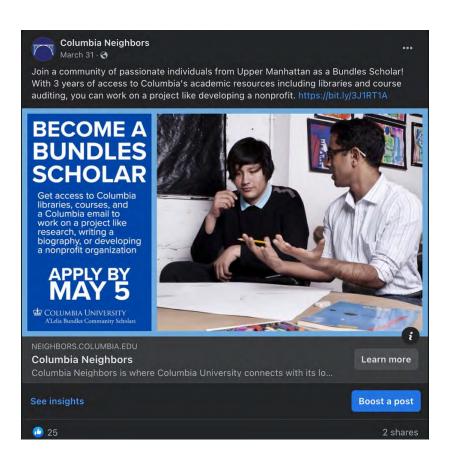


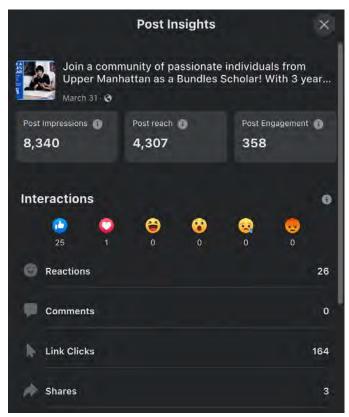
Do you have an idea for an organization, a book you want to write, or a creative project you want to build out? Join the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars to be part of a community of passionate and motivated individuals working on their own projects. bit.ly/3J1RT1A



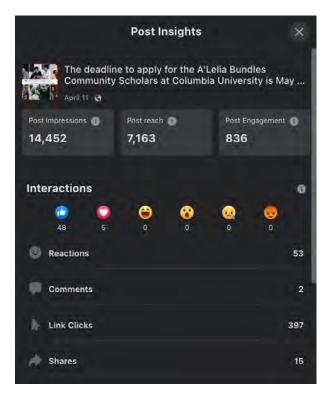
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