

COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS

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Raul Porras-Sanchez

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Columbia Grad, Harlem Native Centers Humanity

Ahead of graduation week, *Neighbors* spoke with East Harlem native Raul Porras-Sanchez (SSW'24) about the path that led him to Columbia School of Social Work, where he earned a master's degree in advanced clinical practice this spring.

Despite a difficult upbringing, Porras-Sanchez credits his success to community, family, and the social workers who nurtured him. After earning a degree from The City University of New York, Porras-Sanchez landed a coveted internship at the White House during the Obama administration.

His internship eventually turned into a staff role

where he connected with people across the country. For Porras-Sanchez, these life experiences taught him the importance of humanization.

"There's so much humanity behind the policies and the headlines that often gets overlooked," said Porras-Sanchez. "Whether it's humanizing the folks inside of an institution or humanizing folks in the public housing developments of East Harlem, there's so much potential for humanity when we look to be curious and embrace each other."

Read our full conversation with Porras-Sanchez at neighbors.columbia.edu/24grad.

Columbia Offers Free Shuttle for Seniors

Seniors can stay cool and comfortable this summer—and all year round—by taking advantage of Columbia's shuttle bus service! The ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle is free and available to all local community members who are disabled or senior citizens (including their attendants).

The shuttle connects 96th St., the Morningside campus, 125th St., Columbia University Irving Medical Center in Washington Heights, and Harlem Hospital, with stops at nearby subway and transit hubs. The shuttle bus service runs Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except on



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state and federal public holidays.

View and download the map and schedule at transportation.columbia.edu.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Manhattanville Community Day June 8, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Community Day is a free, fun-filled celebration for the local community taking place on Columbia's Manhattanville campus.

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Latin Jazz in the Heights June 9 - 29

During the weekends in June, jazz musicians will light up Plaza de

las Americas with free concerts by Jazz Power Initiative and Community League of the Heights.

neighbors.columbia.edu/jazz-heights



Good Vibes in the Park 2024 June 22, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

An outdoor gathering established in Harlem,

that creates safe spaces and centers mental health, wellness, and joy.

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Harlem Pride 2024 June 29, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Harlem's annual pride celebration is returning to the neighborhood

for its 15th anniversary.

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