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COMMUNITY UPDATES

In Memoriam: Harlem's Political Titan Charles B. Rangel

Charles B. Rangel, a Harlem-born political powerhouse who blazed a monumental path on Capitol Hill, passed away on May 26, 2025, at 94. Rangel, one of the longest-serving members of the U.S. House of Representatives, was a champion for community empowerment and civic engagement.

Although Rangel, often called the Lion of Lenox Avenue, used his political prowess to effect global change, he never strayed from Harlem. In 1994, he founded the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, which officially became a nonprofit a year after its launch and is dedicated to economically uplifting under-resourced communities.

Inspired by his commitment to addressing

socioeconomic barriers to healthcare, the Rangel Community Health Center, staffed by Columbia doctors, opened in Harlem in 2015.

In 2017, Rangel made it his mission to use education as an avenue to inspire the next generation of civically engaged leaders through programs like the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program Graduate Fellowship at Columbia University and The City College of New York's Charles B. Rangel Infrastructure Workforce Initiative.

Read more community reflections at neighbors.columbia.edu/charles-rangel

A Connection-Filled Manhattanville Community Day

A downpour outside could not stop the community-making inside at Manhattanville Community Day on June 7, which took place across Columbia's Manhattanville campus.

Young and old, community vendors and Columbia organizations, the arts and sciences all converged to make lemonade out of a lemon-y weather day in New York City.

From a film screening with a '20s twist to sidewalk STEM sessions for youth, delicious food from beloved members of the Harlem Local Vendors Program, and community organizations tabling across campus, there



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was quite a lot of fun to be had away from the rain.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/mcd-25

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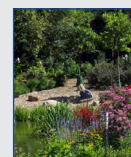


Taste of Harlem

June 3, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Join a night celebrating the delicious and unique flavors of Harlem and NYC, including food, desserts, drinks, and music.

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Second Saturday Jazz Series

June 12, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Harlem's Jazz history in the great outdoors with a free performance in Morningside Park.

neighbors.columbia.edu/jazz-saturday

Uptown Stories Summer Writing Workshops

July 21 - Aug. 29

From poetry to journalism, join a pay-what-you-can writing class for youth this summer and embark on a storytelling adventure.

neighbors.columbia.edu/uptown-stories



Columbia Doctors at Haven Plaza Farmers Market: Mind Matters

July 29,
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Discover brain-healthy nutrition, memory-enhancing exercises, and stress-reduction techniques.

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