

**Manhattanville in West Harlem Implementation Plan Report
October 15, 2026 Submission**

Declaration Reference and Key Data

Obligation Section Number: **5.07(c)(vi)**

Obligation Title: **Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students from the Local Community**

Obligation Page Number: **53**

Obligation Trigger: **PACB Approval**

Obligation Start Date: **May 20, 2009 (PACB Approval date)**

Obligation End Date: **May 20, 2035* (25 Years from Commencement)**

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

Obligation

Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students from the Local Community. In an effort to encourage students to attend Columbia College and the Fu School of Engineering and Applied Science, CU shall undertake a targeted recruitment effort for qualified students from the local community. Commencing on May 20, 2009, CU shall establish a scholarship fund to serve up to 40 aid-eligible undergraduate students per year who are admitted to Columbia College and the Fu School of Engineering and Applied Science from Harlem, with funding made available to meet their fully demonstrated financial need until 2033 or for a period of 25 years from commencement, whichever is longer.

*Undergraduate scholarships were made available with the start of the 2010-2011 academic year, one year after the trigger date. Therefore, this obligation will be in effect until the 2034-2035 academic year, 25 years from the commencement of the obligation implementation.

Note: In Spring 2014, the financial support for local students was officially named the Thompson-Muñoz scholarship award, named after two local Columbia graduates.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Annual report reflecting prior Academic year awards

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)(vi):

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1. Annual report reflecting prior Academic year awards

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- ☐ In Compliance
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Annual Report: Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students from the Local Community

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **Academic Year 2025 - 2026**

Local Aid-Eligible Students Admitted to Columbia College (CC) and/or The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (EN) Academic Year 2025-2026

Scholarships Awarded for Academic Year: 2025-2026							
#	Unique ID	Expected Year of Graduation	School	Amount Awarded (CU Specific)	New/ Renewal	Total Awarded To Date	Zip Code
1	UI000000109	2026	CC	\$ 84,227	Renewal	\$ 396,689	10454
2	UI000000151	2026	CC	\$ 63,601	Renewal	\$ 273,240	10034
3	UI000000185	2026	EN	\$ 68,872	Renewal	\$ 259,845	10026
4	UI000000228	2029	CC	\$ 41,171	New	\$ 41,171	10027
5	UI000000186	2026	CC	\$ 86,278	Renewal	\$ 321,152	10037
6	UI000000187	2026	CC	\$ 81,731	Renewal	\$ 288,644	10027
7	UI000000188	2026	CC	\$ 78,707	Renewal	\$ 299,638	10451
8	UI000000189	2026	CC	\$ 87,337	Renewal	\$ 305,156	10034
9	UI000000190	2026	EN	\$ 74,298	Renewal	\$ 245,546	10040
10	UI000000191	2026	EN	\$ 75,767	Renewal	\$ 297,138	10451
11	UI000000192	2026	EN	\$ 80,169	Renewal	\$ 302,296	10039
12	UI000000200	2027	EN	\$ 21,409	Renewal	\$ 52,332	10033
13	UI000000193	2026	CC	\$ 75,445	Renewal	\$ 294,703	10035
14	UI000000194	2026	CC	\$ 73,892	Renewal	\$ 278,773	10455
15	UI000000201	2026	CC	\$ 63,447	Renewal	\$ 201,282	10031
16	UI000000195	2028	CC	\$ 32,654	Renewal	\$ 216,887	10025
17	UI000000196	2026	CC	\$ 78,092	Renewal	\$ 285,229	10037
18	UI000000198	2026	CC	\$ 75,703	Renewal	\$ 278,040	10451
19	UI000000199	2026	CC	\$ 80,555	Renewal	\$ 300,308	10040
20	UI000000229	2029	CC	\$ 60,385	New	\$ 60,385	10040
21	UI000000215	2028	CC	\$ 74,602	Renewal	\$ 151,869	10031
22	UI000000202	2027	CC	\$ 72,920	Renewal	\$ 211,889	10451
23	UI000000203	2027	CC	\$ 6,287	Renewal	\$ 10,262	10025
24	UI000000204	2027	CC	\$ 81,483	Renewal	\$ 226,052	10031
25	UI000000205	2027	EN	\$ 32,591	Renewal	\$ 151,806	10029
26	UI000000206	2027	CC	\$ 12,903	Renewal	\$ 27,957	10025
27	UI000000207	2028	CC	\$ 84,431	Renewal	\$ 210,290	10026
28	UI000000208	2027	CC	\$ 74,786	Renewal	\$ 219,717	10025
29	UI000000209	2027	EN	\$ 88,337	Renewal	\$ 230,763	10454
30	UI000000210	2027	CC	\$ 76,920	Renewal	\$ 225,319	10474
31	UI000000211	2027	CC	\$ 54,622	Renewal	\$ 162,882	10033
32	UI000000212	2027	EN	\$ 61,517	Renewal	\$ 191,347	10040
33	UI000000213	2027	CC	\$ 74,539	Renewal	\$ 218,447	10030
34	UI000000214	2027	CC	\$ 71,757	Renewal	\$ 213,520	10031
35	UI000000216	2028	CC	\$ 84,524	Renewal	\$ 163,591	10033

36	UI000000217	2028	EN	\$ 80,245	Renewal	\$ 150,092	10029
37	UI000000218	2028	CC	\$ 84,250	Renewal	\$ 165,704	10025
38	UI000000219	2028	CC	\$ 78,312	Renewal	\$ 156,241	10027
39	UI000000220	2028	CC	\$ 73,798	Renewal	\$ 145,664	10039
40	UI000000221	2028	CC	\$ 72,510	Renewal	\$ 142,676	10032
41	UI000000222	2028	EN	\$ 82,252	Renewal	\$ 157,107	10027
42	UI000000223	2028	CC	\$ 73,010	Renewal	\$ 138,381	10029
43	UI000000224	2028	CC	\$ 53,293	Renewal	\$ 114,260	10039
44	UI000000225	2028	EN	\$ 73,010	Renewal	\$ 145,026	10454
45	UI000000226	2028	CC	\$ 78,646	Renewal	\$ 154,864	10455
46	UI000000227	2028	CC	\$ 85,737	Renewal	\$ 168,056	10458
47	UI000000230	2029	CC	\$ 82,170	New	\$ 82,170	10026
48	UI000000231	2029	CC	\$ 79,506	New	\$ 79,506	10031
49	UI000000232	2029	CC	\$ 78,750	New	\$ 78,750	10031
50	UI000000233	2029	EN	\$ 78,505	New	\$ 78,505	10032
51	UI000000234	2029	CC	\$ 79,313	New	\$ 79,313	10027
52	UI000000235	2029	CC	\$ 80,329	New	\$ 80,329	10451
53	UI000000237	2029	EN	\$ 78,334	New	\$ 78,334	10027
54	UI000000238	2029	CC	\$ 7,700	New	\$ 7,700	10026
55	UI000000239	2029	CC	\$ 79,664	New	\$ 79,664	10030
56	UI000000240	2029	CC	\$ 76,415	New	\$ 76,415	10029
57	UI000000241	2029	CC	\$ 88,235	New	\$ 88,235	10034
58	UI000000242	2029	CC	\$ 77,750	New	\$ 77,750	10033
59	UI000000243	2029	CC	\$ 89,615	New	\$ 89,615	10031
60	UI000000244	2029	CC	\$ 67,772	New	\$ 67,772	10455

Columbia Summer Programs College Fair - Columbia University hosts one of the largest summer college fairs in the country attracting approximately 100 colleges from across the country. The college fair consists of workshops for local counselors, families and students, including tips for performing a college search and navigating the college fair, workshops on financial aid, the college application process, and applying to college as a STEM major.

The 2026 Summer Programs College Fair was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 and included:

- a session with college admissions counselors where attendees could ask specific and direct questions about navigating college admissions
- an inside look at the admissions process and numerous opportunities to meet with admissions officers one on one and in small groups
- a workshop on how to showcase student voices in the college admissions essay and supplemental questions with a focus on students with STEM interests
- an overview of how to find and access college funding sources

Additional Supporting Documentation

- Press release about the naming of scholarship for local students after alumni (Nov. 17, 2014)
- List of high schools Thompson-Muñoz students admitted from
- Summary of local outreach efforts
- Copies of outreach communications sent to students and counselors
- Summer Programs College Fair event photos

Nov. 17, 2014

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Scholarships for Local Students Honor Two Distinguished Alumni

Albert Thompson and Carlos Muñoz lived on the same block of West 116th Street and knew each other at Columbia College, overlapping for one year. Now their names jointly grace a new Columbia initiative for future generations of local students.

The initiative, named last spring in their honor, identifies some 40 promising undergraduates in West Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood and the South Bronx. The students, who are welcomed into the program when they receive their acceptance letters from Columbia, have the opportunity to attend special events where they meet alumni and community leaders.

The program is one of many scholarship and grant programs the University administers to ensure economic diversity on campus, joining other initiatives such as the Dyckman Institute Scholarships for outstanding students from Washington Heights and Inwood. Financial aid workshops are held in the local community to publicize these and other efforts.



Carlos Muñoz and Albert Thompson

"Columbia is defined by the city we call home and by our historic commitment to providing educational opportunity to a remarkable diversity of young people, regardless of their family's income," said Columbia President [Lee C. Bollinger](#). "We reach out to attract talented students all across the nation who are the first member of their family to attend college, but nowhere more so than our own New York community. We are proud to add the Thompson-Muñoz Scholars to this effort that's so central to our mission."

[Columbia College](#) and [The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science](#) both participate in the program. Nearly half of the students at the College and School of Engineering receive financial aid, and 16 percent of the first-year students are the first in their family to attend college.

[James J. Valentini](#), dean of Columbia College and vice president for undergraduate education, said, "Our goal with this program, as with financial aid in general, is to admit students based on their ability to contribute to and benefit from our community, not on their ability to pay for the experience."

Columbia provides need-blind admissions for U.S. citizens and permanent residents, meeting 100 percent of demonstrated financial need for all four years of study. Students on financial aid receive on average more than \$42,000 annually.

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Brown Institute for Media Innovation Grand Opening

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Five Columbia faculty members have been inducted into the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. They are [James J. Cimino](#), adjunct professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics; [Quamraisha Abdool Karim](#), associate professor of epidemiology; [Gerard Karsenty](#), Paul A. Marks Professor of Genetics & Development; [Michael Shadlen](#), professor of neuroscience; and [Gordana Vunjak-Novakovic](#), Mikati Foundation Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

[Herb Gans](#), the Robert S. Lynd Professor Emeritus of Sociology and special lecturer in sociology, was awarded the 2014 William Foote Whyte Career Achievement Award for sociological practice and public sociology.

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Jessica Marinaccio, dean of undergraduate admissions and financial aid, said socioeconomic diversity is essential for building a representative student body. "Affordability and access are major themes in our outreach to prospective and admitted students," she said.

One of the Thompson-Muñoz scholars is Jean-Franco Diaz (CC'16), who grew up in the Dominican community in Washington Heights. Diaz, who intends to major in economics and political science, said, "Attending Columbia has given me a global perspective." Janay Anderson (CC'17), who grew up 20 blocks from Columbia and plans to major in the Medicine, Literature and Society track, said the University has prepared her to help her community.

Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer (GS'97), speaking at a reception in October for the Thompson-Muñoz scholars, praised Columbia's educational outreach programs, singling out the [Double Discovery Center](#), which offers tutoring, standardized test-prep and Saturday enrichment classes. "These students go on to do great things in the world." Indeed, columnist Frank Bruni recently profiled the benefits of a full-time summer session held on campus for college-bound local students in [The New York Times](#).

Peter Johnson, director of Enrollment Group Special Projects and special assistant to the dean of undergraduate admissions and financial aid, applauded the students for their intellectual curiosity, initiative and hard work. "It is not a privilege to attend Columbia," he told the students. "But it is an honor. Privileges are bestowed on us, honors you earn." Roosevelt Montas (CC'95), associate dean and director of the [Center for the Core Curriculum](#), told them, "Your presence enriches all of our experiences."

Thompson (CC'54), a Columbia shot put record-holder who continued his track and field career in the Naval Reserves, graduated from both Columbia College and the College of Dental Medicine, where he is now an assistant clinical professor.

Muñoz (CC'57, MA'61) likewise earned a pair of degrees from the University, graduating from the College before getting a master's degree in economics. He climbed to executive vice president for credit and risk management at Dime Savings Bank of New York. A former president of the Columbia College Alumni Association and member of the College's Board of Visitors, Muñoz has long donated his time to his alma mater. He said the initiative made him proud of his Columbia heritage and had this advice for students: "Keep your minds open to all areas of opinion and take advantage of the trove of knowledge available at the University."

Thompson told the students that while they deserved to be commended for getting into Columbia, they didn't do it alone. "Your parents deserve credit for providing an environment for you to succeed," he said. And going forward, he said later, they will have to help each other. "The biggest asset that all of these students have is one another."

— by Gary Shapiro

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Thompson-Munoz Admits - List of High Schools

Admitted students living within the 17 zip-codes Upper Manhattan and the Bronx attending the schools listed below.

School Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Avenues New York - The World School	259 10th Ave	New York	NY	10001
Bronx High School of Science	75 Bronx Science Blvd	Bronx	NY	10468
Calhoun School	West End Ave	New York	NY	10024
Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering *	425 W 123rd St Rm 503	New York	NY	10027
Community Health Academy Heights	512 W 182nd St	New York	NY	10033
Grace Church School	46 Cooper Sq	New York	NY	10003
High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College of New York *	240 Convent Ave	New York	NY	10031
High School of American Studies	2925 Goulden Ave	Bronx	NY	10468
KIPP NYC College Prep High School *	201 E 144th St	Bronx	NY	10451
Leman Manhattan Preparatory School	1 Morris St	New York	NY	10004
Lycee Francais de New York	505 E 75th St	New York	NY	10021
Manhattan Center for Science and Math	280 Pleasant Ave	New York	NY	10029
Special Music School High School	122 Amsterdam Ave	New York	NY	10023
Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem	140 W 102nd St	New York	NY	10025

**Denotes more than one scholar is a graduate of the school*

Summary of Local Outreach Efforts Conducted by Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

August 1, 2025 - August 21, 2026

Efforts include in-person and virtual High School visits, College Fairs, and High School Programs attended by Columbia Undergraduate Admissions.

Region	Event	Date	Location	Format
New York - NYC	Visit with Manhattan Center for Science and Math	9/9	Manhattan Center for Science and Math	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School	9/9	Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School	In-Person
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and	9/10	Francis W Parker School	In-Person

	Vanderbilt General Information Session in San Diego			
New York - NYC	Visit with New Heights Academy Charter School	9/11	New Heights Academy Charter School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with The Abraham Joshua Heschel School	9/11	Abraham Joshua Heschel School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with The Dwight School	9/11	The Dwight School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit to Eleanor Roosevelt High School	9/16	Eleanor Roosevelt High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Frank Sinatra School of the Arts College Fair	9/16	Frank Sinatra School of the Arts	In-Person
General	Visit with Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	9/17	Baltimore Polytechnic Institute	In-Person
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	9/17	Online via Zoom	Virtual
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	9/18	Online via Zoom	Virtual
General	Visit with Cranbrook Kingswood School	9/18	Cranbrook Kingswood School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit to Trinity School	9/22	Trinity School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit to Collegiate School	9/22	Collegiate School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Harlem Prep High School	9/23	Harlem Prep High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with SEO Scholars	9/24	Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Scholars	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Central Park East High School	9/25	Central Park East High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Park East High School	9/25	Park East High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Young Women's Leadership School of Manhattan	9/25	Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with High School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering at City College	9/26	High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College of	In-Person

New York - NYC	Visit to Riverdale Country School	9/26	Riverdale Country School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Deans Session in New York	9/28	Columbia Lerner Boone Arledge Cinema	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Cardinal Spellman High School	9/29	Cardinal Spellman High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Cardinal Hayes High School	9/29	Cardinal Hayes High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Mount Saint Michael Academy	9/29	Mount Saint Michael Academy	In-Person
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Access and Affordability Session	9/29	Online via Zoom	Virtual
New York - NYC	Visit with Special Music School	9/30	Special Music School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School	9/30	Fiorello H LaGuardia High School of Music, Art and Performing Ar	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Bard High School Early College	9/30	Bard High School Early College	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with High School for Environmental Studies	9/30	High School for Environmental Studies	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with NEST+m	9/30	New Explorations into Science, Technology and Math High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy	10/1	Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit to Fieldston School	10/1	Fieldston School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Essex Street Academy	10/1	Essex Street Academy	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Bronx High School of Science	10/1	Bronx High School of Science	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with High School of American Studies	10/1	High School of American Studies	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Fordham Preparatory School	10/3	Fordham Preparatory School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Monsignor Scanlan High School	10/3	Monsignor Scanlan High School	In-Person

NYC				
New York - NYC	Visit with Bronx Compass High School	10/3	Bronx Compass High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Millennium High School	10/6	Millennium High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with New Visions Charter High School of Advanced Math & Science II	10/6	New Visions Charter High School Advanced Math & Science II	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Avenues New York	10/6	Avenues New York - The World School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with University Heights High School	10/6	University Heights High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Manhattan Hunter College - High School of Science	10/6	Manhattan Hunter College - High School of Science	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with A. Philip Randolph Campus High School	10/7	A Philip Randolph Campus High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	10/7	Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with University Prep Charter High School	10/7	University Prep Charter HS	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Frank McCourt High School	10/7	Frank McCourt High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with KIPP College Prep High School	10/7	KIPP NYC College Prep High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Institute for Collaborative Education	10/9	Institute for Collaborative Education	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Brooklyn Technical High School	10/9	Brooklyn Technical High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with HS for Health Professions and Human Services	10/9	High School for Health Professions and Human Services	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Grace Church School	10/9	Grace Church School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Xavier High School	10/10	Xavier High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	NYPL College Fair	10/15	The New York Public Library	In-Person

New York - NYC	Visit with Columbia High School Law Institute	10/18	Columbia High School Law Institute	In-Person
New York - NYC	Yes Scholars Mini College Fair	10/20	Yes Scholars New York	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Ramaz School	10/22	Ramaz School: Upper School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Regis High School	10/27	Regis High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Hunter College High School	10/27	Hunter College High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	MLK Campus College and Career Fair	3/13	High School of Arts and Technology	In-Person
New York - NYC	Inwood Academy for Leadership Post-Secondary Fair	3/18	Inwood Academy For Leadership	In-Person
New York - NYC	New Settlement 11th Grade College and Career Fair	3/25	William H Taft High School Educational Campus	In-Person
New York - NYC	Columbia Secondary School College Fair	4/16	Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with Opportunity Network	4/25	The Opportunity Network	In-Person
New York - NYC	Ramaz College Fair	4/27	Ramaz School: Upper School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Bronx High School of Science College Fair	4/29	Bronx High School of Science	In-Person
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt General Information Session in Jacksonville	4/29	The Bolles School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Manhattan Center for Science & Mathematics College Fair	4/30	Manhattan Center for Science and Math	In-Person
New York - NYC	Brooklyn Technical High School 2026 College Fair	4/30	Brooklyn Technical High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Stuyvesant High School College Fair	4/30	Stuyvesant High School	In-Person
New York - NYC	Bard High School Early College Fair	5/1	Bard High School Early College	In-Person
New York - NYC	Visit with LOVE Mentoring	5/7	L.O.V.E. Mentoring	In-Person

NYC				
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	5/11	Online via Zoom	Virtual
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	5/11	Online via Zoom	Virtual
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Access and Affordability Session	5/13	Online via Zoom	Virtual
General	Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt General Information Session in Boston	5/20	Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart	In-Person
New York - NYC	College Workshop Day with the NYC Science Research Mentoring Consortium	7/10	American Museum of Natural History	In-Person

Visits to NYC-Based Organizations Serving Students Within Thompson-Munoz Zip Codes

Program	Organization	Date
Visit with SEO Scholars	Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Scholars	9/24
Virtual Visit with Opportunity Network	The Opportunity Network	10/3
Visit with Kingsbridge Heights Community Center	Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC)	10/7
Visit with Moshulu Montefiore Community Center CBO Fair	Moshulu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC)	10/8
NYPL College Fair	The New York Public Library	10/15
Visit with Columbia High School Law Institute	Columbia High School Law Institute	10/18
Yes Scholars Mini College Fair	Yes Scholars New York	10/20
Visit with Roads to Success	Roads to Success	10/23
Visit with Urban Arts	Urban Arts	10/27
Visit with StreetSquash	Street Squash	10/29
Visit with Oliver Scholars	Oliver Scholars	11/5
Friends of Malcolm X Plaza Next Steps College Fair	Malcolm X Plaza	11/8

Visit with Bottom Line	Bottom Line-New York	12/15
Visit with Trident Swim Foundation	Trident Swim Foundation	12/17
Visit with East Side House Settlement	High School for Law and Public Service	3/6
College Fair at Queens Public Library	New York Public Library	3/7
Visit with Commonpoint	Commonpoint	3/14
New Visions Spring College Fair	Baruch College	3/18
Visit with Fresh Air Fund	Fresh Air Fund	3/18
Visit with New Settlement's College Access Center	New Settlement's College Access Center	3/25
New York Public Library Staten Island College Fair	New York Public Library	3/31
Visit with Opportunity Network	The Opportunity Network	4/25
Visit with LOVE Mentoring	L.O.V.E. Mentoring	5/7
Visit with Chess-in-the-Schools	Chess-in-the-Schools	5/13
Visit with Yes Scholars	Yes Scholars New York	5/16
Visit with Student Leadership Network's Distinguished Scholarship Roundtable	Student Leadership Network	5/19
iMentor High Flyers Fair	iMentor	5/28
Visit with LEDA	Princeton University	7/8
College Workshop Day with the NYC Science Research Mentoring Consortium	American Museum of Natural History	7/10
Urban Arts College Forum	Urban Arts	7/17
Visit with Prep for Prep**	Prep for Prep	7/23

College Fairs Attended Within Thompson-Munoz Zip Codes

School/Organization Name	Event Date
Inwood Academy for Leadership	3/18
Manhattan Center for Science and Math	4/30

College Access Tours and Virtual Info Sessions Staffed by Columbia University Students Serving Students in Thompson-Munoz Zip Codes

Group Name	Type of Group	Date of Program
Inwood Academy For Leadership	HS - Charter School	4/30
A Philip Randolph Campus High School	HS - Public	8/7
A Philip Randolph Campus High School	HS - Public	8/11
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School	HS - Public	11/11
Community Health Academy Heights	HS - Public	11/24
The College Academy	HS - Public	12/2
Health, Education and Research Occupations High School	HS - Public	12/2

Additional Events Attended or Hosted by Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

**Some organizations below work with students from many states; programs likely included residents within the 17-zip codes

Event	Date
Financial Aid Information Session	8/4
Columbia Engineering Information Session	8/6
Student Q&A Chat: Columbia Engineering	8/7
Student Q&A Chat: The Core Curriculum	8/14
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Counselor Session	9/16
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	9/17
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	9/18
Columbia Engineering Information Session	9/24
Student Panel: Studying the Sciences	9/25
Student Panel: International Life and Community	9/27
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Access and Affordability Session	9/29
Student Panel: Studying the Arts, Humanities and Languages	9/30

Student Q&A Chat: Columbia 101	10/3
Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Information Session	10/6
Application Advice Session: Early Decision	10/7
Columbia Engineering Information Session	10/8
QuestBridge Find Your Fit Series: Columbia University	10/8
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Counselor Session	10/9
Student Q&A Chat: Student Life in New York City	10/10
Financial Aid Information Session	10/13
Student Panel: Rural and Small-Town Students at Columbia	10/14
Arts Capital of the World	10/15
Student Panel: Jewish Life at Columbia	10/16
Student Q&A Chat: Columbia Engineering	10/17
Student Panel: Research, Internships and Studying Abroad	10/20
Columbia Engineering Information Session	10/22
QuestBridge and Columbia University: Admissions and Financial Aid	10/22
Student Q&A Chat: Social Sciences at Columbia	10/24
Arts Capital of the World	10/26
Student Q&A Chat: International Students	11/1
Columbia Engineering Information Session	11/5
Financial Aid Information Session - Spanish	11/5
Financial Aid Information Session	11/6
Student Q&A Chat: First-Generation and/or Low-Income Student Life	11/7
Undergraduate Music Study at Barnard, Columbia and Juilliard	11/10
Undergraduate Music Study at Barnard, Columbia and Juilliard	11/13
Columbia Engineering Information Session	11/19
Student Panel: Students of Color at Columbia	11/20
Student Q&A Chat: The Core Curriculum and Academics	11/21
Student Q&A Chat: International Students	11/22
Student Q&A Chat: Community, Organizations and Traditions	12/5
Application Advice Session: Regular Decision	12/10
Transfer Information Session	1/28

Columbia Engineering Information Session	2/4
Student Panel: Student Life in New York City	2/5
Financial Aid Information Session (En Español)	2/9
Financial Aid Information Session	2/11
Student Q&A Chat: Columbia Engineering	2/13
Columbia Engineering Information Session	2/18
Student Panel: First-Generation and Low-Income Students at Columbia	2/19
Student Q&A Chat: Arts, Humanities and Languages at Columbia	2/20
Student Q&A Chat: International Students	2/21
Student Panel: Research, Internships and Studying Abroad	2/26
Columbia Engineering Information Session	3/4
Student Panel: Students of Color at Columbia	3/5
Student Q&A Chat: Rural Students	3/6
Columbia Engineering Information Session	3/25
Columbia Engineering Information Session	4/15
Student Q&A Chat: Sciences at Columbia	4/24
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	5/11
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual General Information Session	5/11
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Counselor Session	5/13
Brown, Columbia, UChicago and Vanderbilt Virtual Access and Affordability Session	5/13
Financial Aid Information Session	5/28
Columbia Engineering Information Session	6/24
Student Q&A Chat: The Core Curriculum and Academics	7/8
Columbia Engineering Information Session	7/15
Student Q&A Chat: Columbia Engineering	7/22

Additional Specialized Events Hosted by Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

Event	Dates
Money Matters (En Español)	4/1
Undergraduate Student Life Welcome	4/2
Money Matters (English)	4/2
Admitted Student Q&A Chat	4/3
International Student Roundtable	4/4
International Student Resources Welcome	4/4
Earl Hall Center for Religious Life Welcome	4/7
Rural and Small-Town Student Panel and Roundtable	4/7
Center for Career Education Welcome	4/8
Counseling and Psychological Services Welcome	4/13
Undergraduate Global Engagement Welcome	4/14
Kraft Center for Jewish Life Welcome	4/14
Berick Center for Student Advising Welcome	4/15
Alumni Panel	4/15
LGBTQ+ Student Roundtable	4/15
Alumni Roundtable: Medicine & Science Careers	4/16
First-Generation and Low-Income Student Roundtable	4/16
Alumni Roundtable: Business & Finance Careers	4/20
Alumni Roundtable: Engineering Careers	4/21
Native Student Roundtable	4/21
Alumni Roundtable: Law & Social Sciences Careers	4/22
Students of Color Roundtable	4/22
Admitted Student Q&A Chat	4/24

**Events hosted by Undergraduate Admissions and attended by students living in
Thompson-Munoz Zip Codes**

Fall 2025	
Type of Event	Number of Instances
Campus Tours	116
Engineering Tours	22
Virtual Information Sessions	26
Virtual Student Q&A Chats	14
Virtual Student Panels	11
Virtual Engineering Information Sessions	5
Virtual Financial Aid Information Sessions	4

Spring 2026	
Type of Event	Number of Instances
Campus Tours	84
Engineering Tours	9
Virtual Information Sessions	11
Virtual Student Q&A Chats	2
Virtual Student Panels	4
Virtual Engineering Information Sessions	2
Virtual Financial Aid Information Sessions	19

Summer 2026	
Type of Event	Number of Instances
Campus Tours	45
Engineering Tours	3
Virtual Information Sessions	7
Virtual Student Q&A Chats	2
Virtual Engineering Information Sessions	1

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that service students in TMZ zip codes

Our office works to prioritize partnering and collaborating with these organizations for a variety of programming.

Name	Street	City	Zip Code
Alianza Dominicana Inc.	530 West 166th St	New York	10033
Ascenders Educations Advocates	11 Broadway	New York	10004
Columbia High School Law Institute	435 W 16th St	New York	10027
Community Impact: Mentoring Youth in New York City	2980 Broadway	New York	10027
Double Discovery Center (DDC): Upward Bound	2920 Broadway	New York	10027
East Harlem Tutorial Program	2050 Second Avenue	New York	10029
Harlem Center for Education (HCE)	1 East 104th Street	New York	10029
Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF)	2090 Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd	New York	10027
Harlem School of the Arts	645 Saint Nicholas Avenue	New York	10030
Harlem YMCA of Greater New York	180 West 135th St	New York	10030
L.O.V.E. Mentoring	1460 Broadway	New York	10036
Liberty LEADS at Bank Street College	610 West 112th St	New York	10025
Options Center Goddard Riverside Community Center	593 Columbus Ave	New York	10024
Oxbridge Academic Programs	49 W 45th St	New York	10036
Street Squash	41 W 115th St	New York	10026
The Brotherhood Sister Sol	512 West 143rd Street	New York	10031
The Children's Aid Society	885 Columbus Ave	New York	10025
Union Settlement Association	234 East 104th Street	New York	10029
Urban Scholars Program	160 Convent Ave	New York	10031
Yes Scholars New York	Various NYC Public Schools	New York	
Talent Search	Various NYC Campuses	New York	

Communications

The following messages are copies of emails and event invitations sent to students and counselors as part of our outreach efforts.

NYC Student Voices email - Sent 9/6/2025



Dear [REDACTED]

The college search process is all about finding the right campus and community for you. Columbia students come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries—you won't have to navigate this transition alone. Columbia has many programs in place to help students acclimate, including several days of orientation, no matter where they come from.

Read on to hear Roey, Jessica, Alyssa, Afsana, and Kayla share their experiences as New Yorkers who chose to go to Columbia.

Warmly,
Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

"I adore living in NYC for the many opportunities it presents. Though I have lived here for my entire life, I still feel as though I am discovering the city for the first time! Two of my favorite experiences being a student in NYC are the trips I've taken to the Met to see the works of art we discussed in LitHum, as well as having the ability to work part-time at a wealth management firm downtown and pursue my post-college professional interests in that way."



"The number one lesson I've learned from going to school in New York is that the opportunities here are truly endless.

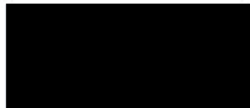
Whether it's diving into a research opportunity downtown or trying a new cuisine at a nearby restaurant, the city



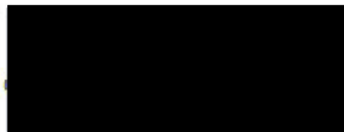
opportunity downtown or trying a new cuisine at a nearby restaurant, the city offers endless possibilities to explore and grow. It's a place where you can pursue whatever dreams you have because there's always something new and exciting to discover."



"My favorite memory as a student so far was taking four of my friends on the Staten Island ferry for one of their birthdays. We got a beautiful view of the ocean and got to see the Statue of Liberty for completely free of charge. Since I am from Staten Island, it felt like such a sentimental moment that I was able to share a piece of my home with the friends I made in college in a completely new chapter of my life."



"Morningside Heights isn't in the heart of NYC, which I LOVE! Being in Morningside Heights, we get access to the bustle of the city 15 minutes away, while also having our own space in upper Manhattan, where we've established our own community and college town feeling."



Access Campaign - *Find Your Fit at Columbia* - Sent 9/11/2025

 **Columbia** Undergraduate Admissions

Review the Columbia supplement before you submit.

Many QuestBridge Scholars like you, [REDACTED] call Columbia home during their college years. No matter where you're from, your ideas, stories and insights are vital contributions to the discourses occurring across campus:

- In our Core classrooms where they discuss great texts and great ideas
- During late night conversations in our residence halls
- With friends at a campus event or club meetings

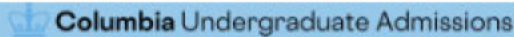
Your supplemental essays give you the chance to express your personality, interests and passions. They also give you the chance to give admissions officers a sense of what you might contribute to the Columbia [community](#). Preview the questions we ask before you begin writing.

"National Society of Black Engineers really helped me transition into this community. As a QuestBridge Scholar, I became comfortable after seeing people who were just like me thrive at such a big institution."

[REDACTED]



Access Campaign - Ready to find your people? - Sent 9/18/2025



Check out a Student Day in the Life



People make the place at Columbia, [REDACTED] Fellow QuestBridge students are only the start; you can find your people in many places:

- Student initiatives like [FLI Network](#) connect like-minded students and offer support networks, resource-sharing and platforms for self-advocacy
- Specialized programming during [New Student Orientation Program](#) helps you connect with other first-years right away and gain insider tips for navigating campus and the city
- [Over 500 clubs and organizations](#) with the [home base of a residential campus experience](#) gives you the chance to meet even more students

See more of this dynamic campus life through the eyes of our students in our [Day in the Life Instagram stories](#).

"Being a QuestBridge student creates a unique experience on campus because of the vast backgrounds everyone is coming from. I lean heavily on FLI student programming and fellow FLI classmates to have friends who can relate to the imposter syndrome that may sneak up. Having peers like this makes me realize I am not alone, and I am just as deserving of space on campus as anyone else."

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Postcard Mailed to NYC high school seniors - Sent 9/26/2025



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New York is for New Yorkers. You're invited to join us!



Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Information Session
Monday, October 6 at 7PM EST

This session will discuss academic and financial support for eligible New York State residents through the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP).



Introduction to Multicultural Life: New York City
Wednesday, October 29 at 7PM EST

This session will focus on multicultural life and resources at Columbia, including transitional support, our residential campus in Morningside Heights and student success resources from Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Career Education.

For more information, please visit undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/new-york-students

Informational webpage for New York students exploring Columbia

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Columbia for New Yorkers

Columbia University is the oldest institution of higher education in the state of New York, and Columbia is still committed to supporting and engaging students, families and schools across New York City today. We are proud of our many longstanding partnerships in our community—from faculty members who are among the most eminent scholars of Harlem history and culture, to thousands of students serving and learning in programs that improve the quality of life in New York. We welcome and embrace New Yorkers as vital members of our diverse campus community.

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 - [Meet Our Faculty](#)
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Check back later for upcoming events and other resources for New Yorkers! Make sure to join our mailing list to be the first to know when new events are available.

[Join the mailing list](#)

MEET SOME OF COLUMBIA'S LOCAL NEW YORKERS



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As a NYC resident, I knew that I wanted to attend college in an urban setting that I could explore outside of my class time. I also didn't want to compromise on having a residential college campus experience. Columbia is able to carefully balance the two, with its quaint Columbia bubble in Morningside Heights while also having the rest of NYC at your fingertips.

I have taken advantage of many different financial resources at Columbia, such as the Dean's Student Assistance Fund for buying a new winter coat. I also used subsidized MetroCards from the Student Council to travel to different parts around the city to get food and visit museums.

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Connecting Columbia with New York

Columbia Neighbors is where the university connects with its local community, its new friends and neighbors, anyone who looks to the diversity of ideas and experiences in our community and sees the

possibility for shared growth, being of service, and connection. Check out the dedicated website for local resources and programs, community news and public events.

[Columbia Neighbors](#)



Our campus is located specifically on the island of Manhattan, which means "island of many hills" in the language of the Lenni Lenape people. We recognize that Manhattan is part of the ancestral and traditional homeland of the Lenni Lenape and Wappinger people, who are still active

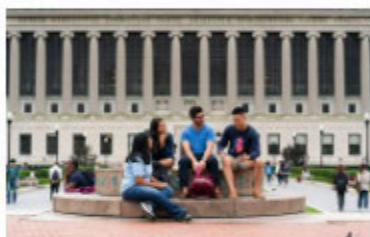


recognize that Mannattan is part of the ancestral and traditional homeland of the Lenni Lenape and Wappinger people, who are still active members of our community throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Learn more by [watching this video](#).

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Access Campaign - *You Won't be alone at Columbia* - Sent 9/29/2025

 **Columbia** Undergraduate Admissions

Join us for a QuestBridge applicant webinar



QuestBridge scholars are supported at Columbia, [REDACTED]. We are committed to helping students inside and outside of the classroom:

- Offices like the [Berick Center for Student Advising](#) and the [Writing Center](#) provide 1:1 guidance on coursework and essays.
- Programs like the [Work Exemption Program](#) help you pursue your interests regardless of cost.
- Initiatives such as the [Dean's Student Assistance Fund](#) provide funds when you need them the most.

Learn more about the [QuestBridge Application process](#) at Columbia. We will discuss the admissions and financial aid requirements, and answer live questions on Wednesday, October 8, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

"I appreciate the experience of being part of a smaller school within a larger university. This structure allows me to feel connected to my peers while benefiting from the broader resources of Columbia."

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Check out Morningside Heights, no MetroCard required.

Want to check out what Columbia can offer our native New Yorkers? ICYMI, watch our recorded [Introduction to Multicultural Life](#) featuring current Columbia students all hailing from New York City.



New Yorkers know that this city is defined in part by its neighborhoods, and a few stops on the subway can bring you to a different world. [Watch our video tour of Morningside Heights](#) to get a feel for the vibes of this place that Columbians call home. From bookstores and cafes to parks and halal carts, students love how its close-knit feel complements the strong community found on campus.

**Check out all of our resources for
New York City students!**

Message to participants in College Horizons - Sent 10/02/2025



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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Dear [REDACTED]

Greetings from Columbia! I am writing to you (and [saying hello](#)) from the ancestral homelands of the Lenni Lenape and Wappinger Peoples, and I pay my respects to elders both past and present. My colleagues [REDACTED] have found ourselves reflecting on this summer's College Horizons Program. During our time at Yale, Northwestern and Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, we were thrilled to be working with such an accomplished group of students and humbled to hear so many stories of personal triumph and success.

As we discussed during the programs, many factors will shape your college search process. Your focus should be on finding a college that is a good fit for you — a place where you can realize your full potential and become the person you hope to be. This is especially important during these times when your college search process looks different from what you imagined. After College Horizons, I hope you are considering Columbia University among your college choices. To help you with your research, I encourage you to [review our guide to Columbia's Native and Indigenous Resources](#).

Columbia's unique community is evident in our history of academic excellence, our famed [Core Curriculum](#), and our location in [New York City](#) — all of which contribute to our reputation for creating world leaders. Leaders like Melissa Mark-Viverito '91CC, former Speaker of New York City Council, and Barack Obama '83CC, former President of the United States, are part of a tradition of civic engagement. Furthermore, Columbia's location in New York City, home to more than 100,000 American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, enables students to connect with the larger Native community through organizations like the American Indian Community House, a local community-based organization with members from over 70 tribes.

The Native community at Columbia is celebrated and supported in a number of ways. Native American Council, Mālama Hawai'i and our American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) chapter are student-run organizations that provide support for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students. They educate and enrich the Columbia community through events like [Native American Heritage Month](#), community dinners and annual on-campus powwows and lū'aus, as well as our commitment to the Ivy Native Council. Students receive support from faculty and administrators through [Multicultural Affairs](#), the [Berick Center for Student Advising](#) and [Financial Aid and Educational Financing](#), which are committed to covering 100% of the demonstrated financial need, without loans, for all students.

As you explore different opportunities, I hope that you will regard the college process not as a step away from what is familiar but rather as a step toward what is possible. Should you have any general questions for current students, you can email our ambassadors at askastudent@columbia.edu. If you are interested in speaking with a member of Columbia's Native community or if I can help you on your college journey, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleagues, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Interested in applying but worried about the application fee?

We know that the costs of applying to college can add up quickly. If paying the application fee is a significant financial burden for your family, we encourage you to use our form to request an automatic waiver.



[Request a Fee Waiver](#)

Connection and Belonging - Sent 10/4/2025



Connection and Belonging at Columbia



Numerous resources strengthen and support our community of young leaders. Our history of inclusion is an important part of Columbia's identity, and we want to share some examples of how we carry out that commitment today.

Multicultural Affairs



[Multicultural Affairs](#) advises over 50 cultural and identity-based student organizations, providing support, resources, mentorship and advocacy. Cross-cultural experiences like the residential program in Intercultural House and advocacy through their [Multicultural Affairs Advisory Council](#) engage our campus on issues of social responsibility and social justice.

Dialogues and Mentoring



Opportunities like our [@ Columbia series](#) and the Columbia Mentoring Initiative allow students to reflect on their own identities, learn about critical histories and build stronger relationships from within shared communities. [Programming](#) includes lunch chats, NYC outings, social events and programming geared towards first-years as they transition to college.

Hispanic Heritage Month



Columbia celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month by [highlighting connections to its neighbors in Morningside Heights and Harlem](#), promoting cultural community events and sharing resources. And the calendar is filled with many other heritage events as well.

FLI Resource Guide



A guide to Columbia's campus resources designed for and by the first-generation and/or low-income community.

Students who are the first in their family to attend college are supported by [First-in-Family programs](#), beginning with the New Student Orientation Program. Students also can be involved with FLI @ Columbia, which provides community-building spaces. The [FLI Resource Guide](#) provides a comprehensive list of resources available as well as tips for how to best use those resources.

LGBTQ @ Columbia



[LGBTQ @ Columbia](#) provides students with LGBTQ+ student group advising, and other services and resources to help all students explore and better understand diverse queer and trans identities, experiences and communities at Columbia and beyond.

Religious Life



[Religious Life](#) offers counseling and pastoral care, connects students to [Religious Life Advisors](#) - leaders of many faith traditions local to the New York City area - and supports the needs of religious students on campus.

We invite you to learn more about the array of resources available to help undergraduates engage with the wonderful mosaic that is the Columbia community. To hear more from students, check out our virtual student panels, including a [Students of Color](#) panel on Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern.

Register Now!

No matter who you are or where you are from, the Columbia community is one that will welcome you with open arms. From Undergraduate Student Life staff to student-run groups, we ensure our students feel supported throughout their time here.

Connection and Belonging at Columbia

Our students come together from over 100 countries and all 50 US states, representing a unique mosaic of the world's brightest minds against the vibrant background of New York City. The broadest possible range of viewpoints is key to our goal of providing a global and comprehensive education, where pluralism is celebrated and instrumental to the Columbia experience.



"Being a FLI student of color from California, Columbia was definitely a different community from home. The FLI @ Columbia and Multicultural Affairs programming have been very helpful with allowing me to explore NYC at no-cost. Also, the weather change was a struggle, but the FLI Coat Drive is such a good resource!"



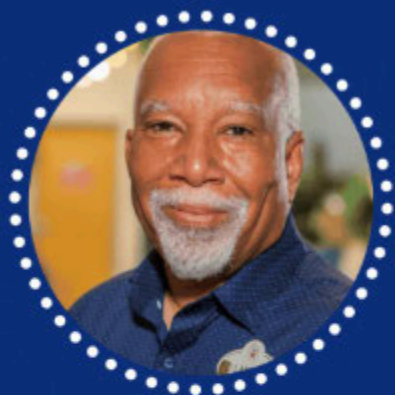
Well-Being at Columbia

For four years, Columbia is home to our undergraduate students. We know that actively maintaining a sense of well-being is essential to your success inside and outside of the classroom. We are proud to offer many resources dedicated to supporting our students on campus:

- The [New Student Orientation Program](#) helps students in the transition to college, including offering support in accessing campus resources and services.
- All residence halls have a Resident Advisor for each floor. RAs plan community events and support students' overall wellness needs.
- [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CPS\)](#), is free and available by appointment for individual counseling sessions and through open drop-in hours.
- Students can also access [support groups](#) through CPS, which includes groups for international students and getting things done.
- General wellness services such as nutrition counseling with a licensed dietitian
- Dedicated support groups for those who identify as LGBTQ+, which include gender-affirming care and therapy.

You can find a list of health services and offerings [here](#). See below for more [campus resources and practical tools](#) to find balance and make the most of your time in NYC.





Lanny Smoot

Disney Imagineer
and Research Fellow
SEAS '77, Electrical Engineering

No matter what your professional goals are, Columbia will be your catalyst. New York City is a living laboratory that is home to major institutions in innovation, culture, arts and media, science, health, education, politics, finance and technology.

There is nothing you can't explore here, and you don't have to navigate these options on your own. Our [Center for Career Education](#) provides interview prep, coordinates recruitment events, organizes career fairs and industry events, and offers lifelong, individualized career support to students and alumni.

Check out some of the places recent Columbia graduates have launched their careers.

Are you interested in...

- **Science?** The Boeing Company, IBM, National Institutes of Health
- **Politics?** NYC Legal Aid, NYC Mayor's Office, the United Nations
- **Art?** Chelsea Film Festival, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts,

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- **Politics?** NYC Legal Aid, NYC Mayor's Office, the United Nations
- **Art?** Chelsea Film Festival, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Modern Art
- **Business?** Deloitte, McKinsey & Company, Morgan Stanley
- **Media?** NBC Universal, The New York Times, Simon & Schuster
- **Technology?** Apple, Google, Microsoft

Explore outcomes for alumni



Academic Success Programs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the benefits of participating in the Academic Success Programs?

The Academic Success Programs assists students in maximizing their academic potential through a network of comprehensive programs and services. Starting during the Summer Bridge Program, participants participate in services, such as academic advising, academic skill building, career seminars, tutoring for Columbia College and Columbia Engineering students and personal counseling and mentoring opportunities.

Why was I selected to participate in the Academic Success Programs?

You have been selected to participate in this comprehensive support program because you have demonstrated great potential for success at Columbia and because we believe you would benefit from additional academic enrichment to aid your transition to Columbia.

What is the Summer Bridge Program?

The Summer Bridge Program is a five-week residential academic enrichment program for selected incoming Columbia College and Columbia Engineering first-year students. The program is meant to provide participants with concentrated work in the areas of critical reading and analysis, formal writing, science and mathematics in order to prepare you for college-level work.

Is the Summer Bridge Program mandatory?

Yes. The Summer Bridge Program provides an essential foundation for the comprehensive support offered through the Academic Success Programs. Your full participation in the program is required in order for you to enroll at Columbia University in the fall. It is expected that all students have no other academic or work commitments during the in-person Summer Bridge Program.

When is the Summer Bridge Program?

The 2026 Summer Bridge Program starts in early July and concludes in early August. We will provide more program details including dates in the coming months.

How much will the Summer Bridge Program cost?

Columbia will cover all major program expenses; there are no tuition or fees associated with participation in this program. Students who live outside the tri-state area will be provided round-trip travel including a taxi service from the airport, bus and/or train station to campus.

Will I receive grades and credits for the summer courses?

Because this is an enrichment program, you will not receive grades or credits.

May I go home during the program? May I go home on the weekends?

Since one of the benefits of the Summer Bridge Program is creating a campus community, it is important that all participants reside on campus for the duration of the five-week program. Please try to schedule all medical, dental and other personal appointments either before or after the program.

Where can I find additional information regarding the Summer Bridge Program?

Please feel free to visit the program website at www.cc-seas.columbia.edu/asp, contact the program office at 212-854-3514 or email asp@columbia.edu. We will confirm details about the Summer Bridge Program by early May.



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Dear [REDACTED]

Greetings from Columbia University! Undergraduate Admissions is considering your admissions application, and we have identified you as a potential candidate for one of our **Academic Success Programs (ASP)**. If admitted through one of these highly selective program, not only do students join a vibrant community of scholars, but they also benefit from additional academic and transitional support.

Schedule Your Informational Conversation

These need-based programs provide enhanced academic and financial assistance for a select group of Columbia College and Columbia Engineering students. Support services offered by the staff of our [Academic Success Programs](#), include:

- **Financial Aid:** Though most ASP students graduate in four years, they are eligible for up to five years of full need-based financial aid for tuition, room, board and books. Our need-based aid is in the form of grants and student work, not loans.
- **Summer Bridge Program:** ASP students participate in a required five-week summer academic program that provides preparation for college-level courses in the areas of critical reading and analysis, formal writing, laboratory science and mathematics. Students also engage in team-building exercises to foster personal development and a sense of community.

- **Advising and Tutoring:** Columbia's Berick Center for Student Advising assigns all students individual advisers who work with them closely throughout their time at Columbia to set and reach their academic goals. Students also have access to staff across the university, including [Global Engagement](#), the [Center for Career Education](#) and faculty advisers in academic departments. Additionally, ASP students are matched with peer mentors, who provide both individualized and group tutoring services and counseling on topics such as career exploration, financial independence and the transition to college life.

As part of consideration for ASP, we ask you to:

- Complete your financial aid application in a timely manner, if you haven't already. Applicants with **incomplete financial aid applications are not eligible** for consideration.
- [Set up an informational conversation](#) with a current student to learn more about the program and life at Columbia. Messages related to this appointment will come to the email address you listed on your application, so it is important that you monitor that email address closely.

If you have any questions, please email ugrad-asp@columbia.edu

Best,



Columbia College & School of Engineering & Applied Science
Thompson-Muñoz (TMZO) Scholar Notification - Sent 3/30/2026

 **Columbia** Undergraduate Admissions

Dear [REDACTED]

I am happy to inform you that you have been named a Thompson-Muñoz Scholar in Columbia College's Class of 2030. You have already shown by your remarkable high school record that you are among the best and brightest students in the world. This honor, given to exceptionally talented students from the Columbia neighborhood and surrounding communities, will provide you with unique opportunities to meet local leaders and distinguished alumni while at Columbia and will follow you as an honor designation to graduation and beyond.

Thompson-Muñoz Scholars are named in recognition of two notable Columbia alumni who were both born and raised on the same street in Harlem, Albert Thompson and Carlos Muñoz. Thompson, who graduated from Columbia in 1954, achieved shot put records here that have been unmatched for more than 60 years. After graduation, he served as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserves and attended the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, where he is currently an assistant clinical professor. Muñoz, who graduated in 1957 and earned a master's degree in economics from Columbia in 1961, had an extensive career in the United States and abroad with many financial institutions before retiring as executive vice president for credit and risk management for Dime Bancorp and the Dime Savings Bank of New York. Both of these accomplished alumni are examples of what students like you might achieve with a Columbia education.

As a Thompson-Muñoz Scholar, you will have the opportunity to engage with other Thompson-Muñoz Scholars and attend our annual Dean's Scholarship Reception. We hope this group will serve as a personal network for you while you are here, helping you to forge special connections at the University while meeting students from all over the world.

Sincerely,

Jessica Marinaccio
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid

Connect with current Academic Success Programs (ASP) students in a casual Zoom meeting to hear firsthand their experiences at Columbia. This roundtable offers an opportunity to learn more about ASP and connect with students involved in these programs to ask questions. Come prepared to engage through video, audio or chat!

Please note that the link above requires logging into the student Welcome Portal. Registrants will receive a reminder email one day in advance of the event with a link to join; please be on the lookout for these communications.

Additionally, please save the date for our **in-person breakfast for the Academic Success Programs on Saturday, April 11, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Because you have already registered for Days on Campus, no additional RSVP is required.

Members of the Columbia community will be present, including admissions officers, ASP academic advisers and current ASP students, to provide helpful information about the transition to college.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Tahirah Crawford
Senior Associate Director
Director of Multicultural Recruitment

Information Brochure (excerpt) mailed to HEOP Admitted Students - Sent 3/26/2026

Columbia University

Welcome to a community of students who embody Columbia's mission and character as a place for serious Intellectual Inquiry and critical engagement with global challenges.



A Noteworthy Tradition

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) was established by the New York State Legislature in 1969 to assist high-achieving students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds in obtaining higher education at private institutions. HEOP is funded jointly by Columbia University and the New York State Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program, and programming activities are supported in part by a grant from the New York State Education Department.

In 1986 Columbia started the National Opportunity Program, making a commitment to providing the same kind of academic and financial support offered in the HEOP program to undergraduate students from all over the United States.

A Network of Enhanced Support

The Academic Success Programs (ASP) are part of Columbia's long-standing commitment to working with students from diverse backgrounds and to making our education accessible and affordable for students. Through your participation in ASP, you will have access to resources such as educational and personal advising, mentoring programs, expanded financial aid and many other comprehensive services.

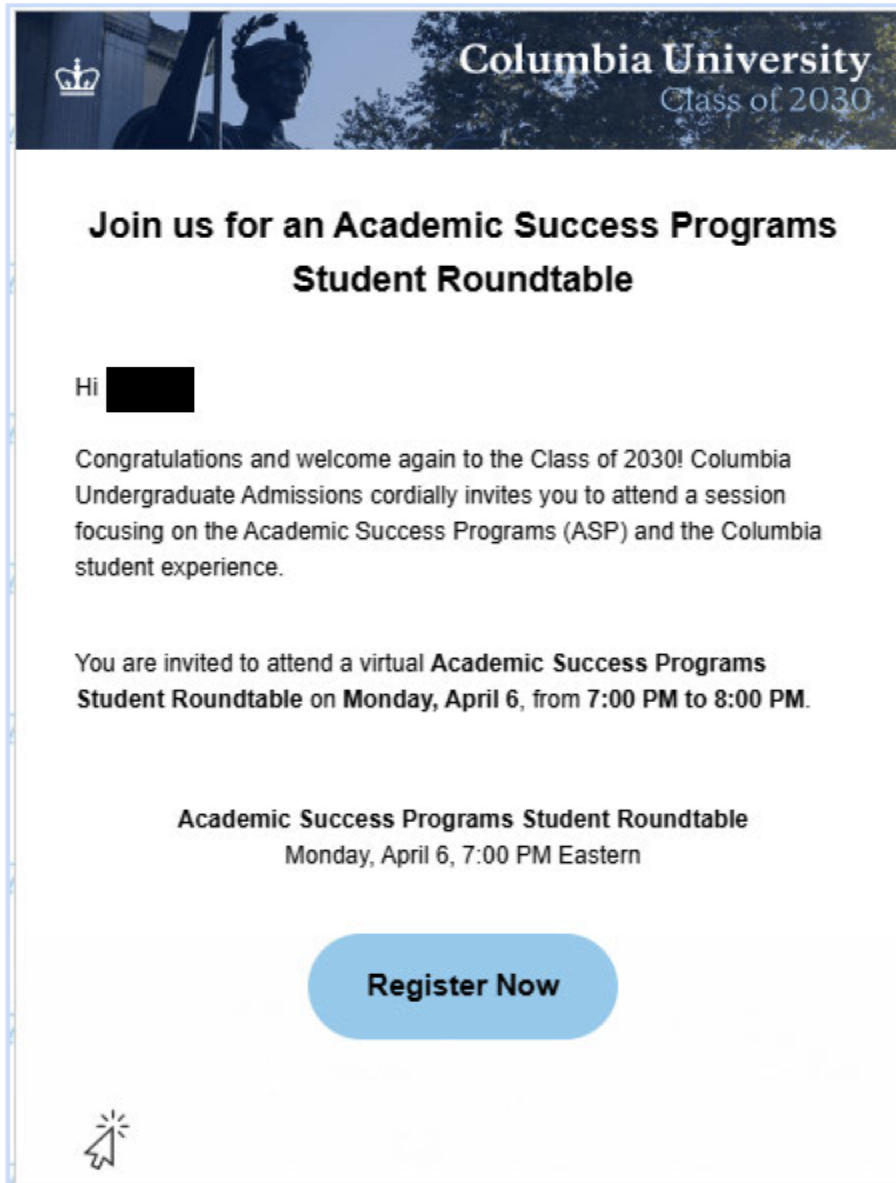
Summer Bridge Program

All first-year ASP students are required to participate in a five-week enrichment program prior to the start of the academic year. The Summer Bridge Program is an essential foundation for the comprehensive support offered through the Academic Success Programs. The program is meant to provide participants with concentrated work in the areas of critical reading and analysis, formal writing, science and mathematics in order to prepare for college-level work. Residence hall accommodations and meals as well as round-trip travel for students living outside of the tri-state area will be covered by the program.

"My favorite part of ASP is the advisers who put their hearts into encouraging me and are always available to listen. They were there to support me when I most needed it and told me that I should be proud of who I am and where I come from. They also helped me understand that I belong here at Columbia. Through ASP I have been exposed to the most honest, giving individuals and I will always be thankful for their faith in my abilities."



Academic Success Program (ASP) Roundtable Invite - Sent 4/4/2026



**Welcome Postcard to Admitted students with hand-written message from
Current student - Sent 4/5/2026**



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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Undergraduate Admissions
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New York, NY 10027

For more information about Columbia, please visit:
apply.college.columbia.edu/status

Native Newsletter - Sent 4/6/2026

 Columbia Undergraduate Admissions



Dear [REDACTED]

Whether participating in workshops that strengthen community bonds or engaging in dialogue that considers the role of art, poetry and performance as resistance, this year has included a rich breadth of relevant and thought-provoking programming.

In the coming weeks, the Columbia Native American Council and Mālama Hawai'i will host their annual Powwow and Lū'au. The Powwow and Lū'au are among many notable events our students organize to celebrate our Indigenous community and to highlight the importance of cultural expression and representation at Columbia.

Learn more about Columbia's past and present relationships to Indigenous communities in this [video](#) featuring former Native American Council Presidents and alumni, Kianna and Kellan.

Native American Council and Multicultural Affairs Lecture Series



In addition to the official recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day by Columbia in 2019, Multicultural Affairs collaborated with Native American Council for the annual Ella Cara Deloria Lecture, named after a prominent Yankton Sioux educator, anthropologist, ethnographer, linguist, novelist and 1915 graduate of Teachers College, Columbia University. You can learn more about the Indigenous history (past and present) at the University [here](#).

Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race: Indigenous Studies



Columbia's [Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race \(CSER\)](#) hosts events throughout the year and supports students pursuing major coursework in Ethnicity and Race Studies, with the opportunity to focus in Indigenous/Native American Studies. CSER has hosted events such as Indigenous Women for Human Rights and Social Justice, and Indigenous Fire: Wildfires, Cultural Burning, and the Preservation of Community.

The SCI is a collaboration between Columbia, Cornell and Yale Universities to share language lessons through high-definition video conferencing. Yale offers both Elementary and Intermediate Cherokee through the SCI, which means that students will be able to complete the entire four-year semester language course sequence.

Dive Into the Blue

The Columbia Mentoring Initiative

pairs first-year students with upperclassmen mentors through family trees like the Indigenous Family Tree and the LGBTQ Family Tree.

Did You Know?

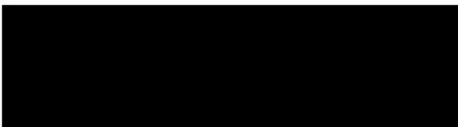
Indigshouse, a [Special Interest Community \(SIC\)](#), houses a residential community that strives to provide an inclusive space for all Indigenous students and their allies.

By the Numbers

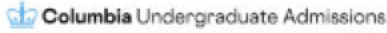
The [Native American Council](#), [Máama Hawsa](#) and our American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) chapter are three of more than forty cultural affinity organizations at Columbia.

As an alum, being part of the Native and Indigenous community was important throughout my time at Columbia. We will always be "cousins by choice" and hope you will join our family next fall. Please let me know if you have any questions about Native and Indigenous student life, or feel free to reach out to Paige Cook, Coordinator of Native and Indigenous Outreach, at pc2883@columbia.edu.

With love and support,



Welcome Email from Columbia's student Recruitment Committees - Sent 4/7/2026



Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

Dear [REDACTED]

Congratulations on your admission to Columbia's Class of 2030! As a Lion, you will become part of a diverse community where your experience is shaped by those around you. Hear from some of our student leaders to discover all that Columbia has to offer!



We hope you enjoy imagining yourself joining us in Morningside Heights in the fall, and we wish you the best for the remainder of your senior year.

[Roar, Lion, Roar!](#)

Recruitment Committee Interns
Columbia University in the City of New York

Welcome Email to CBO Counselors of Admitted Students - Sent 4/13/2026



Dear Colleague,

You are receiving this message because [REDACTED] included your information in the community-based organization section of their application. On behalf of Undergraduate Admissions at Columbia University, I would like to thank you for supporting [REDACTED] through the college admissions process.

I am pleased to inform you that [REDACTED] has been admitted to Columbia University. We recognize that educators from community-based organizations and programs like yours play a special role in supporting students as they apply to college, and we want to thank you for recommending that Desmond apply to Columbia.

Students admitted to the Class of 2030 were selected not only for their achievements but also the unique voice and contributions we are confident they will bring to Columbia's diverse and dynamic community. At Columbia, [REDACTED] will be able to fully engage in and benefit from the bountiful opportunities offered to all Columbia undergraduates. Below are some highlights:

- Columbia's Berick Center for Student Advising (CSA) pairs all students with an Advising Dean who will work with them closely to set and reach their academic goals. The CSA also runs our First in Family Programs, which provide support, community-building events and academic workshops for all first-generation college students.
- Multicultural Affairs oversees the Columbia Mentoring Initiative, an intergenerational mentorship program that connects first-year students with returning students and alumni. Mentors emphasize emotional health, academic success, belonging, community consciousness and identity and leadership development.
- Columbia University and Financial Aid and Educational Financing are committed to meeting 100% of the demonstrated financial need for all students admitted as first-year students. Loans are not a component of Columbia financial aid packages.
- FLI @ Columbia, the first generation and/or low-income student community, created the FLI Resource Guide. The guide provides a comprehensive suite of resources available as well as tips for how to best use those resources.

If you have additional questions about undergraduate admissions or student life at Columbia, please contact Tahirah Jordan Crawford, Director of Multicultural Recruitment, at t.crawford@columbia.edu.

We look forward to the many wonderful contributions that Desmond will make if they join us as a member of the Class of 2030. We look forward to working with you in the future, and hope that you continue to identify and recommend students who are a strong fit for Columbia.

Best,

Jessica Marinaccio
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid

Native Student Welcome to Admitted students - Sent 4/13/2026

 Columbia Undergraduate Admissions

Join us Tuesday, April 21, for the Native Student Round Table

Dear [REDACTED]

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Congratulations on your acceptance to Columbia!

Native American Council (NAC) is a thriving community that represents over 40 Indigenous groups. NAC annually hosts events such as the Ella Cara Deloria Lecture series on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Native American Heritage Month, our spring Powwow and "Frybread Fridays." Members meet every week to engage in roundtable discussions, host study breaks and put on cultural programming with local Indigenous organizations. Many of these get-togethers take place at [Indigehouse, the Indigenous student community space on campus.](#)

Mālama Hawai'i is a Columbia organization for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students and is always thrilled to welcome new members. They facilitate monthly meetings and events that embrace Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander identity through dance, food and other community events.

Hear directly from two NAC members, Angela and Alexa, below. If you have any questions about the Native and Indigenous experience at Columbia, please do not hesitate to reach out to NAC and Mālama Hawai'i on Instagram: [@nativeamericanouncl](#) and [@malamahawaiiou](#)

Hello! My name is [REDACTED] I am a member of the Cherokee Nation and a sophomore in Columbia College studying Ethnicity and Race Studies. Congratulations on your admission to Columbia! This is a major achievement and I am honored to welcome you to our community. As you make your decision on where to go from here, I'd like to share about my experience at Columbia as an Indigenous student.



I am the Community Coordinator for Indigehouse, a Special Interest Community within Columbia Housing. Fun fact: Indigehouse is the largest shared Indigenous residential space in NYC! We house Indigenous students and allies and provide diverse programming for members of the Columbia/ Greater NYC community. We have hosted our annual Kinsling potluck, Indigenous Peoples' Day mixers, American Diaspora jazz nights, among other events. As part of Native American Council, I am also Columbia's Representative to the Ivy Native Council, a regional network of Indigenous students from across the Northeastern US. Ivy Native Conference is a great way to meet other Indigenous students in the Ivy+ network, especially as you become settled into your new home in the Ivy League.

Additionally, I am one of the executive producers for In Color, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race's audio program. Major departments, institutes, and centers offer incredible opportunities for you to engage with subject matter you're interested in outside of class. Clubs like In Color or NAC are also great ways to share in community as you find your footing in your first year. There are so many ways to make your Columbia experience yours, and we are so happy you can call this wonderful place home.

[REDACTED]

Hello! My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Lumbee and Eastern Band Cherokee senior studying Mechanical Engineering with a minor in English. Congratulations on your acceptance to Columbia University! This is an amazing accomplishment, and you should be incredibly proud of yourself. I wanted to share a little bit about my experience at Columbia. I am the Vice President for Native American Council (NAC), a club created by Indigenous students to find community and resources at Columbia and the broader NYC area. Our weekly meetings generally take place at Indigehouse and include everything from workshops to study nights to frybread socials for Indigenous students and allies to connect and socialize. We also host an annual powwow in the spring, drawing participants from New York and beyond, and I had the distinct honor of helping with the first ever powwow to be held in NYC's Central Park in 2025.



Outside of NAC, I am also a mentor for the Indigenous Family Tree of Columbia Mentoring Initiative (CMTI), a program focused on helping first-years adapt to college and life in New York City by connecting them with an upperclassman with a similar background, interests, etc. It is a great way to connect with someone who has been in your shoes and can help with choosing classes, show you around the city, and more. There are also some wonderful classes that touch on Native American art, history, and culture, such as *Colonization/Decolonization*, which focuses on the global history of colonization and its legacy, as well as efforts towards decolonization around the world. I'm sure you'll find something you are interested in. At Columbia I found a wonderful community that is super welcoming and helped me feel at home on campus during my time here, and I hope that you can do the same!

[REDACTED]

HEOP Student Welcome - Sent 4/15/2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Congratulations and welcome to Columbia! I remember when I found out about the [Academic Success Programs](#) (ASP) and the Summer Bridge Program. I was so excited, but I also had so many questions. As a recent graduate, want to share with you some of the benefits of being a member of such an amazing program.

Being in ASP allowed me to enter college with confidence and a strong desire to accomplish great things. ASP helped remove financial and academic barriers, which allowed me to focus on achieving my long-term goals. Thanks to the ASP community, I had no fear of trying something daring and new, because I knew they would be cheering me on every step of the way.

Before your first semester at Columbia, you will participate in a five-week program called Summer Bridge, which includes intensive classes in critical reading, college writing, science and math (depending on your school). The Summer Bridge Program prepared me for the expectations of the [Core Curriculum](#) and gave me the tools to engage with academia in the most fulfilling way. After the Summer Bridge Program, I felt confident about my capabilities as a student in this great institution.

Besides the preparation for academic life, the Summer Bridge Program also includes a series of workshops and team-building activities that helped me understand the resources available on campus, such as tutoring and advising services. Through ASP, you gain access to a community of mentors and peers who will provide you with the support needed to thrive on this campus. To this day, a lot of my good friends are

those I met through Summer Bridge!

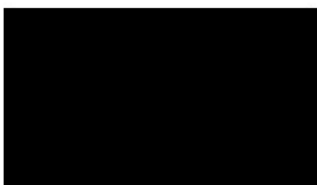
After a month of engaging with the curriculum, I found myself already adjusted to the expectations and routines at Columbia. The ASP advisers were helpful during class registration and as I navigated the various opportunities available at Columbia. I remember contemplating changing my major a few times and my adviser walked me through a few courses that could help inform my decision. And the different events and workshops, from networking with alumni of the program to the First-Year Dine with the Deans, are a great way to socialize with other students. I also attended events hosted by the [First-in-Family Programs](#) and took advantage of ice skating at Bryant Park and free Broadway shows.

There's something I want to tell you: Don't forget that you belong here and you worked hard to get here. These next four years may be challenging, but they also will be the most fun and exciting time of your life. Be excited about your future at Columbia and beyond!

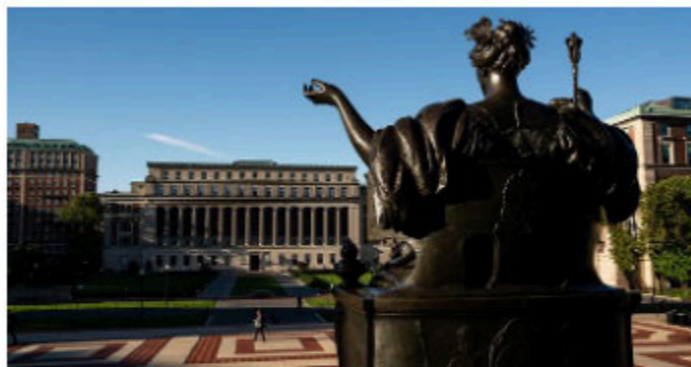
I will always be grateful for ASP and the people I have met because of it. ASP was there for my hardest moments, but also for my best moments. I once again congratulate you on your acceptance to Columbia, and welcome to the ASP family.

If you have any questions, please reach out at ugrad-asp@columbia.edu!

Best wishes,



Summer Programs College Fair Save the Date - Sent 4/21/2026



Columbia Undergraduate Admissions and the Columbia Summer Programs for High School Students cordially invite you to the

Summer Programs College Fair at Columbia University in the City of New York

Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Boone Arledge Auditorium, [Lerner Hall](#)

Enter on Broadway between 114th and 115th Streets

Please mark your calendar for our annual Summer Programs College Fair! We invite your organization to join us for our college fair and educational workshops, which will focus on the admissions and financial aid processes. Each year approximately 100 colleges and universities are represented at the college fair. The college fair and the educational workshops are open to both students and educators.

Registration will be available soon. We will email additional details at that time.

For questions, please contact Tahirah Jordan Crawford, Director of Multicultural Recruitment, at t.crawford@columbia.edu or 212-851-9279.



Counselor Update - Summer 2026

Dear Colleague,

Greetings from Morningside Heights, where we recently celebrated the achievements of our Class of 2026 at a joyous Commencement ceremony. At the same time, you may have applauded your new grads while also guiding rising seniors in their college search process. We are grateful for your partnership in nurturing the next generation of scholars.

One of the best ways to explore college options and fine tune a college list is to visit campuses. We're happy to share our summer schedule of [student-led campus tours](#), available now through August 19. The fall schedule will be released in August. We hope we'll have the chance to welcome families from your community to our beautiful residential campus this summer!

Admissions Updates

We know that you are a trusted resource for families who are exploring college opportunities. The highlights below are intended to help you with the conversations you may be having with prospective applicants to Columbia, starting with some updates about our admissions process.

- Columbia College and Columbia Engineering will reinstate [a standardized testing requirement](#), effective August 2027 for the 2027-2028 admission cycle. This change will be for all first-year and transfer students applying for undergraduate admission. Applicants who face challenges in meeting this requirement may request a waiver at the time of their application. Columbia College and Columbia Engineering will remain test optional for the upcoming 2026-2027 admissions cycle

- As families discuss college costs and affordability at Columbia, the first step is our [Instant Net Price Estimator](#). With one click, this tool gives an initial idea of what a Columbia education may cost. Other useful tools, the MyinTuition Quick College Cost Estimator and Net Price Calculator, provide more detailed estimates based on information the family provides.
- Applications have recently launched for our two student fly-in programs: the [Engineering Preview at Columbia](#) and the [Small Town and Rural Students Fly-In Program](#). Both programs will be held in October 2026, and the deadline to apply is Monday, July 20. Please share with any students who may be a good fit.
- We invite you and your students to explore our [virtual events this summer](#), including information sessions, engineering sessions and thematic student Q&A chats. Attendees can hear about our academic curriculum, opportunities for research and internships, student life, what it's like to be a college student in New York City, and an overview of the admissions and financial aid process.

Highlights from 2025-2026

This past academic year was filled with notable achievements and milestones across the breadth of our community, and we're so proud of everything our students and young alumni have accomplished.

- Three Columbia undergraduates were selected as Truman Scholars, joining an impressive cohort of 2025-2026 Barry, Churchill, Goldwater, Hertz, Knight-Hennessy, Marshall, Rhodes and Schwartzman Scholars, among others.
- Columbia University has been named a 2025-2026 "Fulbright Top-Producing Institution," a distinction that we have held for over two decades. Additionally, we are among Peace Corps' 2026 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities, with alumni serving in seven countries around the world.

- Michael Zheng '26CC graduated as one of the greatest collegiate men's tennis players of all time, with back-to-back NCAA Singles National Championships and a recent upset win at Wimbledon. Bea Kim '30CC and Olivia Giaccio '24CC competed at the Milano Cortina Olympics. Tomas Lopez '27CC played at the World Baseball Classic for Team Brazil, one of just five current college athletes named to a national team. Other Columbia Athletics accomplishments include an Ivy League championship for women's golf and men's wrestling, a WBIT championship for women's basketball, a Kurtz Cup for women's squash, a USA Archery Collegiate Coach of the Year distinction for our archery coach, and more. It has been a fun year cheering for the Lions!

Looking forward to 2026-2027

Momentum for the year ahead is already building, and there is much for Columbians to look forward to. The Class of 2030 and those that follow have many new opportunities that await them.

- Columbia Engineering has added minors in Fusion Energy and Artificial Intelligence to the popular Aerospace Engineering minor that launched last year. The new Computer Science Student Learning Center offers spaces to facilitate collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, and community-building programs for computer science students at Columbia Engineering, Columbia College, and other schools across the university.
- Twelve new academic programs will be available to Columbia College students in the fall. Among these offerings are majors in Classics and Information Science, and minors in Artificial Intelligence, Justice: Theory and Practice, and South Asian Studies.
- Work is underway on Columbia's recently-announced investment in the undergraduate experience, featuring more instructors in the Core Curriculum; improvements to the fitness center; expanded academic advising, student engagement and counseling staff; and increased dining and library access. Future years will bring additional tenure-track faculty and new academic minors; expanded student health and well-being services; a new state-of-the-art athletics facility for undergraduates; and more spaces to meet and study.

- This summer, we will welcome Columbia University's next president, [Jennifer Mnookin](#), who was most recently the Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is a nationally-respected legal scholar and an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In a message to the Columbia community, our incoming President celebrated "Columbia's nearly three-centuries-long story of purpose, impact, and contribution to the greater good, through world class education, research, and public engagement."

We hope you find this information helpful when counseling your students and families about Columbia. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the admissions officer you worked with this past year. A directory is available on our [Counselors web page](#), and an updated list of regional officers will be distributed in the fall. Until then, we wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to partnering with you in the cycles ahead.

Best wishes,

Jessica Marinaccio
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid

Halimatu, dive into what makes Columbia affordable for students and families.

Watch our financial aid session recording!

Our [need-blind admissions process](#) is something we're proud of, and we believe this policy is strengthened by the fact that Columbia **also covers 100% of your demonstrated need for all four years** that you are here. So what exactly does it mean to cover your full need?

- Our financial aid office starts by looking carefully and thoughtfully at your family's financial information to determine what you and your family are able to contribute to your education at Columbia. If that amount isn't enough to pay the full cost, then what's left is your demonstrated need -- and **that's what we cover with financial aid.**
- At Columbia, there are no income cut-offs for financial aid eligibility. And for 51% of our incoming students who receive financial aid, **their families contribute less than \$5,000 a year** to Columbia's total cost of attendance.
- We do everything we can to make financial aid available to every student who needs it. What matters most to us is your ability to thrive at Columbia, not your ability to pay for it. **Last year, over 80% of financial aid applicants received an award, and the average need-based award was \$77,908.**

Check out our website to [find out more about how aid works at Columbia](#).

Invitation to Virtual Core Class and Virtual Career Panel - Sent on 7/28/2026



Join us for two new virtual programs this August!

Core Curriculum Master Class with Professor Jackson: August 3 at 6pm

Career and Outcomes Panel: August 19 at 6pm

On August 3, experience Columbia's famed Core Curriculum firsthand by joining a live seminar discussion with current Columbia students, modeled off the Core Curriculum classroom. The Director of the Center for the Core Curriculum will also provide an overview that will change the way you think about the Core.

And on August 19, explore Columbia's career resources at a panel discussion featuring recent Columbia undergraduate alumni.

Come join us for either or both virtual programs to dive deep into what makes Columbia special. We hope to see you there!

Application is Available - Sent 8/5/2026

 **Columbia** Undergraduate Admissions

Ready to start your application, Megan?



What's it like to be a college student in New York City? Follow  along as she explores several neighborhoods in a special [Day in the Life: New York City edition!](#)



As you think about your application, Megan, don't forget to [check out our supplement questions](#), which are required alongside your application - we'll get a chance to learn about your interests and your potential fit for Columbia, while giving your individual voice a chance to shine. We can't wait to learn more about you in your

Literature used at Recruitment Events - Distributed year-round



Finding Your Community at Columbia

Columbia students come together from every background and every corner of the world to engage and explore, to seek new adventures and perspectives, to establish connections and life-long friendships, and to build a better world.

Our dedication to academic excellence in all its facets is intrinsically tied to our commitment to diversity in its many expressions. Fostering a nurturing and vibrant community is important to us. This guide highlights some of the resources on our campus that support and uplift the student experience for all members of our community.

"Columbia provides you the opportunity to meet people you could never imagine existing, let alone befriending. I've found my friends by pursuing all the different things I'm interested in and like to do, or simply stated, by being myself. It's a testament to the diversity both within and among the Columbia community that you make a friend according to each of your interests. And, what's more is that each person with whom you share something also has a swath of other interests you get to learn about. I'm beyond thankful for the breadth of people who attend Columbia."



Columbia at a Glance

6,700+

UNDERGRADUATES IN
COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND
COLUMBIA ENGINEERING

\$240+ million

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ANNUALLY, THE
CLASS OF 2029 WAS AWARDED MORE THAN
\$66 MILLION IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

20%

STUDENTS WHO ARE THE
FIRST GENERATION IN THEIR
FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE

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AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR GRANT

23%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE
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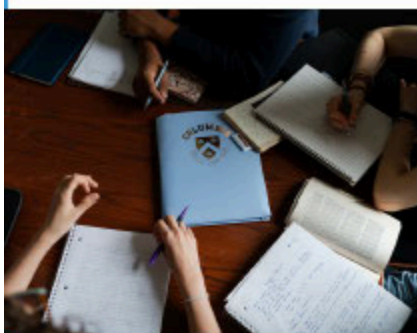
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for an application fee waiver:



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Admissions, please visit:
undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu

Note: The above information is as of August 21, 2025.



Multicultural Affairs

Housed in the Audre Lorde LS '60 Community Space, Multicultural Affairs serves as a resource for students to capitalize on the rich education and growth found in the active exchange across multiple identities within a community. Advisers provide programs, resources and support for personal identity development, mentorship, intercultural learning, social justice education and institutional advocacy. Below are just some of the resources available through Multicultural Affairs.

Columbia Mentoring Initiative

Columbia Mentoring Initiative is an inter-generational mentorship program that connects first-year students with returning students, and all students with alumni. In addition to program-wide events and activities for all participants, students have the opportunity to get involved in various "family trees" within the program: Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ, International and Mixed Heritage Family Trees.

@ Columbia Series

This series provides programming and resources that facilitate stronger understanding of self, deeper sense of belonging and campus-wide education about communities which have been historically and socially underserved. The series includes First-Gen and/or Low Income (FLI) @ Columbia, International @ Columbia, LGBTQ @ Columbia and Students of Color @ Columbia.

First-in-Family Programs

Columbia College and Columbia Engineering are proud to have approximately 1,000 undergraduates who are the first in their family to attend college. First-in-Family is by definition a secondary identity. Columbia's first-generation college students hail from every corner of the socioeconomic spectrum and every racial/ethnic background.

First-in-Family programs introduce students to the possibilities available to them during and after their Columbia education. We encourage the success of every first-generation college student through professional development, cultural enrichment and academic support opportunities.

Community Spaces

Undergraduate students build community in a variety of dedicated spaces on our campus, ranging from lounges and meeting rooms for formal and informal gatherings, to themed residences called Special Interest Communities.

- The **Intercultural Resource Center (IRC)** is devoted to promoting a just society and exploring intercultural and diversity issues within and beyond the Columbia University community. The IRC includes meeting spaces, a student-run library and a residential community, the Intercultural House.
- Named in honor of "Stephen Donaldson," the alias of Robert Martin CC '69, the founder of Columbia's then-named Student Homophile League, the **Stephen Donaldson Lounge** is a gathering space for LGBTQ+ students.
- The **Malcolm X Lounge** was established as a "Safe Space" for students of African descent during the 1970s and continues to be an intellectual, cultural and social safe haven for students from various backgrounds.
- **Special Interest Communities** offer residential experiences to those interested in living among students with common identities and interests. These residential communities include Casa Latina, Indigehouse, Muslim Student House, Black Residential, Q House and upLift House.

Student Clubs and Organizations



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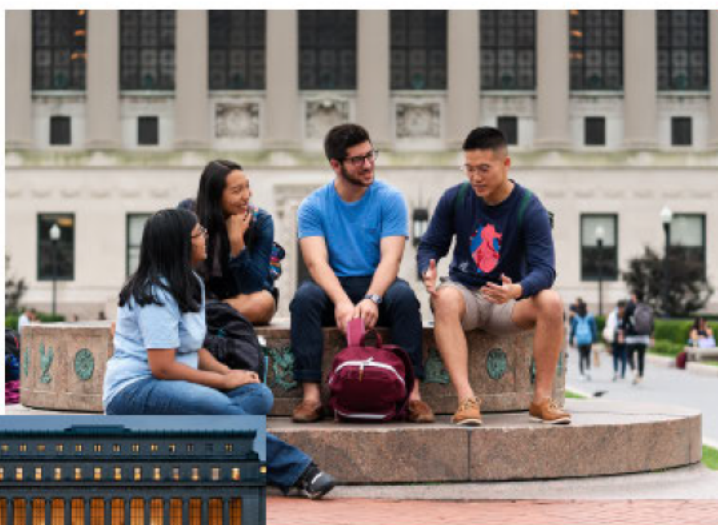
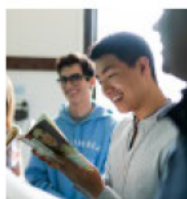
FINANCIAL AID BY THE NUMBERS

Columbia Financial Aid

"Having the opportunity to pursue a liberal arts degree at Columbia was nothing short of a dream to me, and I wouldn't have been able to enroll were it not for the generous aid I received throughout my undergraduate career."

Columbia Is Affordable

At Columbia, it is your ability that matters. Not your ability to pay. Columbia's approach to affordability is simple. Need-based. Need-blind. Full need. Undergraduate admission to Columbia College and Columbia Engineering is need-blind for US citizens and permanent residents, persons granted refugee visas by the United States, and undocumented students living in the US, meaning there is no disadvantage in our admission process for students who have financial need. We determine financial aid eligibility by evaluating your family's ability to pay for education costs. And then we cover 100% of the demonstrated financial need for all first-years, for all four years of study.



No loans

INCLUDED IN FINANCIAL
AID PACKAGES AT
COLUMBIA

100%

DEMONSTRATED NEED
COVERED FOR ALL ADMITTED
FIRST-YEARS

\$0

PARENT
CONTRIBUTION
FOR STUDENTS
FROM FAMILIES
WITH TOTAL
INCOMES UNDER
\$88,000 (AND
TYPICAL ASSETS)

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Applying for Financial Aid

Application Type

Early Decision
Regular Decision

Deadline

November 15, 2025
February 15, 2026

Documents

FAFSA (school code 002707)
CSS Profile (school code 2118)
Complete 2024 Tax Returns
Business/Farm Tax Returns

Notes

Required for federal financial aid
Required for institutional financial aid
Submit to Institutional Documentation
Service (IDOC)
If applicable



Estimate Your Cost:
Use our online
estimators to find out
how much financial
aid you may qualify to
receive.

\$240+ million

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND
GRANTS ANNUALLY

\$77,908

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR
GRANT

About half

OF COLUMBIA STUDENTS
RECEIVE GRANTS FROM
COLUMBIA



Cost of Attendance for 2025-2026

Tuition and Fees	\$73,450
Orientation and Document Fees (for first year only)	\$730
Housing and Meals	\$18,680
Books and Personal Expenses	\$4,130
Total	\$96,990

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Native and Indigenous Resources



"The Lenape lived here before and during the colonization of the Americas. This plaque recognizes these indigenous people of Manhattan, their displacement, dispossession and continued presence. It stands as a reminder to reflect on our past as we contemplate our way forward."

Inscription on a plaque on the Columbia University campus honoring the Lenni Lenape people

Native American Council and Mālama Hawai'i

The Native American Council and Mālama Hawai'i provide a support network for Native and Indigenous students and examine issues facing Indigenous Peoples today. Initiatives include:

- community discussions featuring faculty and outside speakers, including artist and activist Matika Wilbur, poet Jaclyn Roessel, environmental activist Winona LaDuke, Kumu Hula Luana Haraguchi, and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i teacher Kainoa Embernate
- events such as Columbia's annual Powwow, Lū'au, Native American Heritage Month, and monthly hula lessons for beginners
- participation in the Ivy Native Council—a conference for Native and Indigenous students in the Northeast to build community across campuses; and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
- visits to the National Museum of the American Indian and the American Indian Community House in New York City



\$177M

IN FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED THIS YEAR

100%

DEMONSTRATED NEED
MET FOR ALL ADMITTED
FIRST-YEARS

\$0

PARENT
CONTRIBUTION
FOR STUDENTS FROM
FAMILIES WITH TOTAL
INCOMES UNDER
\$66,000 (AND TYPICAL
ASSETS)

\$0

FINANCIAL AID
PACKAGES AT
COLUMBIA CONTAIN
NO LOANS

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A sampling of the Tribal Nations represented in the Columbia University community:

Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian
Algonquin	Navajo
Anishinaabe	Oglala Lakota Sioux
Assiniboine	Ojibwe
Atika	Otoe-Missouria
Blackfeet	Pawnee
Cherokee	Pokagon Band of
Cheyenne River	Potawatomi
Sioux	Pokanoket
Chickasaw	Pueblo of Taos
Choctaw	Quechua
Choctaw Freedman	Samson Cree
Comanche	Santee Sioux
Crow	Seminole
Eastern Band	Seminole of
Cherokee	Oklahoma
First Descendant of	Sikasapa Lakota
Menominee	Taino of Bonken
Ho-Chunk	Nation
Inupiaq	Tlingit
Kanaka Maoli	Tonawanda Seneca
Karuk	Village of Kaltag
Mohawk	Village of
Muscogee Creek	Kongiginsk
Nahua	Wixarika



"The relationships I have built in the Native community and the support I have received from advisers and faculty have helped me to feel at home in New York City and adjust to being away from family. Each and every member of the community brings a unique passion and personality to the group, creating a supporting and caring environment. I couldn't imagine my four years without the Native American Council."

Diverse Backgrounds, Diverse Voices

50
ALL 50 STATES

110+
COUNTRIES

17%
ARE THE FIRST IN
THEIR FAMILY TO
ATTEND COLLEGE

60%
OVER 60%
STUDENTS
OF COLOR

19%
RECEIVE
PELL
GRANTS

Residential Life: Indigehouse

Formally known as Manhattan House and founded in 2013, Indigehouse now occupies a Columbia Brownstone as of 2022, while recognizing the first people of this land, the Lenape and Wappinger Peoples. Indigehouse is a residential community that strives to provide an inclusive space for all Indigenous students and allies through fostering pride in identity, understanding of Indigenous issues and relationships with both the campus and wider Indigenous communities. Indigehouse is supported by a faculty adviser and Residential Life to host a variety of student-led events such as Frybread Fridays and the Indigenous Wisdom Series, featuring Indigenous alumni.

Academic Life: Native American and Indigenous Studies at Columbia

Columbia's Native American/Indigenous Studies program is part of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race (CSER). Classes previously offered in CSER include "Approaches to Contemporary Native American Education" with Visiting Professor Sandy Grande and "Race and Indigeneity in the Pacific" with Professor Hi'ilei Julia Kawehipuaakahaopulani Hobart.

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List of High Schools Receiving Counselor Communications within 17 codes in Manhattan and the Bronx

Organization Name	Type	Zip Code
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A Philip Randolph Campus High School	High School	10031
Abyssinian Development Corporation (ADC)	CBO	10027
Academy for Social Action	High School	10027
Alfred E Smith High School	High School	10451
American Dream Charter School	High School	10454
Armory College Prep	CBO	10032
ATLAH High School	High School	10027
Bank Street College Liberty LEADS	CBO	10025
Bread and Roses Integrated Arts High School	High School	10030
Bronx Academy of Letters	High School	10451
Bronx Design And Construction Academy	High School	10451
Bronx Leadership Academy II High School	High School	10451
Bronx Legacy High School	High School	10451
Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice	High School	10451
Capital Preparatory Harlem Charter School	High School	10035
Cardinal Hayes High School	High School	10451
Cathedral High School	High School	10029
Central Park East High School	High School	10029
Coalition School for Social Change	High School	10035
Columbia Business School: The Social Enterprise Pr	CBO	10027
Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School	High School	10025
Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering	High School	10027
Community Health Academy Heights	High School	10033
Community Impact: Mentoring Youth in New York City	CBO	10027
Community School For Social Justice	High School	10451
Cristo Rey High School	High School	10029
Democracy Prep Endurance High School	High School	10035
Democracy Prep Harlem High School	High School	10027
Democracy Preparatory Charter School	High School	10030
Dream Charter High School	High School	10454

Eagle Academy for Young Men of Harlem	High School	10030
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School	High School	10029
East Harlem Tutorial Program	CBO	10029
East Side House Settlement	CBO	10454
Edward A Reynolds West Side High School	High School	10025
ELiTE	CBO	10031
Emerging Leaders in Technology and Engineering, Inc	CBO	10031
Esperanza Preparatory Academy	High School	10029
Frederick Douglass Academy	High School	10039
Frederick Douglass Academy II	High School	10026
Fresh Youth Initiatives	CBO	10032
Gregorio Luperon High School for Science and Mathematics	High School	10033
Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ)	CBO	10035
Harlem Children's Zone, Inc.	High School	10035
Harlem Children's Zone: Promise Academy 1 High School	High School	10035
Harlem Prep High School	High School	10035
Harlem Renaissance High School	High School	10035
Harlem Village Academy High School	High School	10027
Health Opportunities High School	High School	10451
Health, Education and Research Occupations High School	High School	10455
Heritage School	High School	10029
High School for Excellence and Innovation	High School	10034
High School for Law and Public Service	High School	10040
High School for Math Science and Engineering at City College of New York	High School	10031
High School for Media and Communication - George Washington Campus	High School	10040
High School Health Careers/Sci	High School	10040
Home Schooled (All Cases)	High School	10027
Hostos-Lincoln Academy Of Science	High School	10455
Hyde Leadership Charter School	High School	10474
International Community High School	High School	10454

Inwood Academy For Leadership	High School	10034
Inwood Early College For Health And Information Technologies	High School	10034
KIPP NYC College Prep High School	High School	10451
Laboratory School of Finance & Technology	High School	10454
Manhattan Center for Science and Math	High School	10029
Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy/Yeshiva Univ HS for Boys	High School	10033
Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center	High School	10027
Mother Cabrini High School	High School	10040
Mott Hall High School	High School	10030
Mott Haven Community High School	High School	10455
Mott Haven Village Preparatory High School	High School	10455
MS 293 City College Academy of the Arts	High School	10040
MS 348 Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School	High School	10033
New Heights Academy Charter School	High School	10031
New Visions Charter High School For Humanities II	High School	10455
Northeastern Academy	High School	10034
NYC Charter School for Architecture, Engineering, & Construction	High School	10451
Opportunity Charter School	High School	10026
Park East High School	High School	10029
Passages Academy	High School	10455
Promise Academy II Charter School	High School	10035
Public Prep Alumni Program	CBO	10451
Rabbi Samson R Hirsch High School for Boys	High School	10040
Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation	High School	10029
Restart Academy Cares	High School	10025
Samuel Gompers Career and Technical Education High School	High School	10455
South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures & the Arts High School	High School	10454
South Bronx High School	High School	10455
South Bronx Preparatory	High School	10454

State University of New York: Educational Opportunity Program	High School	10027
Street Squash	CBO	10026
Success Academy HS of the Liberal Arts - Harlem	High School	10027
The Brotherhood Sister Sol	CBO	10031
The College Academy	High School	10040
The Eagle Academy Foundation	CBO	10027
The Roger Lehecka Double Discovery Center	CBO	10027
Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change	High School	10030
University Heights High School	High School	10455
University Prep Charter HS	High School	10455
Urban Assembly School for Careers in Sports	High School	10451
Urban Assembly School for Global Commerce	High School	10035
Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts	High School	10027
Urban Dove	CBO	10035
Urban Dove Team Charter School II	High School	10455
Wadleigh Secondary School	High School	10026
Yes Scholars New York	CBO	10025
Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem	High School	10025

A wide-angle photograph of a large indoor event space, identified as the Boone Arledge Auditorium, filled with people at a Summer Programs College Fair. The room has a high ceiling with a grid of lights and a large wooden wall. People are standing at long tables covered with blue and red cloths, displaying information and materials. Many attendees are wearing blue t-shirts and carrying backpacks. The text "BOONE ARLEDGE AUDITORIUM" is visible on the wall above the tables. The floor is made of light-colored wood. The overall atmosphere is busy and organized.

Summer Programs College Fair - July 28, 2026



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Manhattanville Commitments Coverage

September 2025 - August 2026 | *Neighbors* Website, E-Newsletters, Social Media, Print Products

Distribution

- Columbia Neighbors Website:** neighbors.columbia.edu, 260,000 views in a year
- Columbia Neighbors E-Newsletter:** Distributed 1x/week on Wednesday to 8,124 Upper Manhattan subscribers.
- Print Bulletin** (Monthly): English and Spanish, 500 copies distributed to community-facing locations on Columbia campuses and local elected officials
- Print Newsletter** (2x/year): English and Spanish, 1,700 mailed to Upper Manhattan neighbors and elected officials, 500 printed and distributed at community events, including Manhattanville Community Day.
- Social Media:** 5,331 followers on Instagram, 2,024 followers on Facebook

Thompson-Muñoz Scholarships for Local Aid-Eligible Students

Website + Web Stories

Date	Title/Link	Views
All Year	Thompson-Muñoz Scholarships for Local Aid-Eligible Students	177