

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

**Declaration Reference and Key Data**

Obligation Section Numbers: **5.07(c)(xxv)(A) – (E)[i]-[iii]**

Obligation Title: **Community Information, Opportunities and Resources Center**

Obligation Page Number: **57-59**

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

Obligation Start Date: **March 12, 2012**

Obligation End Date: **March 12, 2037 (25 Years from Commencement of the Center's Full Operation)**

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

**Obligation: Innovation/Changed Conditions**

In accordance with the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions Section 5.08, Obligations 5.07 (c)(xxv)(A)-(E)[i]-[iii] are modified to clarify the obligations. In general, the scope of services to be provided has not been changed. Empire State Development and Columbia University agreed to this modification on November 28, 2018.

**Modified Language:**

*Community Information, Opportunities and Resources Center also referred to as the Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) or the "Center".* Columbia University is already operating the Columbia University Employment Information Center (CEIC), which shall be maintained and enhanced to create the Community Information, Opportunities and Resources Center (the "Center"). The Center shall be located on the site where the existing Columbia University Employment and Career Center is located, or in a location in or near the Project Site. The Center shall commence full operation with the acquisition by ESD or CU of all Initial Stage 1 Condemnation Parcels, and continue operation for a 25-year period from commencement of full operation of the Center. The Center shall provide information on all benefits provided under this Section 5.07 and resources, including a hotline and website presence, to enable local residents and businesses to receive prompt notification of business opportunities and available jobs at Columbia University, to learn about construction schedules, safety and mitigation, and to receive information about community-oriented service programs (i.e. job training, technical assistance, clinics, mentoring, volunteerism). The Center shall provide bilingual services and shall be staffed, in part, by persons devoted exclusively to serving as liaison with the community with respect to the obligations incurred by Columbia in connection with the project. The estimated annual minimum value of maintaining the Center shall be \$325,000. Columbia shall collaborate with appropriate organizations to develop and maintain the center which shall provide, among other things, the following services:

- (A) Provide access to Columbia's job listings with detailed descriptions of job qualifications, including a regularly updated information hotline to provide callers with information relating to Declarant's employment opportunities and continuing counsel and assistance to local residents seeking employment with Declarant.
- (B) Coordinate Columbia's resources with (i) appropriate job training centers, (ii) City, State and Federal agencies and (iii) other educational institutions and organizations to provide bilingual referral information regarding services for small businesses, leasing space from Declarant and facilitating access to integrated support services.

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- (C) Identify and provide referrals to training programs and classes in areas such as the skilled trades, administrative support, technology, management, and administration, and where feasible, coordinate with State and City education programs and institutions in the administration of such programs.
- (D) Coordinate and host job fairs and job training/job readiness in the community not less than once a year.
- (E) Assist local residents in the identification of business, education, training, and career opportunities that provide opportunities for hands-on learning, and competency based instruction based on industry standards. Such programs shall include one group session per month where up to forty (40) persons per session will receive:
  - [i] Referrals for skills training, internships and work-based learning opportunities with Declarant and through community-based organizations supported by Declarant.
  - [ii] A catalog of Declarant's community outreach programs.
  - [iii] Access to work-based learning programs for high school students, high school dropouts, individuals transitioning from welfare-to-work, individuals with special needs, and veterans.

**Evidence of Compliance**

- 1. Link to CEIC website
- 2. Link to website for CEIC job listings
- 3. Link to CEIC website with information regarding live job readiness training workshops
- 4. Annual report

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

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**EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(xxv):**

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

- ☐ 1. Link to CEIC website
- ☐ 2. Link to website for CEIC job listings (JAC)
- ☐ 3. Link to CEIC website with information regarding live job readiness training workshops
- ☐ 4. Annual report

**Monitor's Notes / Comments:**

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**Status:**

Please check to indicate the status of Obligation 5.07(c)(xxv):

- ☐ In Compliance
- ☐ In Progress
- ☐ Not In Compliance
- ☐ Not Triggered

## Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC)

Link to CEIC website:

<https://humanresources.columbia.edu/ceic>

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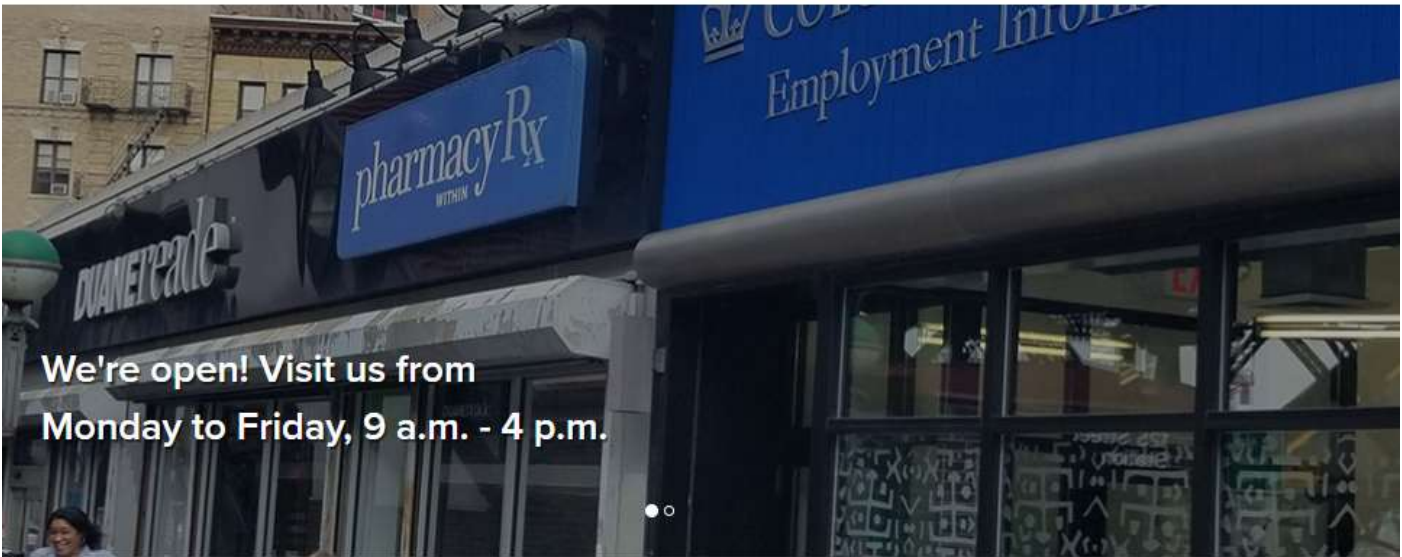
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# Columbia Employment Information Center



**We're open! Visit us from  
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

### How to Navigate Your Job Search with the Columbia Employment Information Center

The Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) is available for all job-seekers who would benefit from assistance in a job search.

[Learn how](#) CEIC can help you with resume guidance, interview skills, and building a strategy to secure your desired role.



## Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC)

Link to website for CEIC job listings:

<https://careers.columbia.edu/>

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## CAREERS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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### EXPLORE CAREERS



#### Academic Jobs

Faculty, Research, and Libraries Positions



#### Staff Jobs

Managerial and Administrative Positions



#### Student Jobs

Campus and Off-Campus Student Positions

## Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC)

**Link to CEIC website with information regarding live job readiness training workshops:**

<https://humanresources.columbia.edu/content/free-employment-workshops>



## Free Employment Workshops

The Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) offers monthly workshops on job readiness, résumé building, job search techniques and interview preparation—all free of charge.

### Job Readiness

In this comprehensive workshop, you will assess your skills, learn techniques to effectively "sell" your abilities and locate the job suited to your future career goals. All workshops are held the first Wednesday of the month. Topics include:

- Résumé Building
- Job Search Strategies
- Interview Skills
- Tips on How to Dress for Success

### Interviewing Skills

Once you land the interview, we will help prepare you for the process and impress your future employer. All workshops are held the third Wednesday of the month. Topics include:

- Tips on How to Prepare for an Interview
- Steps to Navigate the Interview Process
- Answer Tough Interview Questions
- Interview "Dos and Don'ts"



### MENU

[Columbia Employment Info Center](#)

[Free Workshops](#)

[Assessment Form](#)

[How to Apply for Jobs](#)

[Our Services and Mission](#)

### CONTACT US

3180 Broadway, near the corner of 125th Street  
212-851-1551  
[communityjobs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityjobs@columbia.edu)



## Register for Workshops

All workshops are held on Wednesdays from 3 - 5 p.m.

## Annual Report: Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) - Record of Referrals

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **October 2025 - September 2026**

The Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) identifies and provides training to local community members by offering training sessions to job seekers at the Center and/or by making referrals to external outreach agencies that offer training programs.

*The Columbia Employment Information Center is open Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 4 PM.*

*Participants can schedule a virtual or in-person one on one appointment, or register to participate in a job readiness or interview skills workshop through the CEIC website at <https://humanresources.columbia.edu/ceic>.*

### Job Readiness Training Provided by the Columbia Employment Information Center

| Month    | Attended Live Training | Attended One-on-One Training | Total      |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Oct-2025 | 1                      | 18                           | 19         |
| Nov-2025 | 2                      | 14                           | 16         |
| Dec-2025 | 3                      | 13                           | 16         |
| Jan-2026 | 3                      | 9                            | 12         |
| Feb-2026 | 5                      | 20                           | 25         |
| Mar-2026 | 5                      | 48                           | 53         |
| Apr-2026 | 2                      | 34                           | 36         |
| May-2026 | 4                      | 28                           | 32         |
| Jun-2026 | 1                      | 24                           | 25         |
| Jul-2026 | 0                      | 30                           | 30         |
| Aug-2026 | 27                     | 36                           | 63         |
| Sep-2026 | 46                     | 37                           | 83         |
|          | <b>99</b>              | <b>311</b>                   | <b>410</b> |

**Live Training** is conducted in group sessions. Topics at each session include Interviewing Skills, Resume Building, Job Search Strategies and tips on how to Dress for Success. For a listing of free job readiness and interviewing skills training workshops available at the Center, visit: <https://humanresources.columbia.edu/ceic>

**One-on-One Training** is conducted in individual sessions. Topics are based on individual need, but may include topics discussed in live training sessions.

### Referrals to Positions at Columbia University made by the Columbia Employment Information Center

| Number of candidates placed in temporary positions at CU | Number of local candidates placed in temporary positions at CU | Number of local candidates placed in permanent positions at CU |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>27</b>                                                | <b>17</b>                                                      | <b>12</b>                                                      |

### External Referrals to Training Programs Made by the Columbia Employment Information Center (by category)

| Month    | GED      | Vocational Training* | NYC Agency Education & Workforce Training | Total    |
|----------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct-2025 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Nov-2025 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Dec-2025 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Jan-2026 | 4        | 0                    | 0                                         | 4        |
| Feb-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Mar-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Apr-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| May-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Jun-2026 | 1        | 0                    | 0                                         | 1        |
| Jul-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Aug-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
| Sep-2026 | 0        | 0                    | 0                                         | 0        |
|          | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>5</b> |

\*Vocational training referrals include the areas of skilled trades, administrative support, technology, management, and administrative support.

## Annual Report: Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) Job Fairs

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **October 2025 - September 2026**

### Job Fairs Hosted by Columbia University

| Name of Job Fair                                       | Job Fair Host(s)    | Date               | Location                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Columbia University Facilities and Operations Job Fair | Columbia University | November 6, 2025   | The Lee C. Bollinger Forum<br>125th Street and Broadway<br>New York, NY 10027 |
| Columbia University Career Expo                        | Columbia University | September 15, 2026 | The Lee C. Bollinger Forum<br>125th Street and Broadway<br>New York, NY 10027 |

### Job Fairs in which Columbia University Participated

| Name of Job Fair                                | Job Fair Host(s)                                  | Date            | Location                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ISSO International Spouse/Partner Resource Fair | Columbia International Students & Scholars Office | October 3, 2025 | Columbia University Mudd Hall<br>500 W 120th Street<br>New York, NY 10027                                                    |
| Manhattanville Community Day                    | Columbia University (Columbia Neighbors)          | June 27, 2026   | Columbia University Manhattanville Campus<br>125th & Broadway                                                                |
| Pathways Nursing Summit                         | Columbia Nursing Collective Club                  | August 7, 2026  | Columbia University School of Nursing<br>560 W 168th St, New York, NY 10032                                                  |
| Harlem Week NYC Jobs & Careers Fair             | Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce                | August 12, 2026 | The City College of New York<br>The Great Hall, 2nd Floor, Shepard Hall Building<br>259 Convent Avenue<br>New York, NY 10031 |

### Additional Supporting Documentation

- Copies of Job Fair advertisement flyers



**\$19+ PER HOUR | UNION BENEFITS**

## **Columbia Facilities and Operations Job Fair**

**November 6, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**The Lee C. Bollinger Forum at Columbia University**  
**601 W 125th St, New York, NY 10027**

# Columbia Facilities and Operations JOB FAIR

RSVP HERE



**November 6, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Lee C. Bollinger Forum*

601 W 125th St, New York, NY 10027

## Openings include:

- Porters
- Heavy Cleaners
- Door Attendants

**\$19+ PER HOUR  
UNION BENEFITS**

Current Columbia staff and external candidates are invited to attend the job fair and apply for new roles.



# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CAREER EXPO

**Tuesday, Sept. 15  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**The Forum  
125th Street  
and Broadway**

- **FREE Professional Headshots**
- **Career Development Workshops**
- **Meet Columbia Employers**
- **Register now:**



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 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**  
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A background image showing a group of people at a career expo. In the foreground, a woman with long blonde hair is smiling and looking towards the left. Behind her, other people are engaged in conversations and looking at materials on a table. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor event space.

## 2026 Career Expo

Tuesday, September 15,  
2026

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Career Expo brings together the local community to explore career opportunities at Columbia University.

Job seekers will gain insights into a wide range of career paths, connect with representatives from Columbia's schools and departments, participate in job-readiness workshops, and take advantage of complimentary professional headshots.

### Event Details

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

The Forum

601 W 125th St & Broadway

New York, NY 10027

**Due to high demand, online registration is now closed.  
We look forward to welcoming everyone who**

**registered in advance at next week's Expo!**



## **Human Resources**

615 West 131 Street, Studebaker Building, 4th Floor

New York, NY 10027

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Columbia University is committed to the hiring of qualified local residents

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International Students & Scholars Office

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## Events

CURRENT AND UPCOMING

# ISSO International Spouse/ Partner Resource Fair

Add to Calendar: [Calendar / Outlook](#) [Google](#) [Yahoo](#)

October 3, 2025

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

America/New\_York

 Mudd Hall, 500 W. 120 St., New York, NY 10027 Carleton Commons  
[Show Map](#) 

Please join us for a **Resource Fair specifically for spouses and partners** of Columbia's international students and scholars! Whether you recently arrived to NYC, or just aim to connect with new friends to learn about valuable resources, ISSO will help you navigate your journey and make the most of your time here. We invite accompanying family of international students/ scholars from any CU campus.

### What to Expect:

- **Introductions** from ISSO staff and the International Spouse and Partners Network (ISPN), a welcoming community of your peers that gathers regularly for informal events
- **Information Booths** from a variety of campus and community organizations offering resources on well-being, language support, community-building, and more.
- **Networking Opportunities** with other spouses/partners from the Columbia community.
- **Free Resources, Giveaways, and Snacks/ Refreshments!**

This is a great chance to find services, build connections, and gain insights to enhance your experience in NYC and at Columbia. Stop by for 10 minutes, 1 hour, or the entire time! This is an open-house style gathering for you to ask questions, find answers, and have fun.

Once on campus, please come to **Carleton Commons at Mudd Hall** . Carleton Commons, located on the campus level, is accessible from a sliding automatic door at the entrance of Mudd Hall.

**\*\*\*Pre-registration through ISSO has now closed.** If one or more of your family members requires campus access and did not pre-register through ISSO, your family is responsible for applying directly with Public Safety. Please refer here for guest access: <https://publicsafety.columbia.edu/content/morningside-campus-access-updates> 

If you pre-registered as a spouse/ partner before 9:00AM on Wed. Oct. 1 and do not receive a campus entry QR code by 11:59PM on Wed. Oct. 1, please [contact the ISSO Programming Team](#)  ASAP.

Columbia University makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities. If you require disability accommodations to attend an event at Columbia University, please contact Disability Services ([disability@columbia.edu](mailto:disability@columbia.edu) or 212-854-2388) at least 10 days in advance of the event. Requests for CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) or sign language interpretation require two weeks' notice.

*ISSO reserves the right to capture and use images (including video, photo, audio) of participants at this event in its current or future marketing materials. These materials include but are not limited to: social media, digital and/or print posters, email and web-based materials. By attending and participating in this event, you are consenting to having your image captured for these purposes. If you have concerns about your likeness being used, please reach out to [isso@columbia.edu](mailto:isso@columbia.edu) and we will do our best to accommodate your request.*

## Contact Information

ISSO Programming Team

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6, 2025

[Q&A On Immigration Policy](#)

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October 7, 2025

## ISSO Spouse/ Partner English Conversation (Virtual)

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October 7, 2025

### [ISSO GLASS] Climb & Connect

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October 8, 2025

### [ISSO GLASS] Personal & Professional Branding as an Intl. Student

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October 8, 2025

### Sunset Salsa



# Welcome Today and Every Day



**JUNE 27, 2026**  
**11 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

**Columbia's  
Manhattanville  
Campus**  
**125th St. & Broadway**

Join us for a free, fun-filled celebration of community! Immerse yourself in the arts through Lenfest Kids film screenings and art workshops with the Wallach Art Gallery. Indulge in Uptown cuisine with flavorful food samples from local vendors. Explore the workings of the brain through science workshops and performances—plus so much more.

Every event is free and open to the public. There are activities for both adults and children, so bring the whole family! The day's offerings include:

- Hands-on science education
- Free food
- Family film screenings
- Art exhibition
- Activities for kids
- Information on Columbia programs for the local community
- Local vendors



To learn more, visit *Columbia Neighbors* for updates and to RSVP.  
[neighbors.columbia.edu/mcd26](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/mcd26)

## COLUMBIA NEIGHBORS



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School of Nursing

COLUMBIA NURSING PATHWAYS COLLECTIVE CLUB PRESENTS

# PATHWAYS NURSING SUMMIT

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Friday  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 2026



3:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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## WHY ATTEND?



### CONNECT WITH RECRUITERS & STAFFING AGENCIES

Meet top organizations  
hiring nurses and explore  
diverse career  
opportunities.



### DISCOVER CAREERS BEYOND BEDSIDE

Learn about innovation,  
entrepreneurship,  
healthcare business,  
leadership, and more.



### GROW YOUR NETWORK

Connect with students,  
alumni, professionals,  
and industry leaders  
who can help open  
doors.



### JOIN INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Engage in real  
conversations.  
Gain insights.  
Build connections.

Meet the people. Explore the possibilities. Build the career you want.

## FEATURING



### Keynote Speaker

Michael Wang

Founder & CEO of Regenera



Jonathan Kitchens,  
BSN, RN, CCRN

Founder of  
"Transition to Practice"  
Program



Nurse Noel, RN

Founder of Noel  
Health Solutions  
&  
Health Media Correspondent



Kash Calderon  
MSN, RN

Career Coach  
and  
Destinee Student



Barbara Catalano

Research Director of Columbia  
University's Employment  
Information Center and Temporary  
Staffing Program

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| Men In Nursing

| CBSN

| ANSAC

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CAREER  
WORKSHOPS

100+  
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## HARLEM WEEK 2026 NYC Jobs & Careers Fair Registration

### Your Next Opportunity Starts Here

Whether you're entering the workforce, changing careers, or exploring what's next, the **HARLEM WEEK NYC Jobs & Careers Fair** connects you with hiring employers, career resources, and free workshops—all in one place.

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION IS FREE.**

Listing of Organizations that Provide Business, Education, Training and Career Opportunities

|                                                     | 1                             | 2                           | 3                          | 4                                  | 5                      | 6                      | 7                          | 8               | 9           | 10                                | 11                                                    | 12                                                    | 13                                                                              | 14                                                              | 15                                        | 16            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| NYC AGENCY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE TRAINING INCLUDES: | Services for Small Businesses | Integrated support services | Classes for skilled trades | Classes for Administrative Support | Classes for Technology | Classes for Management | Classes for Administration | Skills Training | Internships | Work-based learning opportunities | Work-based learning programs for high school students | Work-based learning programs for high school dropouts | Work-based learning programs for individuals transitioning from welfare-to-work | Work-based learning programs for individuals with special needs | Work-based learning programs for veterans | Leasing Space |
| Do they provide bilingual services? (Y/N)           | Y                             |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Employment                                          |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Workforce 1                                         | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 | x                                         | x             |
| Strive                                              | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Bronx Works                                         | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    | x                      |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation          | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    | x                      |                        |                            | x               | x           |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Goodwill Industries                                 |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| AARP Foundation                                     |                               | x                           | x                          | x                                  | x                      |                        |                            | x               |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 | x                                         |               |
| Volunteers of America                               |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       | x                                                     | x                                                                               | x                                                               | x                                         |               |
| Grant Associates                                    |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Henry Street Settlement                             |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           |                                   | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 | x                                         |               |
| Dress for Success                                   |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Services for the Underserved (Verterans Services)   |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 | x                                         |               |
| AHRC                                                |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 | x                                                               |                                           |               |
| Urban Upbound                                       |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Fedcap                                              |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| The Osborne Association                             |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Fortune Society                                     |                               | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Jericho Project                                     |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       | x                                                                               |                                                                 | x                                         |               |
| Year Up                                             |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Grace Institute                                     |                               |                             |                            | x                                  |                        |                        | x                          | x               | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Cerebral Palsy of New York State                    |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 | x                                                               |                                           |               |
| America Works                                       |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               | x                                                               | x                                         |               |
| Lantern Community Services                          |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Urban Resource Institute (URI)                      |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
|                                                     |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Education (GED, ESOL, Literacy)                     |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Community Impact (Columbia University)              | x                             | x                           | x                          | x                                  | x                      |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Harlem YMCA                                         | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Literacy Partners                                   | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
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| Small Business Development                          |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Harlem Business Alliance                            | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYC Business Solutions                              | x                             | x                           | x                          | x                                  | x                      | x                      | x                          | x               |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
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| Governmental Agency Partners                        |                               |                             |                            |                                    | x                      |                        |                            | x               |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| New York Public Library                             |                               |                             |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| New York State, ACCESS- VR                          |                               | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             | x                                 |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 | x                                                               |                                           |               |
| Department of Veteran's Affairs                     | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYCHA                                               | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Department for the Aging                            | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| CUNY                                                | x                             | x                           | x                          | x                                  | x                      | x                      | x                          | x               | x           |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYS Department of Labor                             | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            | x               | x           | x                                 | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 | x                                         |               |
| NYC Economic Development Corporation                | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene           | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYC Human Resources Administration                  | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYC Parks & Recreation                              | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| NYC of Youth & Community Development                | x                             | x                           | x                          |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 | x           | x                                 | x                                                     | x                                                     | x                                                                               |                                                                 |                                           |               |
| Mayor's Office of Adult Education                   | x                             | x                           |                            |                                    |                        |                        |                            |                 |             |                                   |                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                 |                                           |               |

# Employment Information Center

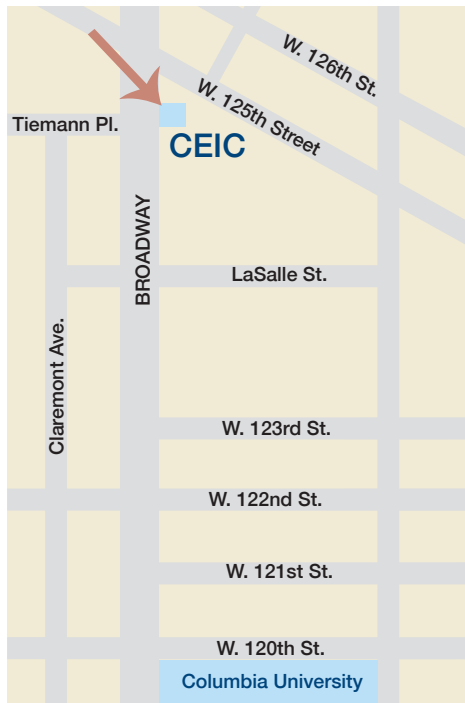
## We're Here to Help

The Center is an access point to apply for open positions at the University as well as gain job search assistance and participate in training programs.

**We invite you to visit the Employment Information Center and learn more about the employment opportunities available at Columbia. During our business hours – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – staff are available to answer questions and share information about construction activity and employment opportunities. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may make an appointment.**

After our business hours, you are welcome to call our 24-hour hotline at 212-851-1551 that provides general information about the Center, information on Columbia University job opportunities, information on construction activities and information on construction-related job opportunities.

The Center is easily accessible on public transit: Take the 1 subway line, the M4 bus or M104 bus to 125th Street, just steps from the Center.



## Live & Online Job-Readiness Training Programs

As part of Columbia's ongoing commitment to assist local residents in obtaining employment at the University, as well as elsewhere in the community, the Center is pleased to provide a series of in-person workshops and online training programs.

Our in-person workshops focus on preparing job seekers. Participants receive detailed materials about the topics presented and hands-on practice sessions with members of our team. Topics include:

- résumé & cover letter development
- job search strategies
- interview skills
- dressing for success on an interview

We are also pleased to offer a series of online training programs. These programs are designed to assist participants with their job readiness skills as well as their career development. Online training topics include:

- communication skills
- leadership
- business skills
- administrative professional skills
- personal development skills
- project management foundations
- participating in teams
- desktop software
- sales and customer service

Many of these online training courses are also offered in Spanish.

To register for an in-person workshop or an online training program at the Center, please contact us at 212-851-1551.

<http://community-jobs.columbia.edu> | [communityjobs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityjobs@columbia.edu)

**3180 Broadway | Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | 212-851-1551 (24-hour hotline)**

# Centro de Información de Empleo

## Estamos aquí para ayudarle:

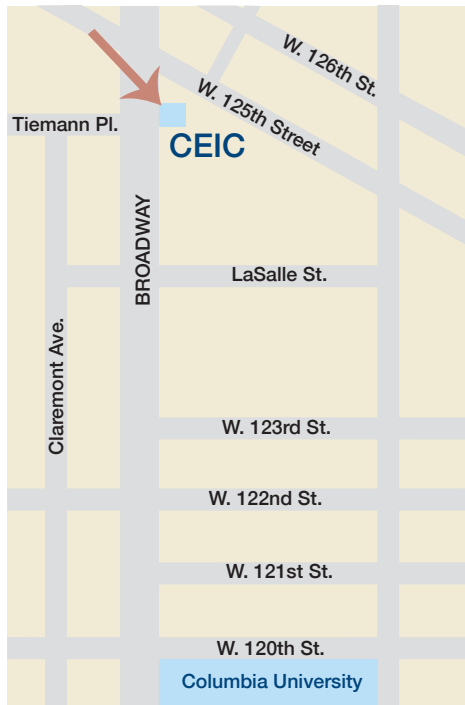
El centro es un punto de acceso para aplicar a posiciones abiertas en la Universidad así como para conseguir asistencia para buscar un trabajo y participar en programas de entrenamiento.

**Lo invitamos a que visite el centro de información de empleo y aprenda más sobre las oportunidades laborales disponibles en Columbia. Durante nuestras horas activas –**

**lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m., el equipo está disponible para responder sus preguntas y compartir información sobre la actividad de construcción y oportunidades laborales. Están bienvenidos a llegar sin cita o a hacer una cita de antemano.**

Después de nuestras horas laborales, usted está bienvenido a contactarnos llamando nuestra línea telefónica activa las veinticuatro horas del día al 212-851-1551 que provee información general acerca del centro, información sobre las oportunidades laborales en Columbia, información sobre actividades de construcción o información acerca de oportunidades laborales relacionadas a la construcción.

El centro es fácilmente accesible con transportación pública: tome la línea 1 roja de metro, o el autobús M4 o M104 hasta la calle 125, y estará a pasos del centro.



## Programas de entrenamiento para alistamiento laboral en vivo y en línea:

El centro tiene el placer de ofrecer una serie de talleres en persona y programas en línea de entrenamiento.

Nuestros talleres personales se enfocan en preparar a aquellos buscando empleo. Los participantes reciben detallados materiales acerca de los temas presentados y sesiones de práctica con los miembros del equipo.

Los temas incluidos son:

- elaboración de resumé (currículum) y carta de presentación
- estrategias para buscar empleo
- habilidades de entrevista
- vestimenta para entrevistas exitosas

También tenemos el placer de ofrecer una serie de programas de entrenamiento en línea. Estos programas son designados para asistir a participantes con sus habilidades de alistamiento laboral así como el desarrollo de su carrera profesional. Los temas de los programas de entrenamiento en línea son:

- habilidades de comunicación
- habilidades de administración profesional
- habilidades de negocio
- fundaciones de manejo de proyectos
- habilidades de desarrollo personal
- software de consultorio
- habilidades de trabajo en equipo
- servicios de venta y consumo
- liderazgo

Muchos de estos cursos en línea también se ofrecen en Inglés. Para registrarse para un taller en persona o un entrenamiento en línea en el centro, favor de contactarnos a 212-851-1551.

<http://community-jobs.columbia.edu> | [communityjobs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityjobs@columbia.edu)

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# COLUMBIA EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION CENTER

## WORKING AT COLUMBIA

With approximately 14,000 full-time employees, Columbia University is one of the largest employers in New York City. We are committed to attracting, developing, and retaining a highly qualified workforce to support our mission of excellence in education, research, and patient care. Employees come from all five boroughs and beyond, and almost 30 percent live right here in the neighborhoods of upper Manhattan.

We especially encourage our neighbors in West Harlem and throughout the city to apply for jobs at the University.

Each year, Columbia hires hundreds of non-academic employees. We offer a wide range of employment opportunities, including not only academic and research positions, but also opportunities in such diverse fields as construction, catering, finance, strategic planning, communications, library work, security, healthcare management, and a wealth of other administrative areas.

## THE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION CENTER—WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Since 2004, the Employment Information Center has operated in West Harlem as a source of information and a critical access point to make job applications more accessible to the local community. The Center also provides enhanced training programs and job-search counseling services designed to strengthen not only the individual applicant, but also the community.

Upon entering the Center, you will be greeted by our friendly staff, who will orient you to our resources. We have sought to create a pleasant environment in which to learn about job opportunities at the University, as well as the training programs and job-search counseling services we offer directly.

## LIVE AND ONLINE JOB-READINESS TRAINING PROGRAMS

As part of Columbia's ongoing commitment to assist local residents in obtaining employment at the University, as well as elsewhere in the community, the Employment Information Center is pleased to provide a series of in-person workshops and online training programs.

### LIVE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Our in-person workshops are focused on preparing job seekers. Participants receive both detailed materials about the topics presented and hands-on practice sessions with members of our team.

#### Topics include:

- résumé and cover letter development
- job search strategies
- interview skills
- dressing for success on an interview

### ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS

We are also pleased to offer a series of online training programs in English and Spanish. These programs are designed to assist participants with their job readiness skills and overall career development.

#### Online training topics include:

- communication skills
- leadership
- business skills
- administrative professional skills
- personal development skills
- project management foundations
- participating in teams
- desktop software
- sales and customer service

### PLAN A VISIT

You can learn more about us at [www.community-jobs.columbia.edu](http://www.community-jobs.columbia.edu).

We invite you to visit the Employment Information Center and learn more about the opportunities at Columbia University.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is conveniently located at 3180 Broadway, just south of 125th Street. Although walk-ins are welcome, we also welcome you to call **212-851-1551** and make an appointment or e-mail [communityjobs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityjobs@columbia.edu).

*The Employment Information Center is easily accessible by public transportation: take the #1 subway line or the M4 or M104 bus to 125th Street, just steps from the Center.*



# COLUMBIA EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION CENTER

## TRABAJAR EN COLUMBIA

Con aproximadamente 14,000 mil empleados de tiempo completo, la Universidad Columbia es una de las más grandes compañías empleadoras en la ciudad de Nueva York. Estamos comprometidos a atraer, desarrollar y retener a una altamente calificada fuerza de trabajo para apoyar nuestra misión de excelencia en la educación, la investigación y el cuidado a los pacientes. Nuestros empleados provienen de los cinco condados y de otros lugares, casi el 30 por ciento vive aquí en los vecindarios del Alto Manhattan.

Especialmente invitamos a nuestros vecinos del Oeste de Harlem y de toda la ciudad a solicitar trabajo en la Universidad.

Cada año Columbia contrata a cientos de empleados no académicos. Ofrecemos un amplio rango de oportunidades de empleos académicos y en la investigación, pero también ofrecemos oportunidades en campos como la construcción, servicio de comida, finanzas, planeación estratégica, comunicaciones, trabajo bibliotecario, seguridad, administración de la salud, y muchas otras posiciones en áreas administrativas.

### El Centro de Información de Empleo. Estamos aquí para ayudar.

Desde el 2004 el Centro de Información de Empleo, ha funcionado en el Oeste de Harlem como un centro de información y punto de acceso crítico para que las solicitudes de empleo sean accesibles a la comunidad local.

El Centro también provee amplios programas y consejería para la busca de empleo, con servicios diseñados no solamente ayudar al solicitante sino a toda la comunidad.

Una vez que usted entre al Centro será recibido por nuestro personal quien le orientará sobre nuestros servicios. Hemos buscado crear un ambiente agradable en el cual pueda conocer las oportunidades de empleo que ofrece la Universidad, así como los programas de entrenamiento y los servicios de consejería para buscar empleo que ofrecemos.

### Programas de entrenamientos en persona y en el Internet.

Como parte del compromiso de Columbia para asistir a los residentes locales para conseguir un empleo en la Universidad, o en cualquier otro lugar el Centro de Información de Empleo ofrece una serie de talleres de entrenamiento persona a persona y en el Internet.

## TALLERES EN PERSONA

Nuestros talleres en persona se enfocan en preparar a los solicitantes de empleo. Los participantes reciben materiales con información detallada sobre los tópicos presentados en las sesiones con nuestro personal.

Tópicos incluidos:

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| ▶ Resumé y carta de presentación | ▶ Estrategias para la búsqueda de trabajo        |
| ▶ Preparación de la entrevista   | ▶ Vistiéndose bien para la entrevista de trabajo |

## PROGRAMAS EN LÍNEA

También ofrecemos una serie de programas de entrenamiento en inglés y español en el Internet. Estos programas están designados para ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar sus habilidades para el trabajo y para el desarrollo de una carrera.

Los tópicos de los entrenamientos en línea incluyen:

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| ▶ Habilidades de comunicación          | ▶ Liderazgo                               |
| ▶ Habilidades de negocios              | ▶ Desarrollo de habilidades profesionales |
| ▶ Desarrollo de habilidades personales | ▶ Desarrollo de proyectos                 |
| ▶ Trabajo en equipo.                   | ▶ Desarrollo de software                  |
| ▶ Ventas y atención al cliente         |                                           |

## PLANEE UNA VISITA

Puede aprender más sobre nosotros en [www.communityjobs.columbia.edu](http://www.communityjobs.columbia.edu).

Le invitamos a visitar el Centro de Información de Empleo y a conocer más sobre las oportunidades de trabajo en la Universidad de Columbia.

El Centro está abierto de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., y está localizado en 3180 Broadway y la calle 125. Aunque puede visitarlo sin previa cita, le invitamos a que se comunique al **212 851-1551** para hacer una cita.

### Visítenos:

Centro de Información de Empleo  
3180 Broadway

**212 851-1551**

[community-jobs@columbia.edu](mailto:community-jobs@columbia.edu)

Lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5 p.m.

El Centro de Información de Empleo es fácilmente accesible usando transporte público: tome la línea 1 del subway o los autobuses M4 o M104 a la calle 125.

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORS

WINTER/SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

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On October 19, 2025, Columbia partnered with JCC Harlem for **The Longest Table**, a joy-filled community event that brought people together for a shared potluck on 118th Street.

## Columbia's Little Lions Camp Offers Scholarships for Local Kids



Every summer, dozens of local children spend their days swimming, playing, and exploring through Columbia's **Little Lions Camp**. And, since 2009, Columbia has offered more than 360 scholarships to those who live in **Manhattan Community District 9** through a partnership between the University and the **West Harlem Development Corporation** (WHDC).

"We're honored that Columbia University can collaborate with WHDC and Community Boards 9 and 12 to offer 25 scholarships to the Little Lions Camp throughout the summer," said Matt Hall, Camp Director.

Scholarships provide free, full-day summer camp experiences for children entering grades 1–7, giving young neighbors the chance to explore Columbia's Dodge Fitness Center and enjoy a classic summer camp experience close to home.

"The campers are exposed to the lifestyle that is at Columbia University," said Hall. "They see student life happening, they see student athletes at work, and they really get engaged with the entire campus. We want to inspire all our campers to lead lives of service and leadership and eventually become athletes, student athletes, or University participants themselves."

General camp applications for Summer 2026 open in January 2026. Learn more at [perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp](https://perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp) and [neighbors.columbia.edu/little-lions](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/little-lions).



## Little Lions Summer Camp Lottery Opens in February

Families living in Manhattan Community District 9 can apply for the Little Lions Summer Camp Lottery through the West Harlem Development Corporation. The program helps ensure that local children can participate in summer recreation and enrichment opportunities at no cost. The application can be found at [westharlemdc.org](https://westharlemdc.org).

## A Lens on Local



From school-supply giveaways to celebrations of Uptown culture, recent Columbia-hosted and community events brought neighbors together to connect, learn, and celebrate. Clockwise, from top left:

### **Taste of Harlem | July 2025**

Guests sampled bites from local restaurants and soaked in the sounds of summer at this culinary celebration of Uptown's vibrant flavors at the Lee C. Bollinger Forum on Columbia's Manhattanville campus.

### **Backpack Drive | August 2025**

Hosted by the 26th Precinct, the 10th Annual Back-2-School Block Party in Harlem offered school supplies, music, and joy to hundreds of families, with support from Columbia Community Service, Columbia University Facilities and Operations, and Columbia's Department of Public Safety.

### **Morningside Lights | September 2025**

A luminous procession of handmade lanterns from Morningside Park to Columbia's campus once again lit up the night sky, honoring creativity and collaboration.

### **Harlem Holiday Lights Legacy Awards | November 2025**

The 125th Street BID, Columbia University, and Community Board 9 co-hosted the Harlem Holiday Lights Legacy Awards, honoring Pastor Michael A. Walrond Jr., Senior Pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church.

## Meet the 13th Cohort of A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars

Columbia's A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program welcomed its newest cohort of Upper Manhattan-based scholars, each pursuing independent projects that explore and uplift their neighborhoods' cultural, social, and historical legacy.

From artists and activists to educators and historians, the cohort joins a community of more than 70 Bundles Scholars who have used Columbia resources to advance their work.

This year's scholars and projects are:

**Gail Addiss** is working to increase public awareness of the importance of Revolutionary War sites in shaping northern Manhattan's public parks.

**Miles Edwards** is researching the history of financial institutions serving the Harlem community to conduct an analysis of the current landscape of financial services and develop solutions to address any gaps for both the general public and small business owners.

**Dan Gluck** is creating a multidisciplinary nonprofit volunteer community to explore small-scale nuclear fusion to retrofit fossil-fuel plants, aiming to cut emissions and combat climate change.

**Gretchel Hill** is developing two



healthcare-related components: a wearable biosensor embedded in a sanitary pad with 3D absorbent cores, and a wireless real-time mobile app that monitors key health metrics.

**Kristina Maria Lopez** is writing a memoir and developing a workshop series that investigates the psychological and spiritual toll of gentrification in New York City.

**Natasha Sutherland** is addressing gaps in menstrual health education, wellness, products, and resources available to New York City youth through her Menstrual Equity project.

## Next Bundles Scholar Applications Open February 23, 2026

Every spring, Columbia invites our neighbors to apply for the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program, which is open to Upper Manhattan residents who are pursuing independent projects that benefit the local community. The program provides campus access, research support, and opportunities for collaboration across disciplines. Learn how to apply at [communityscholars.columbia.edu](https://communityscholars.columbia.edu).

## Expand Your Mind Through the Manhattanville Auditing Program

Whether you've always wanted to dive into art history, learn a new language, or explore climate science, Columbia's Manhattanville Auditing Program offers residents of Upper Manhattan, including Randall's Island and the South Bronx, free access to University courses each semester.



Through the program, participants are able to join Columbia classes to study alongside undergraduate and graduate students. No grades or homework required!

For many, the experience is transformative.

"Throughout my career, I always planned to 'move to a college town when I retire,' in order to remain intellectually vital and entertained," said Roy Byrd, a retired computer science researcher and Columbia neighbor. "Living near Columbia helps me achieve that and the courses are part of the intellectual stimulation."

Learn more and check your eligibility at [neighbors.columbia.edu/auditing](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/auditing).

## Get Around with Columbia's Free Shuttle Service



All local community members who are disabled or senior citizens (including attendants) are welcome to ride Columbia's shuttle buses. The ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle is free and connects 96th Street, the Morningside campus, 125th Street, Columbia University Irving Medical Center in Washington Heights, and Harlem Hospital, with stops at nearby subway and transit hubs.

Shuttle bus service runs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on state and federal public holidays. View and download the map and schedule at [transportation.columbia.edu](https://transportation.columbia.edu).



## Putting Community-Driven Music Education Center Stage

Since 2003, **Jazz Power Initiative** (JPI) in Inwood has been bringing music, culture, and community together across Upper Manhattan. Co-founded by jazz composer and educator **Eli Yamin** and **Clifford Carlson**, the nonprofit provides free and low-cost programs that introduce youth to jazz, improvisation, and music rooted in African American and Latin American traditions.

Yamin shared his early connection to music with Columbia Neighbors: “I started playing the piano as soon as I could reach the keyboard. Music was very important to my family. It was kind of like our family religion, and we leaned on the art form as a source of support.”

Programs for youth include hands-on workshops, ensemble rehearsals, and

community concerts where students learn not just technical skills but also storytelling, collaboration, and cultural history.

JPI’s “Jazz Power Tools” (teaching techniques like stomp clap, shuffle, call and response, improvisation, and polyrhythm) give participants a framework to explore rhythm, melody, and expression. By blending music education and cultural context, JPI empowers students to build confidence and experience the joy of performance.

“We want our kids to know the arts are a source of strength and a way of connecting with their community,” Yamin said.

Learn more about the program at [neighbors.columbia.edu/jazz-power](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/jazz-power).

IN CONVERSATION WITH . . .

## Quenia Abreu, President and CEO, New York Women's Chamber of Commerce

**Quenia Abreu**, the president and CEO of the **New York Women's Chamber of Commerce** (NYWCC), has been a transformative figure supporting women and minority entrepreneurs across New York City.

In 2002, Abreu founded the NYWCC to address the lack of organizations focused on women-owned businesses in the area. Her initiative has been key in advocating for economic empowerment and providing resources to women entrepreneurs.

Abreu has been instrumental in organizing the annual **Taste of Harlem** event, which celebrates the vibrant culinary scene of West Harlem. Held at Columbia University's Lee C. Bollinger Forum, the event showcases local restaurants and vendors, highlighting the neighborhood's diverse flavors and cultures.

Abreu emphasizes the importance of community involvement, telling *Columbia Neighbors*: "From the partners



to vendors and attendees, we want to make sure everyone is involved because this is really a community-driven celebration."

Learn more about Taste of Harlem and Abreu's work with women entrepreneurs at

[neighbors.columbia.edu/taste-of-harlem](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/taste-of-harlem).

## Host Your Community Event at Columbia

Local nonprofits serving Manhattan Community District 9 (Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights) can request free event space at Columbia University through its In-Kind program, offered in partnership with the West Harlem Development Corporation and Community Board 9. Applications open the first week of each month.

Learn more at [neighbors.columbia.edu/in-kind](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/in-kind).

## Sowing Seeds of Community Care

In Central Harlem, the **Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden** has blossomed into a hub of education, sustainability, and food justice.

Originally cultivated in 1958 by students of the now-shuttered P.S. 157, the garden fell into disrepair until 2021, when Brooklyn native

**Judi Desire** revived it through her nonprofit, **Uptown & Boogie Healthy Project**. Today, the garden hosts youth programs, seniors' initiatives, and farmers markets that bring fresh produce to the community.



"We take a grassroots approach to everything we do," Desire said. "We need to give the Harlem community what it's asking for. The conversations are there, but there needs to be more effort around access and education, and that's what I feel food justice is."

Recent projects include vertical gardens, a greenhouse with automated watering, and collaborations with local artists and engineers to create habitats for birds, bees, and butterflies. Through these efforts, the Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden continues to nurture both the land and the people of Harlem, planting seeds for a healthier, more connected community.

Read more at [neighbors.columbia.edu/miracle-garden](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/miracle-garden).

## Finding Community (and Chickens) in Morningside Heights



Just a few blocks south of the Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden, you will find the **Gatehouse Garden** (directly across from Columbia's Morningside Heights campus), which offers a green gathering space for neighbors and students.

What began as a small gardening project has blossomed into a hub for sustainability and connection, complete with chickens who have become neighborhood favorites.

"It is kind of a comfort to know there are people you are going to see so regularly," said Buyi Wang, a Columbia staffer and garden volunteer. "It makes the city a little bit smaller." Read more at [news.columbia.edu/gatehouse-garden](https://news.columbia.edu/gatehouse-garden).

## Professor Hisham Aidi: Harlem's Influence on His Life and Work

**Hisham Aidi**, senior lecturer in the discipline of international and public affairs, has spent his life tracing the sound waves and indelible spirit of global Harlem all the way from his homeland of Tangier, Morocco, to Columbia University's Morningside Heights campus.

He originally chose Columbia for graduate study in part because it sat at Harlem's edge. As a scholar of international relations, Black studies, music, and political economy, he mixes street-level insight with academic analysis. He traces global stories from Harlem's perspective: UN summits, African leaders visiting Uptown churches, the migration of ideas between the Global South and the city's neighborhoods. He also serves as academic advisor to the **Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center**.

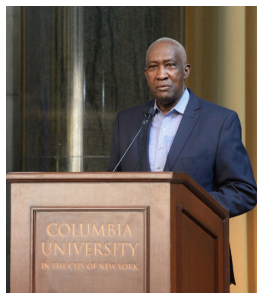
A prolific journalist, DJ, and documentarian, Aidi has cast a spotlight on overlooked figures in Harlem and beyond. He works to preserve elders' archives (vinyl, flyers, photographs), ensuring the cultural memory of the neighborhood endures.

Walking the streets late at night, he sees the intersection of the sacred and profane: churchgoers setting up at dawn, clubgoers drifting home, mosques glowing, music flowing. For Aidi, Harlem is not just a place of study; it is home.

Read more at [neighbors.columbia.edu/aidi](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/aidi).



## IN MEMORIAM



## Lloyd Williams, Harlem's Cultural Champion

Columbia University joins community members in remembering **Lloyd A. Williams**, the late president and CEO of the **Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce** (GHCC), who passed away on August 5, 2025.

A vocal advocate for economic development, education, and cultural programming, Williams helped shape Harlem's

latest renaissance through initiatives like Harlem Week, one of New York City's largest community celebrations.

Following his passing, GHCC Executive Director Winston Majette released a statement about his impactful legacy, sharing that Williams "worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life and shape both the cultural and economic identity of not just Harlem but the city as a whole."

Read more at [neighbors.columbia.edu/lloyd-williams](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/lloyd-williams).



## Programs and Resources Directory

To find details on more than 100 public programs, resources, and services at Columbia University that are available to Upper Manhattan residents, visit our directory at [neighbors.columbia.edu/resources](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/resources), which includes everything you need to know about programs like these:



### **Columbia Employment Information Center**

connects neighborhood job seekers with résumé help and assistance in finding employment opportunities at Columbia University.



### **Community DentCare Network**

provides preventive and restorative dental care to northern Manhattan residents through mobile clinics and community partners.



### **Freedom and Citizenship**

offers a free summer and academic-year program at Columbia for high school juniors that explores philosophy, civic leadership, and college readiness.



### **Housing Legal Assistance**

offers free legal support for Manhattanville tenants facing eviction or harassment, in partnership with P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem.

## Guide to Local Representatives

Need to contact your local elected officials? *Columbia Neighbors* maintains an updated list of city, state, and federal representatives who serve Upper Manhattan. Find a full list of names, districts, and contact information in our directory at [neighbors.columbia.edu/local-representatives](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/local-representatives). Representatives listed below, as of January 1, 2026:

### Governor Kathy Hochul

New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12225  
Phone: 518-474-8390  
[governor.ny.gov](https://governor.ny.gov)

### Mayor Zohran Mamdani

City Hall  
New York, NY 10007  
Phone: 212-788-3000  
[nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor](https://nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor)

### Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

1 Centre St., 15th Floor North  
New York, NY 10007  
Phone: 212-669-7250  
[advocate.nyc.gov](https://advocate.nyc.gov)

### Comptroller Mark D. Levine

1 Centre St.  
New York, NY 10007  
Phone: 212-669-3916  
[comptroller.nyc.gov](https://comptroller.nyc.gov)

### Manhattan Borough President Brad M. Hoylman-Sigal

1 Centre St., 19th Fl.  
New York, NY 10007  
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### City Council Member Gale Brewer

(District 6)  
563 Columbus Ave.  
New York, NY 10024  
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### City Council Member Shaun Abreu

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### City Council Member Elsie Encarnacion

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### City Council Member Yusef Salaam

(District 9)  
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### City Council Member Carmen De La Rosa

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## Voting Resource Guide

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[neighbors.columbia.edu/vote](https://neighbors.columbia.edu/vote).





## Manhattanville Community Day 2026

Columbia's Manhattanville Community Day returns this spring with a full afternoon of activities for all ages, including food samplings, music, art exhibitions, and family-friendly science activities.

The annual event celebrates all the connections between Columbia and its Upper Manhattan neighbors, welcoming community members to explore the campus and meet staff from local organizations.

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