

Graduates of Harlem Local Vendor Program

Top List of Whole Foods Harlem Vendors

By Bashar Makhay



Harlem Park to Park and the office of Senator Brian Benjamin hosted a news conference to highlight the success of the inaugural Harlem Local Vendor Program with Whole Foods Market.



Vendors from second cohort graduate from Harlem Local Vendor Program, receiving professional guidance regarding best practices and guidelines for vendor suppliers.

On July 21 at 9:00 a.m, the 39,000-square-foot Whole Foods Harlem store located on West 125th Street opened its doors to the community with items from 11 local businesses and entrepreneurs—all graduates of the Harlem Local Vendor Program—selected to have their products featured on the shelves. The Harlem Local Vendor Program—a partnership between the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center, Whole Foods Market, Hot Bread Kitchen Incubates, Harlem Park to Park, and others—hopes to develop economic stability and job creation in Upper Manhattan.

The program is designed to help manufacturers of locally made consumer goods increase their business acumen and capacity so that they may contract with more and larger retailers. Most of the business owners are minorities and women with college or advanced degrees, and all of the selected vendors will create economic impact in Harlem.

Three cohorts, totaling more than 60 business owners, have finished the program, which includes selling at local events and markets, business education and counseling, and, at the end, showing their products at a vendor fair. Last year, buyers from FreshDirect, Whole Foods Market, Fairway Market, Columbia Dining, Macy’s, Dell Computers, and Bed Bath & Beyond attended the vendor fair. Whole Foods is contracting with 20 graduates of the program for the Harlem store, Columbia Dining is contracted with five graduates, and other graduates have contracts with FreshDirect and Macy’s.

Whole Foods has reported that its first week of sales in Harlem doubled projections and subsequent weekly sales have trended 30–40 percent higher than anticipated. Whole Foods attributes much of this success to the community support of local vendors. Graduates of the Harlem Local Vendor Program at Whole Foods have outperformed other local vendor programs across the

nation with more reorders coming from Whole Foods, trying to keep stock on the shelf.

A fourth cohort has graduated from their five-week intensive small business education program at Columbia Business School. Over the course of the program, participants met weekly, developed peer networks, explored scalable models for production with minimal waste and high efficiency, and were expected to complete a Business Model Canvas by the end. This year, an additional 28 participants graduated the program in July, and will all be eligible to participate in Shop Harlem Live Harlem events as well as the Harlem Vendor Fair in December 2017.

To learn more about the Harlem Local Vendor Program or to apply to be a vendor, visit <https://harlemparktopark.org>. Applications are being accepted this fall for the next cohort of vendors, who will begin the program in January 2018.

Columbia Policy Forum Connects Elected Officials and University Faculty to Discuss Immigration

By Tricia Shimamura



Gale Brewer



Van Tran

In May 2017, the Office of Government and Community Affairs (GCA) hosted its third annual Policy Forum for Elected and Appointed Officials. Organized with support from the Office of the Provost, the annual Forum provides an opportunity for University faculty, researchers, and elected officials to engage on policy

solutions. Drawing from their wide range of personal and professional experience, panelists discussed immigration trends, social service gaps, health and education considerations, recent legal cases, and next steps. Both panels featured rich dialogue between elected officials and University faculty, including lengthy discussion on recent demographic shifts in New York City, engaging aging immigrant communities, and overlooked barriers to providing appropriate and sufficient health, education, and legal services to new Americans.

In a small, seminar-like setting, approximately 50 guests attended the Forum, representing 25 different elected offices and several related city and state agencies, including the New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and the New York State Office for New Americans. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and New York State Assemblywoman Carmen de la Rosa also attended the event and spoke on the significant contributions immigrants make to New York City and State, and the need for additional action to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Many of the conversations that began at the Forum have continued beyond Columbia in the months since. As the dialogue on immigration reform has remained in the national spotlight, several panelists have been in contact with elected offices in order to advise on policy measures. Additionally, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer invited Assistant Professor of Sociology and Forum panelist Van Tran to partner with her office on addressing the needs of growing immigrant communities in Upper Manhattan.

Since the Forum took place, GCA has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from both panel participants and elected officials. While continuing to host future policy Forums, GCA also hopes to identify additional opportunities to connect elected officials and University scholars on projects benefiting New York City and State.

challenges facing New York City, New York State, and the nation at large. Previous topics have included health-care reform, workforce development, and at-risk youth. This year’s Forum, entitled “Exploring Urban Policy Affecting Immigrants, Refugees, and New Americans,” discussed migration trends in New York City, immigrant contributions to the urban economy, and “Sanctuary City” status and other policy solutions that further protect and support immigrant and refugee families.

Featuring faculty from Columbia School of Social Work, Columbia College, Teachers College, the Mailman School of Public Health, and Columbia Law School, the Forum was divided into two panels: the first, focusing on the history, trends, and current policy landscape on immigration in New York City; and the second, discussing proposed policy

In the Know

David Dinkins, New York City’s 106th Mayor and Columbia University Professor, Celebrates His 90th Birthday

Christopher Johnson



David Dinkins with Mayor de Blasio

On July 10 at Gracie Mansion, the mayoral residence where he once lived, Mayor David Dinkins celebrated his 90th birthday with an event hosted by the city’s current mayor, Bill de Blasio, and First Lady Chirlane McCray.

The event was live streamed on Mayor de Blasio’s Facebook page and featured remarks by de Blasio and his wife, who met while they were working for Mayor Dinkins, and a video tribute by former president Bill Clinton. Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger was also in attendance. Dinkins is the city’s first—and, so far, only—African American mayor. He took office in 1990, in the midst of a nationwide recession. It was during his administration that the cleanup of Times Square began, which eventually became a symbol of a revitalized New York.

New Public Programs at Zuckerman Institute

Columbia University



Olajide Williams, MD (center)



Students at Community Brain Expo

Michael DeVito

Just a year ago, the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the first completed building of Columbia University’s new Manhattanville campus, became the home of hundreds of the world’s leading researchers and the new home of the Columbia University’s Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute.

The Zuckerman Institute is offering new programs to engage people of all ages in the wonders of brain science, mysteries of the mind, and self awareness of their health. On the ground floor, you can experience the Brain Index, an innovative digital art installation introducing visitors to the scientists pushing the boundaries of neuroscience at the Zuckerman Institute. The Education Lab, open year-round, hosts a variety of hands-on brain science programs. Designed with feedback from the community, these programs harness the groundbreaking research of the institute in creative ways for schoolchildren, families, after-school groups, teachers, and adults.

A specially designed Wellness Center on the ground floor of the Greene Science Center will provide health resources to serve area residents. The center is led by neurologist Olajide Williams, MD, and psychiatrist Sidney Hankerson, MD, known for their pioneering approaches to improving public health in Harlem and Washington Heights. The center will provide free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. Visitors will be given a record of their results, as well as information on ways they can improve their health.

Wellness Center staff will also offer information on free and low-cost clinical resources in the neighborhood and within the NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center community. Physicians from Columbia University Medical Center will host community-based initiatives that train members of the Harlem community and beyond to become advocates for preventing strokes and promoting mental health.

To learn more about these programs and more, visit <https://zuckermaninstitute.columbia.edu>.

2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry Awarded to Professor Joachim Frank



Joachim Frank

Joachim Frank, professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and of biological sciences, won the 2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He shares the award with scientists Richard Henderson and Jacques Dubochet for optimizing the electron microscope, allowing for three-dimensional viewing of biomolecules.

At a press conference in Butler Library just hours after he learned of his prize, Frank said: “This is an extraordinary day for me; a touching and humbling experience because I know that some other new things have been discovered . . . the odds of anybody winning are very long.” He then thanked his students. “I wouldn’t be here without the incredible support of the very gifted students I have had the privilege to have with me and be able to train,” he said. “My research associates have all contributed pieces of this immense puzzle.” He added that his move to Columbia nine years ago “was a milestone for me, and I’m very grateful to my colleagues, and to the dean and the president, for making this all possible.”

The Office of Government and Community Affairs Launches New Website and Social Media Presence



<https://gca.columbia.edu>

The Office of Government and Community Affairs (GCA) recently redesigned its website and launched an all new social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The new website gives users information about the office, including our community affairs and government relations work. The site also provides more frequent news updates and lists events held by our office, Columbia Community Service grantees, and our community partners. On social media, GCA delivers news and updates of interest to our neighbors via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Visit our site (<https://gca.columbia.edu>) and follow and like us (@ColumbiaGCA) today!

Announcing the Fifth Cohort of Columbia Community Scholars

The Columbia Community Scholars Program was developed to enable independent scholars to pursue their lifelong learning aspirations, whether it be completing an independent project or attaining skills in a particular area. The program allows Scholars in Upper Manhattan a formal opportunity to access University resources and participate in the intellectual life of the University through interaction with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars.



April Tyler, Co-Chair, Housing, Land Use & Zoning Committee, Community Board 9: Conducting a comprehensive survey of shareholders in the nearly 200 Housing Development Fund

Corporations (HDFCs) in Community Board 9. The project will include the development of a database of buildings, developing a means to share best practices of strongly running HDFCs, and creating recommendations for struggling HDFCs.



Nancy Dorsinville, Senior Policy Adviser, UN Office of the Secretary General’s Special Adviser on Community-Based Medicine & Lessons from Haiti: Contributing

to a “new narrative” amplifying the voices of Haitian Americans, including highlighting enduring contributions from Haitian culture to the Harlem Renaissance, the civil rights movement, and black identity.



Keisha Sutton-James, Corporate Vice President, Inner City Broadcasting Corporation: Developing a biography and documentary of Harlem legend Percy Ellis Sutton

based on oral history resources (project includes interviewing at least 40 individuals) and available archives.



Michele Y. Washington, design research and service experience design consultant: Curation and production of the Curious Stories podcast series featuring a cross-selection of interviews

with architects, urban designers, product designers, designers, interaction designers, and experience designers, as well as designers in areas such as computation design, and makers of color who are designing products.

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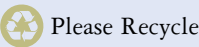
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GCA Executive Vice President Maxine Griffith Transitions into New Role at University



Maxine Griffith

In a message to the campus community, President Lee Bollinger announced that, “following twelve years of exceptional leadership of the University’s Office of Government and Community Affairs, Executive Vice President Maxine Griffith is transitioning into a new role at the University. Maxine will serve as a special advisor to me, with a focus on Columbia World Projects and its engagement with issues around government, city planning, and urban design.” Griffith will also teach at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation as an adjunct professor of urban planning.

While she led her staff in a wide range of government and community affairs activities—from tracking legislation important to the University to addressing community concerns, Griffith was perhaps best known for her role in the planning and development of Columbia’s campus in Manhattanville. She was the key player in navigating the complex approval processes for the new campus—working with design and planning consultants, community leadership, and elected officials. Now two Renzo Piano-designed buildings have opened, and, with Griffith’s guidance, a number of community benefits and amenities associated with the campus have been implemented. These investments in education, employment, business development, and the arts, impact the lives of thousands of Upper Manhattan residents.

Griffith came to Columbia from her position as executive director of the Philadelphia Planning Commission and secretary (deputy mayor) for strategic planning. For many years she ran her own urban design and planning firm and had held positions in planning at both city and federal levels, including as a member of the New York City Planning Commission and as assistant deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Throughout, she had held academic appointments, including a previous stint as a visiting associate professor at Columbia. Her role at GCA was in some ways a culmination of this prior experience, capitalizing on her urban planning and design experience at various levels of government as well as on her understanding of large urban universities—and it brought her back home to Harlem, her birthplace.

Griffith made clear from the beginning that the life of the campus is inextricably bound to the life of the University’s neighboring community, and in her tenure at GCA she focused on improving communications between the campus community and the world outside its gates. Even this newsletter, redesigned under her leadership more than 10 years ago, has kept our neighbors informed of and engaged in Columbia’s programs, projects, and community initiatives. We expect she will continue to be a significant presence in our community in her new role, and we wish her the best.

Former Columbia Community Scholar Adarsh Alphons Expands Arts Education in Cities across the Country

By Maggie Barrows



Adarsh Alphons teaches art concepts to local area youth.

Former Columbia Community Scholar Adarsh Alphons is the founder and executive director of ProjectArt, an arts education nonprofit that connects students with artists and libraries. The artists teach classes to children in spaces provided free of charge by the libraries, which receive programming and patrons; in exchange the artists get free studio space in the libraries. Alphons began the program in 2011 at Hamilton Grange Public Library, with a first class that served only 10 students.

Alphons used his time as a Community Scholar to learn how to expand ProjectArt. He focused on economics, especially economies of scale, macroeconomics, and developing efficiencies, which helped him successfully scale ProjectArt up from its beginnings as a small program in two New York City libraries to one that reaches children across the country. With input from Professor of Economics André Burgstaller, Alphons developed and refined a business plan that applied the economic theories and models he studied. He also used the resources available to him as a Community Scholar—including the intellectual capital available at Columbia outside of the classroom—to better understand the legal history and structure of the United States.

Over the last six years, guided by Alphons, ProjectArt has expanded into all of New York City’s boroughs, as well as libraries in Detroit and Miami, providing arts education to children who might not otherwise have access to it. Additionally, ProjectArt participants, who are often first-time library users, frequently begin using other services and programs that the libraries offer. When ProjectArt’s new programs in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Los Angeles open this fall, it will become the largest arts education organization in the United States.

Moving forward, beyond continuing to expand, Alphons hopes to see ProjectArt broaden its use of technology and develop closer ties to the tech industry. By using social media to live stream classes and display student art in online galleries, he plans to expand the organization’s access even further. ProjectArt is also developing an internal app that will enable its staff to monitor and carry out their programs more effectively. With this app, they can continue shifting toward data-driven tracking of their programs and—by working more closely with the tech industry—they will be able to innovate and access previously untapped resources and communities.

Reinforcing his ties to the University community, Alphons is the featured speaker in Columbia’s School of Professional Studies Community Scholar Lecture Series this October, with a focus on sharing how the economics he learned as a Community Scholar helped ProjectArt succeed.

Columbia Nursing’s Faculty Practice Launches New House Calls Service, Fulfills Need in Community



Marie Carmel Garcon, DNP, is the new nurse practitioner overseeing Columbia Nursing’s new house calls practice.

Bridging the gap between hospital and community, last May Columbia Nursing’s faculty practice, ColumbiaDoctors Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Group, launched their new house calls service, which allows the Nurse Practitioner Group to offer primary care services directly in the homes of patients who need it the most. It is for those who have difficulty leaving home and who need comprehensive, in-home primary care—including chronic disease management and follow-up care after hospitalization. The goal is to provide clear, comprehensive, and actionable treatment plans within the comfort of a patient’s home.

“Our house calls service is essentially the care that is being provided in a health care provider’s office,” said Stephen Ferrara, DNP, associate dean of clinical affairs at Columbia University School of Nursing, who oversees the practice. “It could very well be adjusting medication for a patient’s high blood pressure or ordering lab services to draw blood or taking an X-ray in the home setting.”

Despite house calls services being available in parts of New York City today, Ferrara says the coverage still does not readily exist in Washington Heights. Until now. “There is a lack of primary care in the Washington Heights area, and the Nurse Practitioner Group increases access,” Ferrara said. “In such a densely populated neighborhood, there is no reason why we can’t take what we do in the office setting at our primary care office on 168th Street, and take it to patients’ homes who need it.”

Ferrara clarifies that this house calls service should not be confused with home health care, which often helps with light chores or meal preparation from a home health aide or wound care performed by a registered nurse. He explains this is primary care from a board-certified NP, and that not everybody will be eligible for the new service. While some house call providers offer “concierge-type” care for bedside service, the Nurse Practitioner Group’s house calls will focus on those who are unable to leave their homes due to health issues.

ColumbiaDoctors Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Group offers primary care services at three locations in Manhattan including Midtown Manhattan, Morningside, and Washington Heights. For now the home care service is only available for homebound qualified patients living in the Inwood and Washington Heights area. If you think you know someone who is qualified and who would benefit from the Nurse Practitioner Group’s house calls service, please call 888-264-8606 or visit www.ColumbiaNPs.org for more information.

A version of this article originally appeared on the Columbia University School of Nursing website.

Lenfest Center for the Arts Provides New Spaces for Upper Manhattan to Engage in Arts

By Bashar Makhay



Uptown artists' group portrait



Visitors explore the *Uptown* exhibit.

Just months ago Columbia University School of the Arts's Lenfest Center for the Arts opened its doors as a dynamic new hub for cultural and civic exchange in Upper Manhattan. Featuring four flexible venues and a public plaza, this state-of-the-art facility offers unprecedented opportunities for the presentation and generation of contemporary art across disciplines.

The Lenfest Center acts as the public arm for the School and its programming on the new campus, complementing the existing public programming at Miller Theatre on the Morningside campus. From readings and installations to performances, screenings, and symposia, the vibrant array of activity at the Lenfest Center aims to strengthen local partnerships while highlighting contemporary scholarship, global perspectives, and compelling voices of our time. "Complex Issues"—one of many public events at the School of the Arts—explores difference, visibility, and representation through recent work, inviting conversations on racial, ethnic, gender, economic, sexual, religious, and cultural complexity, and how they are articulated across discipline and genre today. In early 2018, the School will be hosting the first annual Dr. Saul and Dorothy Kit Film Noir Festival. The film festival will be one of many events making use of the Katharina Otto-Bernstein Screening Room to showcase films, documentaries, and exhibitions.

At the Lenfest, greater visibility, doubled space, enhanced programming, and additional staff will propel the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery to a much

more active role in the community. This past spring, the Wallach opened with the annual MFA Thesis show, followed by *Uptown*, a triennial survey of contemporary work by artists from northern Manhattan featuring collaborative projects with institutions across Harlem. On exhibition until December 18, *Living in America: Frank Lloyd Wright, Harlem, and Modern Housing* aims to tell a story of segregation, inequality, and aspiration. Exhibits planned for 2018 include *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet to Matisse and Beyond*. Inspired by a dissertation for the Department of Art History and Archaeology, it will be the first exhibition to examine the evolving depiction of the black female model, with major works from institutions across the United States and Europe. Later, *Arthur Mitchell: Harlem's Ballet Trailblazer* will explore the life and accomplishments of the New York City Ballet's first African American principal dancer. Mitchell, who founded the Dance Theatre of Harlem, donated his archives to Columbia's Rare Book & Manuscript Library in 2015.

The Wallach is enhancing its existing public programming with free educational offerings for people of all ages by building upon long-term and ongoing affiliations with K–12 schools, community hubs, and senior centers surrounding our new campus. Most importantly, the Wallach Gallery is free and open to the public year-round, with extended hours: Wednesday–Friday, 12–8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12–6 p.m.



Parents and children enjoy Family Day at the Lenfest Center Lantern.

Knight Institute at Columbia Works to Protect Free Speech

By Ebtihal Mubarak



Jameel Jaffer

The Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, which was established in 2016 with a \$60 million operating endowment from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Columbia University, is not only a vital and much-needed support for news organizations across the country, but

also a fundamental service to all citizens concerned about threats facing freedom of speech, a core pillar of American democracy.

The Institute will tackle the areas of litigation, research, and public education. It aims to be a vibrant community, a generator of new ideas, a distinctive voice for these fundamental freedoms in public discourse, and an effective defender of these freedoms in the courts.

"The Knight Institute's mandate seemed important six

months ago, but today it could hardly be more urgent. At a moment when the freedoms of speech and the press seem both unsettlingly fragile and absolutely crucial, I'm excited to have the chance to work with such a talented team," said Jameel Jaffer, the founding director of the Knight First Amendment Institute.

According to a Knight Foundation report published last year—that derived its findings from the responses of 66 top editors from a diverse range of print and online publications, large and small—an astounding 88 percent agreed with the statement that "In the digital age, there are many unsettled legal questions about the scope of free expression."

"In the past, news organizations pursued and won key court cases defining free expression. But such cases can be enormously expensive and many media—both established and new—are increasingly hard-pressed in the current economic environment to support First Amendment legal action. While the digital age has opened up new opportunities for accountability journalism, we need to fill the void and continue to champion free expression through litigation, research, and education," said Lee C. Bollinger, president of Columbia University said in a statement last year.

The Institute has already initiated and taken part in five court cases that offer an opportunity to define First Amendment law in the digital age. The last case, filed this summer—and the most publicized one to date—is The

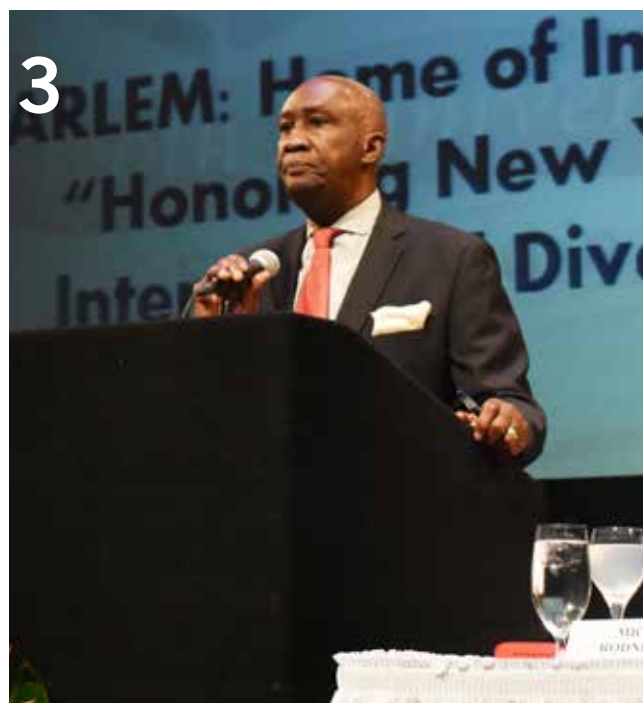
Knight Institute's lawsuit challenging President Trump's blocking of his critics on Twitter.

A big part of the Institute's activities is public education; its research, fellowships, publications, lectures, and other events are open both to the University and the community.

The first essays the Institute is commissioning about the looming threats to the First Amendment will be a series of papers that will tackle topics including "fake news," free speech on social media, and the chilling effect of government surveillance. They will be published and available to the public in the fall. The Institute has also launched a database that tracks violations of press freedom inside the United States. Its key priorities for 2017 include surveillance and the First Amendment, the rights of protesters and dissenters, free speech on social media, and government transparency.

The Institute has already hosted events open to the University and the community, most notably the inaugural symposium held at Columbia University with The Tow Center for Digital Journalism that gathered leading thinkers to talk about free speech and the free press in accordance with democracy in the digital age. More talks related to freedom of speech are expected to be held this year, and the Institute highly encourages the public, and the local community in particular, to attend and get involved with what is shaping up to be one of the most crucial discussions of our time.

In the Mix



1–3. NYC Economic Development Day

As part of HARLEM WEEK, the NYC Economic Development Day conference took place in August, hosted by the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce (President & CEO Lloyd Williams pictured in 3) and Columbia University. The annual Economic Development Day featured international business, health, and technology summits, as well as the Basil A. Paterson Business Awards Luncheon. Vice Chair of the Columbia University Board of Trustees, A'Lelia Bundles (pictured in 2), extended greetings on behalf of the University community. Awardees included Tim Zagat; Michele Rodney, Esq; John Catsimatidis; and H. Carl McCall. Photo credit: Bashar Makhay

4. Columbia Urban Experience (CUE)

Columbia Urban Experience (CUE) students spend one week, preorientation, to volunteer with Harlem Grown, a youth development and food justice-focused nonprofit that serves Harlem youth through mentorship and hands-on urban farming. CUE students learn firsthand how food scraps become compost and get a full body workout from chopping food scraps collected from the local community! Photo credit: Harlem Grown

5. High School Internship Program

Local high school students get hands-on experience through Summer Internship Program at Columbia. The program provides the students with practical work experience before graduation. Interns get an inside look at various aspects of University administration, tour the campuses, and at the program's conclusion make individual presentations related to their role and experience for the summer. Photo credit: Columbia University Facilities and Operations

6. Manhattanville Area Youth Visit Uptown

Manhattanville area youth from the Graham Windham's SLAM program visit the *Uptown* triennial at the Wallach Art Gallery. The SLAM program provides long-term coaching and support for youth ages 15–23 as they transition into adulthood. Pictured: Jennifer Mock, Associate Director of Education and Public Programs at the Wallach, facilitates a tour of the gallery and explores concepts in art through a variety of exercises. Photo credit: Bashar Makhay

Community Services

As part of the University's ongoing commitment to the local community, Columbia has dedicated a portion of the Manhattanville website to communicate some of the University's commitments for project-related programs and services that are currently available. For a comprehensive listing of programs and services, and participant eligibility, please visit manhattanville.columbia.edu/community

Outreach to Disconnected Youth

Columbia University has initiated outreach to identify and engage disconnected youth ages 16–24 in the local community who have not completed high school or obtained a high school equivalency diploma in order to enroll them at no cost in New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) high school programs or TASC programs. Upon completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent, participants will be referred for skills training, internships, and work-based learning opportunities through community-based organizations. Columbia will make a good faith effort to place participants in positions with Columbia University. For more information about how to access the program, please contact 212-854-5916.

Columbia Employment Information Center

The Columbia Employment Information Center (CEIC) (the “Center”) serves as the central community-based resource for local residents to apply for open positions at Columbia University.

The Center provides a wide range of services to the local community including in-person and online job readiness training programs, one-on-one job-search counseling and assistance, and access to online job opportunities at Columbia.

You are welcome to call our 24-hour hotline at 212-851-1551; it provides general information about the Center, information on Columbia University job opportunities, information on construction activities and information on construction-related job opportunities.

Course Auditing

Columbia University funds up to 50 courses per year through Columbia's Professional Studies Auditing Program for residents (25 residents from NYCHA Manhattanville Houses and Grant Houses and 25 residents from the local community). The Auditing Program provides adults not currently enrolled in college with the opportunity to attend up to two selected lectures drawn from Columbia University's offerings in the Arts and Sciences during the academic year.

For more information about the program, please call 212-854-9666.

Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens

Columbia University offers free dental health screenings for senior citizens throughout Northern Manhattan via the ElderSmile Program. As part of Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine Community DentCare Network, the ElderSmile Program offers free dental screenings and referrals for further dental treatment at senior centers throughout Washington Heights/Inwood and Harlem, including New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents in Manhattanville Houses and General Grant Houses.

Dental Services for Preschool Children

Columbia University offers free dental care for preschool-age children from the Manhattanville in West Harlem area through the Mobile Dental Center. The Mobile Dental Center is a program of Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine Community DentCare Network, which aims to reduce dental decay and improve the oral health of Northern Manhattan's underserved children, through comprehensive dental treatment and oral health education.

Scholarships for Lifelong Learners

Columbia University provides scholarships for 50 residents of Manhattanville Houses, Grant Houses, and the local community who are 65 years of age and older to audit up to two courses per year. Administered through Columbia's School of Professional Studies, the Lifelong Learners Program is designed for individuals committed to the principles of lifelong education.

For more information about the program, please call 212-854-9666.

Summer Sports Little Lions Camp Scholarships for Children

Columbia University offers 25 need-based scholarships for children ages 6–12 from the Manhattanville area to attend Columbia's Little Lions Camp. One scholarship is equal to one week of camp. All scholarship applications must come to Columbia University through the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC). For more information, please contact the WHDC at 646-476-3394.

Space Provisions for Non-Columbia-Affiliated Local Artists and Cultural Organizations

Columbia University, consistent with current practice, makes good faith efforts to accommodate requests by local artists and cultural organizations not affiliated with Columbia for access to its indoor or outdoor spaces for programming that may include, but is not limited to, information sessions, performances, special events or presentations. Payment for such space will be in accordance with then current University protocols. Columbia University space is generally awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Columbia and student activities, followed by local community activities.

Columbia Community Scholars Program

Columbia University offers independent, community-based scholars from Northern Manhattan access to a range of University services and resources not usually afforded to non-affiliated residents. Services and resources shall be provided at no cost to participants and shall include access to all of University libraries — including online access, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events developed specifically for the group.

For more information, please direct inquiries about the Community Scholars Program to 212-854-5710 or communityaffairs@columbia.edu.

Athletics Clinics

Columbia University's varsity sports programs and coaches of football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming, track and field, and tennis sponsor and participate in seasonal sports clinics for local community children in University facilities and throughout Harlem and Washington Heights.

Housing Legal Assistance

For the period from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2030, Columbia University provides funding for two attorneys at a legal assistance provider acceptable to NYCHPD serving the Manhattanville area, to provide anti-eviction/anti-harassment legal assistance for residents of the Manhattanville area. Funding will not exceed \$4 million through December 31, 2030.

Contact Legal Services NYC directly and ask a representative if you are eligible for the benefit described above. Phone: (212) 348-7449; Fax: (212) 348-4093. Legal Services NYC can also be found online: www.legalservicesnyc.org.

Shuttle Bus Service for the Elderly and Disabled

Columbia University provides a shuttle bus service free of charge to members of the local community who are disabled or who are senior citizens (including their attendants) via the ADA-accessible Inter-campus Shuttle. The shuttle bus service complies with ADA specifications to connect the Project Site to subway stations at:

- 96th Street and Broadway
- 116th Street and Broadway (Morningside campus)
- 125th Street and Broadway
- Harlem Hospital Center (135th Street and Lenox Avenue)
- Columbia University Medical Center (168th Street and Broadway)

The shuttle bus service runs on a regular schedule throughout the day on every weekday, except on state and federal public holidays.

Senior citizens and disabled passengers must show their Access-A-Ride, Reduced-Fare MetroCards, or Medicare cards, in order to access the service.

Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students From the Local Community

Columbia University has established the Thompson-Muñoz Scholarship Fund to serve up to 40 aid-eligible undergraduate students per year who are admitted to Columbia College and/or the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, with funding made available to meet their fully demonstrated financial need. Eligible students must undergo Columbia's undergraduate admissions process. For more information, contact Columbia's Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (212) 854-2522.

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250 West 87th Street
New York, NY 10024
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office@cb7.org
Board Chair: Roberta Semer
District Manager: Penny Ryan
<https://nyc.gov/html/mancb7>

Community Board 9
Represents the community between the Hudson River and Morningside/Edgecombe avenues from 110th Street to 155th Street; General Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at Fortune Society, 630 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10031.

16 Old Broadway
(Between 125th and 126th Streets)
New York, NY 10027
Phone: 212-864-6200
Fax: 212-662-7396
info@cb9m.org
Board Chair: Padmore John
District Manager: Eutha Prince
<https://cb9m.org>

Community Board 10
Represents the community between Fifth Avenue and Morningside/Edgecombe avenues from 110th Street to 159th Street; general meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of the month at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Harlem State Office Building, 163 W. 125th St., 2nd Flr.

215 W. 125th St., 4th Flr.
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mn10cb@cb.nyc.gov
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Represents the community between the Hudson River and the Harlem River from 155th Street to 220th Street; general meetings are held the fourth Tuesday evening of the month. Check the website or call for the location as it will vary each month.

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Herman “Denny” Farrell Jr. Retires after Serving the 71st Assembly District for 42 Years

By Tricia Shimamura



After 42 years representing West Harlem, Washington Heights, and Inwood in the 71st Assembly District, Herman “Denny” Farrell Jr. announced his retirement from the New York State Assembly, effective September 5, 2017. Assembly Member Farrell served as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and formerly chaired the Banks Committee and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions of the National Conference of State Legislators. He was a member of the Rules Committee and the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislative Caucus.

Prior to his election, Farrell worked in the State Supreme Court and as the assistant director of the Mayor’s office in Washington Heights under then-Mayor John Lindsay.

In the Assembly, Farrell led efforts to protect consumers and encourage transparency in the banking industry. He worked to pass the landmark Omnibus Consumer Protection and Banking Legislation Act, which established a toll-free number that provided free information on credit card interest rates, fees, and grace periods, and prohibited residency discrimination when opening a bank account. He passed legislation requiring banks to clear checks in a timely manner and passed additional laws requiring clear, transparent language on interest rates and other pertinent consumer information that ultimately became the model for federal legislation.

Farrell also led a distinguished career in Democratic politics as a state committeeman, district leader, county leader of the New York County Democratic Committee, and vice chair of the Democratic State Party. He has also served as a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1988.

Looking toward retirement, Farrell has said that he plans to spend more time with his daughter, Sophia, as well as his adult children and grandchildren.

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