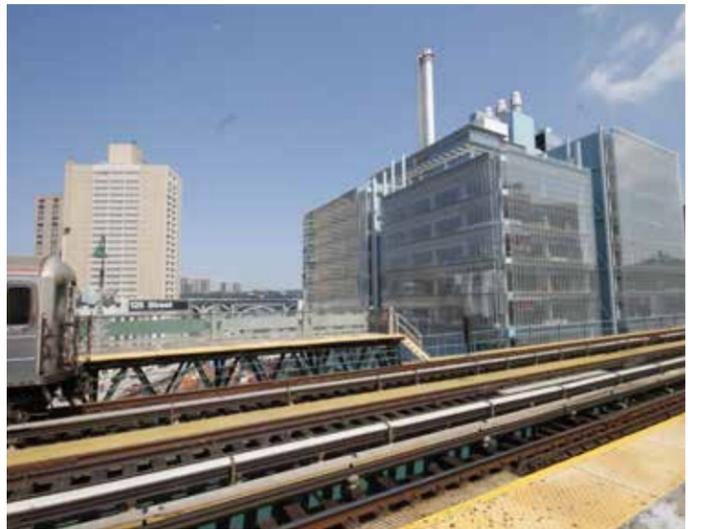
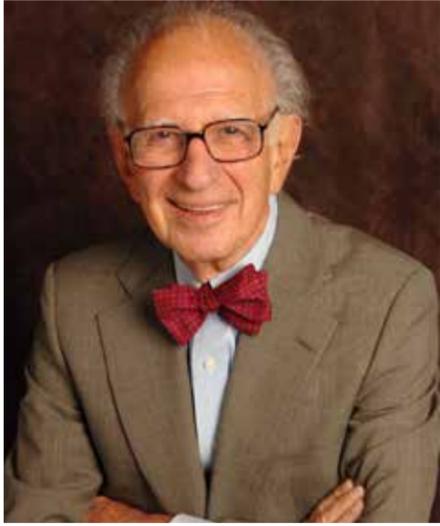


## MANHATTANVILLE

By GCA Staff



**Top row:** Eric Kandel is codirector of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute, which will be housed on the new Manhattanville campus; the Jerome L. Greene Science Center and the Lenfest Center for the Arts will open in Fall 2016; at the Zuckerman Institute, public school children learn about the human brain. **Middle row:** Workers hoist the final beam atop the Greene Science Center; Sheila Anderson, Eric K. Washington, and Martha Diaz are participants in the Columbia Community Scholars Program, one of many community benefits associated with the new campus; Carol Becker, dean of the Columbia School of the Arts. **Bottom row:** Deborah Cullen is director and chief curator of the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery; students from the School of the Arts participate in a public exhibition of their thesis projects (photo by Joel Jares); the Manhattanville campus from the 125th Street subway platform.

The first two buildings of Columbia University's new Manhattanville campus have risen from the ground. The Jerome L. Greene Science Center and the Lenfest Center for the Arts will not only provide new space for teaching and research; they will also create new opportunities for the University to expand the scope of its partnerships in the surrounding community.

Named for former Columbia Trustee H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, a well-known supporter of both the arts and Columbia's community partnerships, the Lenfest Center will house the School of the Arts and Columbia's Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, both currently housed on the University's Morningside campus. The gallery's director and chief curator, Deborah Cullen, says that the move to Manhattanville will mean new partnerships with local K-12 schools, community hubs, and senior centers. "Our new home, with its enhanced programming opportunities, will propel the Wallach Art Gallery to a much more active role," says Cullen, who has already convened a working group of uptown stakeholders interested in community-oriented arts collaborations. "This is an incredible opportunity for both the campus and the uptown communities."

Also making its home on the Manhattanville campus will be the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute, which will move from its current location at

the Columbia University Medical Center to the Greene Science Center. Each summer, the Zuckerman Institute hosts the Brain Research Apprenticeships in New York at Columbia (BRAINYAC), a program that helps New York City high school students broaden their scientific knowledge, hone research skills, and learn about possible biomedical careers (*see related story, page 4*). The students receive a \$1,000 stipend and present their research at the end of the summer to faculty and family members.

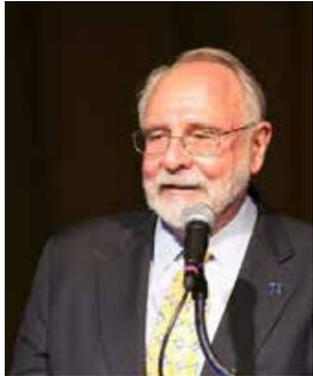
The many Columbia-sponsored community programs that preceded the rise of the new buildings continue to flourish, including the recently renamed Roger Lehecka Double Discovery Center (*see related item, page 2*); Columbia Community Impact, which oversees more than 72 programs focused on youth, adult education, wellness, and emergency relief services; and Columbia Community Service, which awards grant money to more than 50 not-for-profit organizations each year.

For an extensive listing of current community services related to the Manhattanville campus, please see page 6.

For more on Columbia's Manhattanville campus, please visit: <http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/>.

# In the Know

## DOUBLE DISCOVERY CENTER RENAMED IN HONOR OF COFOUNDER ROGER LEHECKA



The Double Discovery Center (DDC), a Columbia College program that prepares low-income and first-generation middle and high school students in New York City for college, was renamed in honor of its cofounder Roger Lehecka (CC'67, GSAS'74), thanks to a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor.

The gift will fund the renovation of DDC's tutoring and office space; endow the DDC's Freedom and Citizenship Program; and provide additional resources for science, technology, engineering, and math education. Each year, 90 percent of the high school seniors who participate in Double Discovery graduate on time and enter college in the fall, a figure which greatly surpasses city, state, and national outcomes for low-income, first-generation minority students.

"We're so excited to honor one of our founders and greatest champions this way," said Joseph Ayala CC'94, executive director of DDC. "And we're even more excited to take on the challenge to match this unprecedented gift over the next five years in order to secure Double Discovery's future for the next 50."

## COLUMBIA PROFESSORS WIN NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARDS



Paul Beatty and Margo Jefferson, both professors in the School of the Arts Writing Program, were among the winners of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Awards. Beatty won the fiction prize for his novel, *The Sellout*, a satire about race in America, which has also been short-listed for the Man Booker

International Prize. Jefferson won in the autobiography category for her memoir, *Negroland*. Jefferson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning cultural critic; her reviews and essays have appeared in *New York Magazine*, *Grand Street*, *Vogue*, and *Harper's*, among other publications. Beatty is the author of three previous novels and two books of poetry and is the editor of *Hokum: An Anthology of African-American Humor*. The National Book Critics Circle Awards are given annually to honor outstanding writing and to foster a national conversation about reading, criticism, and literature.

## ARTHUR MITCHELL AMONG COLUMBIA'S 2016 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Dance pioneer Arthur Mitchell was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Columbia University's 2016 Commencement ceremony. A self-described "political activist through dance," Mitchell has been a seminal figure in the dance world for more

than half a century. After becoming the first African American principal dancer of the New York City Ballet, he cofounded the Dance Theatre of Harlem to give young people in Harlem the opportunity to transform their lives through exposure to the arts. As a dancer, educator, choreographer, and artistic director, he has carved out a place for African American dancers in classical ballet and changed the face of dance in America. In 2015, he donated his archives to Columbia.

## PBS NEWSHOUR'S GWEN IFILL RECEIVES CU JOURNALISM SCHOOL HONOR



Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism has announced that Gwen Ifill is the recipient of the 2016 John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism. Ifill is coanchor and managing editor of *PBS NewsHour* and moderator and managing editor of

*Washington Week with Gwen Ifill*. Selected by a nine-member committee, Ifill receives the 2016 award with a \$50,000 honorarium. She is the first African American to receive the award in its 21-year history.

"Gwen Ifill's career embodies the best of our profession and the spirit of the John Chancellor Award: her unflinching pursuit of the truth, healthy skepticism of those in power, and her commitment to fairness," said Dean Steve Coll, a member of the Chancellor jury.

## Lin-Manuel Miranda Receives Columbia Libraries' Kennedy Prize, Views Hamilton Archive

By *Columbia News*



*Hamilton* composer and writer, Lin-Manuel Miranda, views part of Columbia's Alexander Hamilton archive, including drafts of the founding father's iconic *Federalist Papers* and the 1774 registry showing his enrollment in King's College.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, the composer, lyricist, writer, and star of the hit Broadway musical *Hamilton*, visited campus to receive the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History. Miranda also viewed an extraordinary collection of Alexander Hamilton artifacts from Columbia's Rare Book and Manuscript Library, including letters and personal items he shared with his wife, Eliza, some of which figure prominently in the award-winning show.

In a moving tribute, Edward M. Kennedy Jr. choked up as he said he missed his father, saying, "I know how much he would have loved this year's winner." The elder Kennedy kept a copy of the *Federalist Papers*, two-thirds of which *Hamilton* wrote, by his bedside. Each summer the late senator took his children and many nieces and nephews on bus trips to historic places around the country. Speaking directly to Miranda, Kennedy said, "You made history come alive. . . . What my father tried to teach me, you have done for all of us."

"I am so overcome by this incredible honor," said a visibly emotional Miranda. "I have been told that Act II of *Hamilton* is unfairly sad. I was a mess even before I walked in here [after] getting to see those primary documents."

His classmate from Hunter High School, MSNBC host Chris Hayes, introduced Miranda, saying he realized his friend was a genius when he was 13 and Miranda wrote a 20-minute musical, which Hayes directed, called *Nightmare in D Major*. Hayes perhaps best captured the tone of the celebration. "The fundamental principle of democracy is that every single person is capable of the greatness of self-determination . . . and so if America's civic religion is democracy, *Hamilton* has become its most ecstatic mass."



Charles Manley

Seven women deans from across Columbia participated in the third annual Virginia Kneeland Frantz Society for Women Faculty lecture, organized by Anne L. Taylor, vice dean for academic affairs at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The deans shared their perspectives on what it means to be a woman leader in an academic setting. From left are Lee Goldman, EVP and dean (moderator), Mary Boyce (Engineering), Bobbie Berkowitz (Nursing), Alondra Nelson (Social Science), Amale Andraos (Architecture), Linda Fried (Public Health), Jeanette Takamura (Social Work), and Merit Janow (SIPA).

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# Sheffield Farms, the Milk Industry, and the Public Good

By Acacia O'Connor

Courtesy of the Office of Communications and Public Affairs



From left: Sheffield Farms Milk Bar, 24 East 42nd Street, near Grand Central Terminal, ca. 1940; right: Children of Harlem, Union Settlement House, ca. 1940

On the south side of West 125th Street stands a four-story, century-old building whose façade is sheathed in milky white terra-cotta. Members of the Columbia community know it as Prentiss Hall, which houses parts of the School of the Arts. But when it was built in 1909, at the same time that the Morningside Heights campus was taking shape a few blocks down Broadway, it was a state-of-the-art bottling plant for Sheffield Farms, one of the many dairy companies that thrived in the industrial neighborhood of Manhattanville.

Now that slice of history is the focus of an interpretive exhibit, *Sheffield Farms, the Milk Industry, and the Public Good*, created by Columbia University Libraries and University Facilities to explain Manhattanville's historic connection to Columbia, and to fulfill part of the University's commitments to New York City and State in building the Manhattanville campus.

"We really wanted to bring this unique history to life," said La-Verna Fountain, project sponsor and vice president for Construction Business Services and Communications. "Who better to do that than our very own Carole Ann Fabian? The team that she put together created an exhibit that went far beyond what we could have imagined."

To get at the heart of the area's history, Fabian, director of the Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library, enlisted faculty and administrators from across the University,

including historian Eric K. Washington, a Columbia Community Scholar and author of *Manhattanville: Old Heart of West Harlem*. Historical photographs, artifacts, and a short documentary offer a panorama of a diverse rural village as it transitioned to an industrial part of a growing New York. Central to this history are the local children who often fell ill due to tainted milk.

"People who learn about this history will not be able to look in their grocery store the same way again," said exhibition curator Thai Jones, the Herbert H. Lehman Curator for U.S. History at the Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Farming was commonplace in Upper Manhattan in the 1800s. Livestock grazed on town greens, so fresh milk was close at hand. As the city expanded north, milk production was pushed further uptown. Cows were housed adjacent to breweries and tanneries that spewed fumes and polluted rivers and streams. Increasingly, farming and industry became intertwined in ways that threatened public health.

"Much of the milk produced for New York was this city milk, which they called swill milk," said Fabian.

New York's milk was blue and thin, a product of sickly cows feeding on factory runoff, such as barley mash from nearby breweries. To give the milk a wholesome appearance, producers added chalk to give it a whiter color, and dirt or plaster to add thickness.

Not surprisingly, milk-borne diseases led to soaring

infant mortality rates. From 1901 to 1905, nearly two in every 10 children died before their first birthday.

To combat this public health emergency, scientists including Columbia chemistry professor Charles F. Chandler joined forces with local leaders and business owners to advance milk science, educate the community, and create regulations to make the milk supply safe.

Fabian drew a parallel between the uses of science for the public good then and now, as the University prepares to open the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the first building of the new Manhattanville campus. Where Sheffield Farms once housed its fleet of delivery horses, Nobel Prize-winning neuroscientists will gather with diverse scholars in search of new insights on the human brain.

"Our goal at Columbia is serving the public good—using all our capacity to solve real-world problems through our research efforts, our involvement with the community, and our advocacy," said Fabian. "I don't think any of us knew, when we started our research, how relevant the Sheffield Farms story was to how we think about our University now."

For more information about the exhibit and to view a short documentary about Sheffield Farms, please visit <http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/sheffieldfarms/>.

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## Students from Columbia Secondary School Join the Manhattanville ACE Mentorship Team

By Noah Lichtman, CU Facilities

For the seventh year, the engineers, architects, and construction managers at Columbia's Manhattanville Development Group (MDG) are providing real-world insight into building design and construction for local students as part of the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Mentorship Program.

This year marks the first time that students from Columbia Secondary School (CSS), a public math, science, and engineering school for grades 6 through 12, are part of the Columbia Manhattanville team, joining students from the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics in East Harlem and Midwood High School in Brooklyn.

"Getting high school students working with professionals and exposed to real-world projects involving architecture, engineering, and construction is invaluable experience at such a young age," said Philip Pitruzzello, former senior vice president for MDG. "The ACE Mentorship Program is one of our favorite community activities, as evident by this being the seventh year that we have done it. We're excited this year to have the participation of so many students from the immediate neighborhood at Columbia Secondary School joining the team."

The program takes place over the course of an academic year, beginning with presentations from professionals involved in the Manhattanville development to expose the students to all facets of a construction project.

The Manhattanville Development Group presented the perspective of a project owner. Other presenters included Lendlease, the construction manager for the

Manhattanville campus; JB&B, a mechanical and electrical engineering, plumbing, and fire protection firm; Davis Brody Bond, architects; Stantec, a provider of civil engineering consulting services; and WSP Group, structural engineers.

This year, the Columbia Manhattanville ACE team will be developing a simulated design on Site 4 of the Manhattanville project site, a triangular site of approximately 35,000 square feet located between 125th and 130th Streets near Twelfth Avenue. The simulation activity involves the creation of three linked buildings—a cafeteria, residence hall, and recreation center. Even though these simulated uses are not consistent with the eventual use for Site 4, the exercise gives the students a taste of many real-world challenges of building in urban environments such as space constraints, site conditions, and client requirements.

The current Manhattanville ACE team is larger than in past years, with more than 25 student members, allowing the students to form separate groups based on subject mat-



High school students from the Columbia Manhattanville ACE Mentorship team constructing a structure using spaghetti and masking tape during an activity that introduced them to basic principles of design and engineering. Students were competing to build the tallest structure that could balance a marshmallow at its peak.

ter—mechanical, electrical, and plumbing; architectural; and structural engineering—mimicking how a real construction project is structured.

The program culminates with a group presentation of the simulated project plans—including the creation of a project model—in front of an expert panel in May.

Noah Lichtman, CU Facilities

# Columbia Harlem Business Development Center Takes Local Vendor to New Heights

By Kevin Brannon

Courtesy of the Columbia-Harlem SBDC



Ibrahim Diallo attends a local vendor product-tasting event at the Columbia Business School to promote Ginjan, his and his brother's company's all-organic West African beverage.

Brothers Ibrahim and Mohammed Diallo immigrated to the United States from their native Guinea as children, but they never forgot the taste of a particular ginger-based drink enjoyed by hundreds of millions of people across West Africa. Although they found it in many African restaurants in New York City, the pair had trouble locating a reliable source for their favorite beverage. “The quality was inconsistent,” Ibrahim recalled. “We went to a shop one day and [the drink] was fantastic. But the next time it tasted completely different. We always thought someone should take it and standardize it—just like drinks in the supermarket.”

That burst of inspiration eventually led the brothers to found Ginjan Bros, LLC, a Harlem-based company that develops traditional African beverages for the retail market.

Their first offering, sold under the brand name Ginjan, is a standardized version of the wildly popular West African drink, made with all-organic ingredients. The brothers' special recipe uses a high-pressure processing method to extend the product's shelf life while preserving its fresh taste and nutritional value.

After expanding to 30 accounts, the brothers realized they could use guidance from someone experienced in growing small businesses. That's when they decided to reach out to the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center (SBDC), where they asked for assistance in taking Ginjan Bros to the next level.

Partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Columbia-Harlem SBDC is one of nine hundred centers across the country offering free business advice and training provided by qualified small

business professionals to existing and future entrepreneurs.

“Ginjan Bros came to us seeking guidance on their expansion plan,” said Glamis Haro, a business consultant with the Columbia-Harlem SBDC. “I looked over their business plan and financial projections and realized they were operating with negative cash flow and the owners were not remunerating themselves for their work.”

Haro began by introducing the Diallos to some online financial management tools that assist in developing product pitches and financial forecasts and in setting benchmarks for growth. In addition, the brothers participated in SBDC-run workshops and business consulting services. Ibrahim has also applied for the Columbia Community Business Program, which supports the growth and development of for-profit businesses in Upper Manhattan.

Thanks to the Diallo brothers' hard work and the assistance of the Columbia-Harlem SBDC, the company formally launched last summer, and today Ginjan Bros has secured distribution in stores across the tristate area including Whole Foods, Kings Supermarkets, Fresh Direct, Westside Market, and a number of smaller natural food market chains. Its signature West African ginger drink may also be available one day on Columbia's Morningside campus, thanks to connections the Diallos made at a recent local food vendor tasting event at the Columbia Business School.

Less than one year out from its launch, Ginjan Bros has beaten out hundreds of other small businesses across the United States to win both the American Entrepreneurship Award and the FedEx Small Business Grant Contest. While the Diallo brothers took the lead on seeking out these opportunities, Ibrahim points out the Columbia-Harlem SBDC's role in their success. “The advice we received from Ms. Haro contributed in helping us win these prizes,” he says.

Perhaps most significantly, Haro is now assisting the brothers in applying for a \$250,000 loan from the SBA. Ibrahim says Ginjan Bros will use the money to invest in new equipment and finance product demonstrations for the public. Best of all, in microeconomic terms, the company plans to create two to three new jobs in the Harlem community.

“This is the area in which we need [Ms. Haro] the most,” Ibrahim said. “She is going above and beyond to help us make this happen in order to support and grow our current accounts.”

## BRAINYAC Program Brings High School Students into the Lab for the Summer

By Tricia Shimamura

If you happen to find yourself on the seventh floor of the Kolb Research Annex in Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) New York State Psychiatric Institute, you will find a few predictable sights: busy doctors walking down the hall; researchers reviewing the results of their latest experiment; harried graduate students poring over data sheets; and laboratories overflowing with beakers, solutions, and pipettes. A little less predictably, you will also find 16-year-old Gabriella Napoli monitoring neurological activity in cells and plotting data points in support of the research efforts of CUMC's Dr. Christine Denny. A junior at Columbia Secondary School, Gabriella is spending her summer working alongside scientists and graduate students in Dr. Denny's lab, where she is a valued member of the research team.

Gabriella is a part of the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute's BRAINYAC (Brain Research Apprenticeships in New York at Columbia) program, an eight-month neuroscience research mentorship program for high school students. “One of the missions of the Zuckerman Institute is to engage the public and raise awareness in scientific education,” says Chidinma Paige, the Zuckerman Institute's education program manager. “BRAINYAC meets this objective and provides a unique opportunity for high school students to get meaningful lab experience.”

The Zuckerman Institute, codirected by Nobel laureate and University Professor Eric Kandel, will soon make its home in the new Jerome L. Greene Science Center



Tricia Shimamura

on Columbia's Manhattanville campus. The center will provide a dedicated space where students in grades K–12, teachers, and the public can participate in programs on the brain, mental health, and neuroscience.

The benefits of BRAINYAC are twofold: High school

students get exposure to innovative neurological research and mentorship from leading scientific professionals, and researchers benefit from mentoring a student who is relatively new to the field but holds a passion for science.

“It's been very positive,” says Dr. Ina Pavlova, a postdoctoral

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# Milestones: Community Services Updates



**(1)** The Columbia Community Scholars Program is now entering its fourth year: *(From left to right)* Community Scholars Mariama Keita, John Reddick, Sheila Anderson, Martha Diaz, Steven A. Watkins, Paula Kimper, Eric K. Washington. To date, scholars have been invited to share their work at several cultural institutions including the Apollo Theater, the Museum of Modern Art, Riverside Church, and Columbia's own Heyman Center for the Humanities. **(2)** As part of its obligations to New York City and State, Columbia has prioritized the hiring of women, minority, and locally owned firms for work on the new campus. **(3)** Columbia University's Miller Theatre was the setting for the West Harlem Development Corporation's annual Community Holiday Celebration and Toy Giveaway. The space was provided by Columbia as part of the Community Benefits agreement signed by University President Lee C. Bollinger. Pictured: celebrity guests, actress Rosario Dawson and Chef Marcus Samuelsson. **(4)** Professor Aaron Kyle of Columbia's Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science with public school students he has instructed as part of the HYPOTHEkids program at Harlem Biospace. HYPOTHEkids, which receives funding from Columbia through both the WHDC and Columbia Community Service, has served over eight hundred local students to date.



## BRAINYAC Program continued from page 4

fellow in Dr. Denny's lab who works closely with Gabriella, "I have a chance to think about my research differently, because I have to explain it to someone who doesn't have a lot of background in the subject. I have to break down the information, and go over various techniques and protocols."

No BRAINYAC student comes into the lab completely unprepared. Prior to entering the internship portion of the program, BRAINYAC students spend six months preparing for the lab through Saturday training sessions that run from January to June. They also receive small group supervision throughout the summer, allowing the students to reflect on their work and socialize with other aspiring scientists.

For Gabriella, BRAINYAC has been extremely

rewarding. "I'm having fun," she says, smiling in front of a computer displaying her work in brain segmentation. "It's great to be able to work with someone who is so knowledgeable about the subject and being able to see what this career is really like."

Since its inception in 2013, the BRAINYAC program has graduated over 47 students, several of whom have gone on to considerable success. "One young scholar was ultimately published as one of the scientists on a research paper," says Chidi Paige. "Another one of our students majored in neuroscience and received a full scholarship to Smith College."

As for Gabriella, she's still undecided on where her future lies. "I love it all," she says. "I've always really liked

science, but I also love engineering and want to do it all, so we'll see." The good news is, Dr. Pavlova argues, that the BRAINYAC experience will benefit her no matter what: "The skills she's learning in this lab are all transferable. She'll be able to use these hard science skills and work skills wherever she goes."

To view a video on the BRAINYAC program, please visit: <https://vimeo.com/101961726>.

# Community Services

As part of the University's ongoing commitment to the local community, Columbia has dedicated a portion of the *Neighbors* 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-services](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/community-services)

## 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 GED in order to enroll them at no cost in New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) high school programs or GED programs. Upon completion of a high school diploma or GED, 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 212-854-1116.

## 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.

## 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.

## Summer Sports Cubs Camp Scholarships for Children

Columbia University offers 25 need-based scholarships for children ages 6–12 from the Manhattanville area to attend Columbia's Roar-ee's Cubs Summer 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.legalservicesnyc.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 212-854-4289 or [communityaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityaffairs@columbia.edu).

## 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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### President Barack Obama



initiatives that defined his campaign.

As Obama's tenure ends, the unemployment rate in the US has dropped dramatically, the Affordable Care Act—popularly known as ObamaCare—has provided millions with access to health care, more of the nation's public lands and waters are under federal protection, and diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba have been restored for the first time in nearly half a century.

President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama have said that they will remain in Washington, DC, after he leaves office in January, at least until their youngest daughter graduates from high school.

After two terms, Barack Obama's tenure as the 44th president of the United States is coming to a close. An alumnus of Columbia College and Harvard Law School, he made history in 2008 when he was elected the first African American president; over the past eight years, the Obama administration has been a champion for many of the

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