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Congratulations and thank you to Maria Vidal, who was recognized for her service to students at the CUNY BMI conference at John Jay, October 16!

Photo credit: [@VPCookFrancis](#)

Who Makes You Proud?

Send their name our way! We're looking to reinvigorate the [Random Acts of Justice](#) blog we started last year - but we need YOU to tell us about students and colleagues who support a culture of social justice.

For more information, please contact [Danielle Poupore](#), communications & marketing specialist for Student Affairs, and/or visit the [blog](#) to see examples of past features.

GRAND OPENING

The Wellness Center

On **Thursday, October 29** at 1:40PM, the John Jay Wellness Center officially opened with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Visit the Wellness Center in L68 - there's a meditation room, complete with a massaging chair, yoga mats, and cushions for optimal relaxation!



Bloodhound Central



"It's important to take initiative, not only to better your community, but to better yourself." - Chelsea Gonzalez

What a Wall!



The media wall displays a graphic to promote the #TurnJohnJayPurple initiative for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Purple Day

How does it work?

The media wall consists of nine screens, each able to display a graphic or short video clip measuring 1920x1080 pixels.

Basically, it's 3D Instagram - which is fabulous.

Want to see your content on the wall? A few guidelines:

- To have your content posted, a [media](#)

What is it & why is it here?

[Bloodhound Central](#) is our new student-focused portal, highlighting events and news topics on webpages that are highly accessible and shareable via email or social media. It serves as both a home for information and a tool for fostering community among our John Jay student body.



Bloodhound Central's master calendar is the go-to place for students, staff, and the marketing & communications team to learn about upcoming programs. The news feature also provides student organizations and departments with the opportunity to post blog-style written posts. Other applications of the platform include photo albums, document uploads, and event RSVPs.

Wondering how to get started? Visit [Bloodhound Central at johnjay.collegiatelink.net](#) and log in using the same John Jay credentials that access your email and desktop. Training is available through [Valentyna Yasinska](#) in CSIL or [Danielle Poupore](#) in the office of communications, marketing & assessment.

Summer Successes

Upward Bound

The Upward Bound Program spent three weeks this summer at the John Jay campus. Students had the opportunity to visit Brooklyn College, Rutgers University Newark, and Washington, DC - as well as our summer site at SUNY New Paltz. For many, this was their first experience residing on a college campus. The Door presented workshops designed to help students deal with the pressures of school, dating, gender equality issues, and other challenges facing young adults. In addition, we offered courses in geometry, trigonometry, English, chemistry, and biology.

To celebrate their summer of hard work, students worked tirelessly to decorate the halls for Family Up Weekend 2015. John Jay also hosted the Moving Up Ceremony, which was attended by alumni and recent graduates who shared their own Upward Bound experiences, encouraging current students to stay focused on academic success. This was the 25th summer of John Jay's Upward Bound program, and we are proud to say that we graduated forty seniors who were accepted to college.

Educational Talent Search

Educational Talent Search had our biggest enrollment in five years, with 26 rising 8th graders, 24 rising 9th graders, and 24 rising 10th graders from target and non-target city schools. The summer program was

[display request form](#) must be submitted to [Mark Travis Rivera](#), social media marketing manager for Student Affairs.

- Strong images with minimal text are most compelling. The display should be beautiful - not just promotional.
- The screens only allow images formatted in landscape (not vertical portrait dimensions)
- [More guidelines and details HERE!](#)

Welcome, New SA Staff!



We're sending a big bloodhound welcome out to the Division of Student Affairs' most recent additions!

- **Genesis Acosta**
Office Assistant, Student Affairs
- **Yenli Almanzar**
Aquatics Director, Athletics
- **Cristian Baskerville**
Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Athletics
- **Ana Balzunce**
Assistant Coach, Women's Tennis, Athletics
- **Corey Berg**
Compliance & Eligibility, Athletics
- **Gwendolyn Campbell**
Head Pre-K Teacher, Children's Center
- **Dan Chen**
Head Coach, Women's Tennis, Athletics
- **Sean Clores** Equipment Assistant, Athletics
- **Venus Cooke**
Assistant Coach, Women's Swimming, Athletics
- **Alize Cooper**
Program Coordinator for Accessibility Services, Wellness Center
- **Tomasa Diaz**
Office Assistant, Children's Center
- **Valeria Diaz**
CUNY Service Corps Manager, Community Outreach
- **Gabriella Dominguez**
Compliance Coordinator & Assistant to the ACE, Athletics
- **Muldy Fletcher**
Apple Corps Internship Counselor, Career & Professional Development
- **Erika Gil**
Classroom Aide, Children's Center

held July 7-30, Monday through Thursday. We had a 98% attendance rate, and an attrition rate below 2%.

Our Space Jam program for high school sophomores focused on PSAT test prep, resulting in a 10-15% increase in test performance for our students. For 8th and 9th graders, we provided a project-based reading and writing class, and math was advanced core curriculum for the next grade level. Students of every level learned coding during computer classes, and dance class participants collaborated with the TADA theater group. We also offered swimming lessons and afternoon sports. Thursdays were field trip days, and we were able to take students to Hofstra University, the 9/11 Memorial Museum, and the Body Worlds exhibit at Discovery Times Square.

Our summer program culminated with Space Jam Awards Day, attended by Dean Holmes, as well as an Enrichment Awards Night to showcase what students learned during their time with us. VP Cook-Francis was able to attend this exciting event, during which we welcomed our students' families and guests (with 100% attendance!).



Upward Bound celebrates a successful summer.



Educational Talent Search students enjoy their afternoon swimming class.

- **Emily Hall**
Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball, Athletics
- **Shareef Hassan** Project Management, Student Affairs
- **Caleb Jean**
Assistant Coach, Cross Country, Athletics
- **Brian Keill**
Head Coach, Softball, Athletics
- **Billie Jean Kuppler**
Assistant Aquatics Director, Athletics
- **Evan Lawrence**
College Assistant for Health Services, Wellness Center
- **David Lennox**
Student Career Engagement Educator, Career & Professional Development
- **Joselyn Lliguichuzcha**
Teacher Assistant, Children's Center
- **Gabrielle Lloyd**
College Assistant, Career & Professional Development
- **Samantha Malvasio**
Assistant Coach, Cheerleading, Athletics
- **Sydney Manansala**
College Assistant, Career & Professional Development
- **Joe Mandile**
Assistant Athletics Director for Operations & Scheduling/Head Baseball Coach, Athletics
- **Terrance Martin**
Graduate Assistant, Urban Male Initiative
- **Jessica Melchiorre**
Teacher Assistant, Children's Center
- **Justin Perez**
Coordinator of Assistive Technology for Accessibility Services, Wellness Center
- **Naomi Randolph**
Interim Head Coach, Women's Swimming, Athletics
- **Mark Travis Rivera**
Social Media Marketing Manager for Student Affairs, Strategic Initiatives
- **Rahima Sajid**
College Assistant, Career & Professional Development
- **Gerald Stannard-Russo**
Interim Associate Director for Academic Internships, Career & Professional Development
- **Dayanna Torres** Single Stop Site Manager, Wellness Center
- **Ra Ung**
Assistant Coach, Men's Soccer, Athletics
- **David Vegvari** Assistant Coach, Rifle, Athletics
- **Malcolm Yancey**
Front Office Coordinator for Accessibility Services, Wellness Center

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