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FAMILY WEEKEND 2016 Love the sweatshirts, don't you?



School Spirit from our families in full effect.

A Note from the VP

Sent on Thursday, November 10th

Dear Student Affairs family,

How are you doing? No...really, how are you doing?

By any measure the last day or so has been seismic. Many of us dragged ourselves to work yesterday despite being exhausted from a long night of election viewing and our own volatile emotions about its outcome. Thanks for the honest hallway, text, emoji, tweets, email and phone moments that we have been sharing. From our interactions, I know we each have our own way of coping. Me? I listen to my favorite song...yes the same one... all day. It's like musical comfort food.

I know we are managing our own reactions, families and friendships while also supporting our students. I woke up yesterday to my own sobbing college student who, after the first election in which she was able to vote, fears for herself and her generation's future. For many of our students, the Obama presidency, focused on inclusion and rights for all, has been the only presidency they have really known, and the potential of this change seems catastrophic.

Thanks especially to Dana, Gerard and the staff at the Wellness Center who had the forethought last week to plan for a post-election talkback that was held yesterday. All of us are interacting with students who are expressing a range of emotions, including happiness that their candidate prevailed. But most I have encountered are in mortal fear for themselves and their families. They fear deportation, the erosion of LGBT and women's rights, the backlash against people of Muslim and Jewish faiths, and a general hostile and dangerous climate that the rhetoric of this election has emphasized. I appreciate all of you for doing what we do best in student affairs -- listening, acknowledging, contextualizing, dispelling rumors, offering perspective, even giving brief civics lessons,...and eventually helping students to focus on the task at hand - graduating from college.

John Jay students will certainly play a role in responding to what is happening in our country right now and we will be there supporting them, but for now I think it's most important for us to continue to talk with each other, listen to each other, lift up each other, take care of each other and take stock in our resiliency and strengths. And remember President Obama's important message..."The sun will rise in the morning!"

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SERVING STUDENTS

The Food Bank is Open for Business

With the holiday season on the horizon, Student Affairs is happy to announce that the Food Pantry is refrigerated and stocked with holiday options from cranberries and stuffing to turkeys and potatoes. Please refer students in need to the Wellness Center so that we can continue our path toward Students First!



Weeks of Welcome continue to be a hit!



Artists United enjoying the Opening of the Semester BBQ on the JayWalk after performing as our house band for Convocation 2016.

Our Weeks of Welcome Initiative continues to be a huge success

Stop Hunger Now!



Community Outreach and Service Learning again partnered with Student Transition Programs to bring the Stop Hunger Now initiative to family weekend. As always the program was one of the highlights of Family Weekend. Families who serve together, stay together!

and this year was no exception. With close to 200 programs from departments and students groups from all over campus, our students felt welcomed, integrated into the community and most importantly had some fun.

Peer Career Educators Off to a Great Start

The Center for Career & Professional Development welcomed 12 new Peer Career Educators this semester, their largest cohort yet.



l. to r.: Madalena Gonzalez, Leonel Rodriguez, Denise Pazmino

Hispanic Heritage Month Highlights



This romantic comedy play tells the story of Freeman and Angelica, both forced to confront and overcome cultural and racial prejudices.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Thurs, October 13th
7:30pm
(Doors Open at 7:00pm)
Gerald W. Lynch Theater
John Jay College • 524 W. 59th St.
FREE ADMISSION for
Guttman and John Jay Students.
510 for all other City students.
215 General Public.
Tickets available at the door.
Reception and Q&A following the play!



The Peer Career Educators and Career Center staff hosting Career Island with special guest Michael Sachs, AVP/Dean of Students.

Hispanic Heritage Month events, September 15 to October 15, are always popular thanks to CSIL's hard work and preparation. This year's kickoff included a social media contest (#YoSoyJohnJay) and empanadas. One of the highlights was the showing of Platanos and Collard Greens: The Play in the Lynch Theater. The sold out performance is a romantic comedy that explores African-American and Latino relations in NYC through the adventures of a college couple, one Black and one Hispanic.

They have already made a substantial impact, assisting in Career Island and the Job & Internship Fair and taking part in the introduction of an academic internship course designed to help students reflect on their experiences in the Career Center.

Women's Cross Country



Without change there would be no butterflies.



Christina Mujica has joined the Wellness Center team as the new Wellness Center Coordinator. Congratulation Christina.

Katherine Outlaw, Associate Director of CSIL has left John Jay after 7 years for a promotional opportunity at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Dayanna Torres, our first Single Stop Coordinator has left JJC for a wonderful opportunity with the NYC Economic Development Corporation. We wish her well.

Kaitlin Hicks in photo finish!

Senior women's captain Kaitlin Hicks was named CUNYAC Performer of the Year and the 2016 CUNY Athletic Conference Cross-Country champion. Eleven Bloodhounds competed in the races.



l. to r.: Michelle Formato, Kaitlin Hicks, Maxine Eisenberg, Margie Perez, Jacinto Martinez, Richard Brienza

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