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President Karl Mason speaks at Convocation 2017.

Thoughts from the VP: Still They Rise

Lynette Cook-Francis, Vice President of Student Affairs

It's common to think that college campuses are like a tale of two cities—the high achieving and engaged students fully involved with all that college offers, and those who struggle to get by, too burdened by financial and family encumbrances to fully participate in college life. The truth is that, increasingly, these students are one and the same. Your national high point scorer in volleyball is an undocumented student. Your student

Puerto Rico Update from Public Safety

Diego Redondo, Director of Public Safety

I know there are a number of you with family and friends who were affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. I have spoken with a former colleague who in charge of the FBI Office in San Juan. His team of agents have spent numerous hours all over the island seeking out employees of the field office to ascertain their well-being. He advised that there are some regions only accessible by helicopter due to the roadways being destroyed, and that communications are starting to return, but very

body president is deciding between eating that day and paying for a Metrocard to get to school. The 4.0 scholar spends so much time in the library, not because they are studious, but because they are homeless.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) reported that there are 58,000 homeless college students in America. Countless more are hungry. A recent survey at our own John Jay College revealed that 13% of our students had gone hungry at least one day in the last eight weeks because they couldn't afford food.

But there's a good story here, too. We have spent decades developing access programs. Now, the students that we've been working to get into college are coming in droves. According to a recent report from the Southern Education Foundation, 51% of college-bound high school students are from low-income families.

The impact on our campuses is profound. We are in territory that is often handled by social service agencies. Greater access to education for all comes with the need to ramp up assistance to ensure success. We are moving quickly to implement food pantries, emergency funding, legal services, and support for homeless, foster, and undocumented students.

At John Jay, the students who bring so much need are also the students that we need so much. At unprecedented rates, they are involving themselves in student activities and athletics; they are campus leaders and change agents. They make our campuses the vibrant, places of promise, curiosity, and hope that we love. Our task is to meet these students where they are, through services that reduce the barriers and ensure access to the experiences that allow them to soar.

Excerpted from an [original article](#) on the "Student Affairs Collective."

Lynette Cook-Francis

College Now: Law and Criminal Justice Summer Institute

slowly. He further advised that for the most part they've only come across property damage, and no serious injuries to the people in the areas they've explored. He provided me with the information below concerning organizations that are doing "wellness checks," for people who have not heard from their family or friends. Please feel free to share this information.

American Red Cross,
<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index/ph>

Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, 202-800-3133, <http://prfaa.pr.gov/>

Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (Twitter):
<https://twitter.com/PRFAA>

Loved ones in Puerto Rico (Facebook),
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115776342448985/>

Local Puerto Rico Radio Station WIPR is also helping locate family members, 787-777-0940

Diego R. Redondo
Director of Public Safety

Orientation 2017



Director of Strategic Initiatives Rosann Santos leads new student orientation in the Gerald W. Lynch Theater.

As of the first day of classes, John Jay admitted 1,856 freshman, 1,907 transfers, 624 graduates and 64 international students, the largest international class in the college's history. The Student Transitions team, Jazmin Letamendi, Alyssa Spano and the Peer Ambassadors led the charge in getting the students acclimated to their new lives at the college. President Mason was able to attend a few of the orientation sessions, including the International Student Orientation. Here are some of the data that came out of the experience:

- 91.3% of students who attended orientation agreed with the statement: **I am confident JJC was the right decision** (n=328).
- 86.3% of students who attended orientation agreed with the statement: **I feel ready to start the fall semester** (n=328).



Participants in the CJSI program.

This summer, like many years in the past, 29 students were introduced to their professor, college assistants, and interns, all who would be helping them through the Law and Criminal Justice Summer Institute (CJSI) 5-week program.

According to College Now Program Director David Jean-Paul, the summer selection process is very competitive. "We get about 3 times the applications we are able to accommodate and almost all applicants meet basic eligibility requirements."

High school students taking college level courses happens year round at John Jay College and at other public institutions in the city. However, it is unique to John Jay to offer a rigorous and fully immersive experience as the CJSI. Participating students will enter their junior or senior year of high school more informed of some of the issues our society continues to face and more enthused that they can make a difference.

Career Services

- 93.2% of parents who attended parent orientation agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: **I am confident with my student's decision to attend JJC** (n=74).

In addition, Parent and Family Orientation continued to be a popular program. One highlight is that STP was able to secure funding from SAA to purchase the equipment necessary to continue the interpretation services to Spanish-speaking attendees. We now own the headsets and transistor radios that allow orientation sessions to be interpreted by our students in the Spanish Legal Translating and Interpreting Certificate Program. We piloted the experiential learning program last year and due to its success have been able to continue with the program. This year, the students will also be translating our Parent Newsletter into Spanish.

Resources for DACA, Undocumented, and Immigrant Students

The Undocumented Student Support planning team has set up a web page of resources for undocumented students, with links to legal resources, financial resources, and information about health and wellness.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, President Karol Mason, and CUNY stand with our DACA community. CUNY is offering free legal help and free DACA renewal support through CUNY Citizenship Now! and the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights(NMCIR).

Visit <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/undocumentedstudents> to learn more.



Message of support to undocumented students from President Karol Mason

Children's Center

The Children's Center is pleased to announce the opening of an additional Toddler Room, serving children between the ages of 19 months and 2.4 years old.



Two employers sign on as sponsors for 2017-2018.
The Dallas Police Department (Bloodhound Partner) and the NY Air National Guard (Blue Partner) have contributed a total of \$8,000. 100% of all sponsorship proceeds go directly back to our students by providing them the opportunity to take on unpaid internships, while receiving funding through our internship fund. We look forward to building upon this program to provide more opportunities for our students! Go Bloodhounds! (Contact: Kristina Simonsen)

Career Center expands virtual appointments.
In addition to adding phone and/or webcam career counseling appointments to our regular schedule, the Career Center will now be offering 12 evening or weekend virtual appointments each week! These appointments will be on Monday-Friday after 8PM or on the weekend, when our students might be more able to schedule a time to meet with a member of the team!

Career Center launches faculty & staff portal to John Jay Careers Online.
All faculty and staff at John Jay now have the opportunity to claim a John Jay Careers Online account to view the jobs and internships, events, and employer opportunities available to our students and alumni. To register your account, go to <https://jjay-cuny-csm.symplicity.com/faculty>

Don't cancel that class - request classroom presentations!
The Division of Student Affairs is once again offering several workshops so that faculty do not have to cancel their class in case of a schedule conflict. Simply request the workshop at http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/presentation_request/

CUNY EDGE Program launches 2nd year.
The CUNY EDGE program serves all students who receive public assistance through New York City. Last year, CUNY EDGE served 187 students, graduating 16 of them and accomplishing a 95% retention rate for Fall 2017! CUNY EDGE launched its second year on August 24th when 20 new students joined them for a fun and spirited welcome lunch.

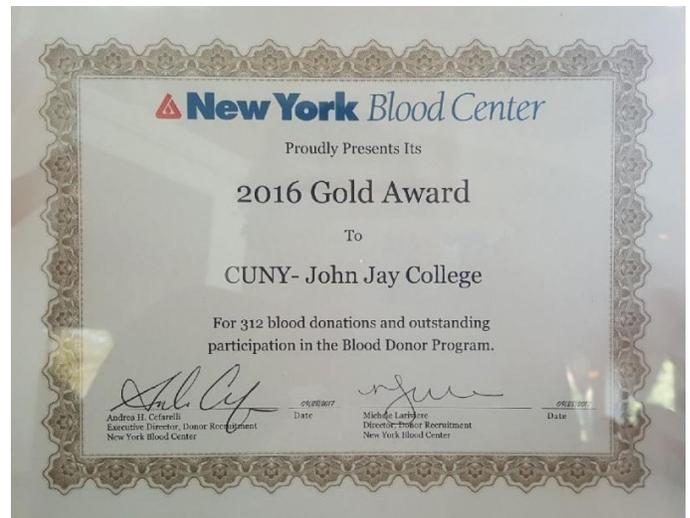
Awards and Accolades

College Now's Karen Texeira won the Walter O. Mason Award.



Karen Texeira, right, at the Walter O. Mason Award ceremony.

The Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award was established in 1988 to honor outstanding educational opportunity professionals who exemplify his sense of leadership and his ideals. Mr. Mason first worked with TRIO Programs as a Senior Program Officer with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Dallas, TX. At the time of his death, he was special assistant to the president at the University of Oklahoma. College access and support professionals have long acknowledged that change - change in individual students' life trajectories and change in campus and community climate and supports - is only made possible by long-term, informed commitment of dedicated professionals. Today, in the presentation of the Walter O. Mason Awards, they acknowledge the contributions of dedicated professionals who have generated individual and community change throughout their entire careers.



2016 Gold Award to John Jay College.

Health Services blood drives earned John Jay College the New York Blood Center 2016 Gold Award for outstanding participation in the Blood Donor Program.

Latinx Heritage Month

Military and Veterans Services held their Hispanic-Latino Military Heritage Luncheon on Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the Veterans' Center. The Keynote speaker was Captain Emilio Marerro, Jr. US Navy (retired), an esteemed combat chaplain leader in Iraq with the US Marine Corps and former Vice President of National Programs of Esperanza, the largest Hispanic faith-based nonprofit in the USA.

LatinX Heritage Month

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost & Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Africana Studies, Honors Program, Women's Center for Gender Justice, Center for Student Involvement & Leadership, Center for Career & Professional Development, Urban Male Initiative, Committee on Diversity & Inclusion, Student Council, Campus Activities Board, NAMI, SEEK, & Latin American & Latino/a Studies.

September 14th | 6 p.m. | Moot Court, 6th Floor, NB

Origins: Poetry, Stories, & More ft. Elizabeth Acevedo

September 29th | 7 p.m. | Gerald Lynch Theater

Platanos y Collard Greens production

October 3rd | 1:40 p.m. | L.63 NB

Trouble With My Name: ft. Javier Avila

October 5th | 1:00 p.m. | L.61 NB

A Conversation with M. Tony Peralta

October 5th | 6:00 p.m. | L.63 NB

AfroLatinos: The Untaught History

October 11th | 1:30 p.m. | L2.84 NB

Cultivando Carreras (Cultivating Careers): How LatinX Professionals Grew Course Work into Dream Careers

October 11th | 1:45 p.m. | L.74.02 NB

In My Mind: LGBTQ/LatinX Panel Conversation

October 12th | 1:00p.m. | Houndsquare, 1st Floor, NB
Quilt Project/Closing Ceremony

October 13th | 1:45p.m. | L.76 NB

From the U.S.-Mexico Border to the Big Apple: Abuela (grandmother)-inspired Research and Activism



Calendar of LatinX Heritage Month events

Welcome New Staff!



Vice President of Student Affairs Lynette Cook-Francis leads the Student Affairs Fall 2017 Division Kick-Off.

The College offers many exciting opportunities for staff members to further their professional development. Below is the calendar of courses for Fall 2017, as well as the links to register.

OCTOBER

Baseline: Reporting Tools (web)

Facilitator: Mary Odden, Baseline Consultant

Thursday, October 19, 2017 | 3-4pm | L.68.31

During this session we will provide step-by-step instructions on how to use the tools and functions available in the Baseline site to review your data. Even if you haven't collected data yet, it is helpful to know how you will use the data when you are still in the assessment planning stages. Participants will learn how to create and customize graphs; apply filters to view subsets of data; create saved views of data; export data; and set up comparison reports of data across time, between groups or programs, or before and after an intervention.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Student Affairs Supports ... Students in Crisis (Strongly recommended that new staff attend)

Panelists: Nichole Acevedo, Gerard Bryant, Diego Redondo

Friday, October 20, 2017 | 12-1:00pm | L.65.08 | Brown Bag Luncheon

Students in crisis on our campus can seem like a daily occurrence. That is why it is so important for all of us in the division, at all levels, to understand the basics of their crises on some level. More importantly, we need to be educated about the resources available to the students so



Nikki Gupton

CSIL welcomes their new staff member **Nikki Gupton**. Nikki is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville where she earned her degree in Health and Wellness Promotions and Sociology. She recently graduated from Mercer University where she received her Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership. During her time at Mercer, she advised NSLS for two years and fell in love with leadership development. Nikki is happy to be a part of the John Jay College family and looks forward to making an impact on students and aiding in their development.

The Children's Center is proud to announce that **Natasha Lewis** has been promoted to Infant-Toddler Teacher Director for our Infant and Toddler Program. They are pleased to welcome new staff members, **Olivia Higgins**, **Alexandra Probst**, and **Bryann Simpson**.



Nichole Acevedo

Single Stop welcomes their new coordinator, **Nichole Acevedo**. Nichole graduated from The City College of New York (CCNY) with a BA in International Studies, focusing on global health education and accessibility to public services. She was a former Benjamin A. Gilman

that we can appropriately refer them to or advise them. Please join us for a Brown Bag Lunch panel discussion to learn more about how to support students in crisis.

[RSVP HERE](#)

New Staff Orientation (Mandatory)

Various Presenters

Friday, October 20, 2017 | 1:30-3:30pm | Location TBA

New staff on campus are on-boarded by Human Resources for the purposes of providing valuable information about benefits, college policies and to fill out important paperwork and documents. The Student Affairs orientation provides new staff with training and workshops that are very specific to the work that Student Affairs does and how we as staff can contribute to the team.

Schedule:

1:30 - Welcome

1:35 - College and Divisional Structure

1:40 - Strengths Quest

2:30 - Student Affairs Theory

3:00 - FERPA

3:30 - Closing Remarks

[RSVP HERE](#)

NOVEMBER

Developing a Marketing Campaign: Brown Bag Luncheon

Facilitator: Mark Travis Rivera, Student Affairs

Friday, November 3, 2017 | 12:30-1:30pm | L.65.08

Learn best practices for developing a strong public relations campaign using the media wall, social media, kiosks, Jmail, polling and more. As you know, the student body uses visual media to get the bulk of their information. And we want to be on the cutting edge of capturing their attention for maximum participation.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Baseline: Rubric Methodology and the Baseline Rubrics Tool (web)

Facilitator: Jenna Ralicki, Baseline Consultant on Campus Success

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 | 3-4pm | L.65.08

Rubrics are a valuable tool that can be used for measuring learning directly and objectively while providing students with clear expectations. In this session, participants learn about rubric methodology and when (and when not) to use them. Additionally, users will learn how to create their own rubrics using the Rubrics tool in Baseline. During this live demonstration, we will walk participants through all of the features of the tool including grading, weighting, and how it can integrate with popular Learning Management Systems.

[RSVP HERE](#)

DECEMBER

Safe Zone Training: Module 1

Facilitator: Betty Taylor Leacock, MsEd, PD, LMHC, John Jay College Counselor and Adjunct

Friday, December 8, 2017 | 1:30-3:30pm | L.65.08

Safe Zone is a campus wide program designed to visibly identify students, staff and faculty who support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and who are willing to act as allies by learning more about the issues facing LGBT communities. Safe Zone training that goes over some basic knowledge needed to be an effective "safe" person for LGBT students and people who

International Scholar where she participated in various service-learning and international research projects in Ghana, West Africa. She hopes to create a positive impact through Single Stop at John Jay College to provide accessible resources and services that are inclusive to all students in order to complete their degrees regardless of their socio-economic barriers and legal circumstances.



Alison Kaslow

The Women's Center for Gender Justice welcomes their new Mental Health Service Corps member, **Alison Kaslow**. Alison earned her bachelor's degree in Communications from The University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and her master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University. Alison specializes in working with LGBTQ youth. Alison is also a certified spin instructor and has worked with adults struggling with weight related issues. She is a published peer editor to the book "Free Your Child from Overeating." Alison is very excited to join the John Jay community and is looking forward to supporting the LGBTQ+ population and students as a whole.

are questioning their own sexual orientation or gender identity. Keep an eye out in the spring for Module 2: Safe Zone for Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming People [RSVP HERE](#)

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