



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

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Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

Who are we and who do we want to be? What are the traits a John Jay graduate should have?

Those are the questions our strategic planning process invites every member of the John Jay community to ask and answer as we chart our path for the next five years. I have attached a detailed presentation by Vice President Christopher Shults, who is leading this process, showing where we are in the process, what has emerged, and what comes next.

What comes next? See the Vision Statement forum described below.

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Faculty and Students on The Road

We learn best by doing. That's why it is exciting to see faculty taking their students on the road to do exciting things that lead to learning.

I do not know of all faculty who take their students to lobby Congress, to conferences, to work in communities, or to do research in the field, but I have been loving when you share with me, or I happen to catch it on Instagram. For instance, I saw Professor Alexa Capeloto at a journalism conference with some of our student journalists! Have you read *The Sentinel* lately? <https://johnjaysentinel.com/>

For those of you taking students to conferences, leading Study Abroad, or asking students to join you in field work: I salute you! These experiences are transformational and your commitment to academic excellence is a gift.



Professor Cristina Lozano-Argüelles and JJ student Paulina Cardona joined the National Committee for Languages in Washington D.C. and lobbied U.S. representatives for bilingual education, the Seal of Biliteracy, and funding for Title VI projects.



Click on photo to see short clip on Instagram

Gov Hochul Awards John Jay Carol Robles Román Award for Legal Excellence

In recognition that John Jay College is a leader in educating future lawyers and public servants, Governor Hochul announced a \$250,000 for the college to establish a scholarship fund in honor of Carol Robles Román. The Carol Robles Román Award for Legal Excellence will support students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong commitment to pursuing a career in public service.

To read about the remarkable life of Carol Robles Román, read her obituary in the New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/24/nyregion/carol-robles-roman-dead.html>

Discuss John Jay's Next Vision Statement This Thursday

Please join the college community this **Thursday, March 13, during Community Hour in L.61** to discuss what the vision for the college should be. The discussion will be led by Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Christopher Shults.

If you are curious about progress on the next Strategic Plan (2025-2030), I have attached a slide presentation given by VP Shults last week updating on progress to day and emerging themes.

See in particular slides 37-38 to see "philosophical and foundational considerations" emerging.

Development of a John Jay College Vision Statement

- Difference between the Mission and Vision Statement
- Vision statement is aspirational and inspirational
- not designed for evaluation
- Should clearly indicate the idealized future of the college
- Unique, student and community focused, and tie into institutional taglines
- Typically concise, crisp, and brief (often only a paragraph)
- Like the mission, should be used to guide fundraising, resource allocation, and advocacy efforts