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The Newsletter of the Central Office of Student Affairs

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**Ignite
Leadership...Influence
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**2012 NASPA Annual
Conference**

March 10-14, Phoenix, Arizona



A Message from the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez

Welcome

Dear Student Affairs
Staff,

A mentor once told me whenever I had a tough campus decision to make I should think about students first and then decide. This guidance has served me well in making students the centerpiece of our work and is core to the Student Affairs philosophy as I share with you the first issue of **COSA @ CUNY**.

This quarterly communiqué will serve as one tool in improving communications, enhancing transparency and sharing developments occurring across our collective Student Affairs operations. The purpose of this newsletter is to showcase the exceptional accomplishments of our

students and staff while providing coherence in our shared work with those we serve. It is also intended to highlight the very best practices being used across CUNY and the nation while disseminating the evidence associated with these practices. Finally, **COSA @ CUNY** is intended to provide important updates from the Chancellery including developments in funding, policy and planning activities.

Words cannot adequately express how important your work is to this University. Every program, every direct service, indeed, every interaction with a student is our measure of excellence. This fall, you will directly impact the lives of the over 269,000 students enrolled on your campuses and an

estimated 270,000 registering for adult and continuing education. Your dedication and service are vital to our future as a University and essential to realizing our mission to educate students in New York City.

Thank you for all that you do and enjoy.

All my best,

Frank

Frank D. Sanchez, Ph.D.

Vice Chancellor for
Student Affairs

City University of New
York

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 7th

8 am – 6 pm

The CUNY Black Male Initiative
Sixth Annual Conference

(Registration required
www.cuny.edu/bmi)

Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue
New York (at 68th Street)

Wednesday, Oct. 12th

6 pm – 8 pm

A Celebration of the Renaming of
the SEEK Program to

“The Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK
Program” and The Debut of

“Second Chances: The CUNY
SEEK and CD Story”

The Great Hall, the City College
of New York

Tuesday, November 15th

3 pm - 7 pm

4th Annual CUNY College Fair
for Veterans

BMCC

Richard Harris Terrace, First
Floor Lobby

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about Citizen CUNY?”

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Division of Student Affairs Reorganization

The Division of Student Affairs recently completed a comprehensive reorganization under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez. The reorganization positions the Central Office to better support University priorities and the student services departments at each campus. “The realignment reflects the best

placement of our current resources in a very focused way—one that helps us to meet the University’s goals,” remarked VC Sanchez. The Division’s core support service areas and departments include CUNY Athletics, the Black Male Initiative, Career Development and Internships, Child Care, Disability Services, Effectiveness and

Development, International Student and Scholar Services, the Malave Leadership Academy, Media and Communications, Mental Health and Wellness, SEEK/CD, Student Conduct, Advocacy and Disaster Relief, Student Life/USS, Veterans Affairs and Women’s Centers. View the student affairs website at www.cuny.edu/studentaffairs.

CUNY Board of Trustees Approve Fall 2011 Tuition Increase

On August 3rd, CUNY’s Board of Trustees voted to adopt a revised schedule of student tuition that includes a \$300 increase over spring 2011 rates for all full-time undergraduate resident students. The increase includes a proportional increase in graduate, doctoral, nonresident and per credit rates at both the senior and community colleges. Two exceptions include

the tuition for the masters in public administration and the doctor of nursing practice programs. The two programs will comply with tuition rates previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

New CUNY Student Transfer Policies Approved

On June 27th, CUNY’s Board of Trustees unanimously adopted new transfer policies, including a general education framework. As part of the Pathways initiative, the policies aim to ensure that students who transfer within CUNY will get credit

for courses already taken within the University. Positive outcomes sought by the action include improved graduation rates, more students earning their degrees on time, and monies saved for both students and the University. Raising

academic quality and maintaining high University standards continues to be the focus as CUNY’s fall 2011 enrollment has surpassed 269,000 students, a 3% increase over fall 2010.

CUNY Child Care Centers Earn Accreditation

In August, University Director for Child Care, Betty Pearsall, reported that three CUNY child care centers achieved or renewed their national accreditation this summer. NAEYC (the National Association for the Education of Young Children) is the largest national membership organization for early childhood professionals and its NAEYC Academy

sets and monitors standards for high-quality early childhood education programs and accredits programs that meet these standards. To date, eight of the CUNY child care centers have achieved accreditation including the Medgar Evers Child Development Center (achieving accreditation for the first time), and the child care centers at BMCC and Lehman which

renewed their accreditation. "This achievement reaffirms the high quality of the programs and the professional quality of the staff at the CUNY child care centers," remarked University Director Pearsall.



The CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities (CCSD), 21st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Barbecue Celebration Held

New York State Senator and Assembly Members Turn Out to Support Queens Fundraising Event

On Tuesday, July 26th, the Committee for Disabled Students, Queens College, sponsored the annual Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barbecue and fundraiser at the Queens College Student Union Building along with co-sponsors the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities, the University Student Senate and other student organizations from across the University. CUNY students, who organized the fundraiser, joined faculty and staff to enjoy the day's events with Senior Vice

Chancellor Jay Hershenson (Master of Ceremony), Frank D. Sanchez, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Queens College President James L. Muyskens. Also on hand in a generous demonstration of support for CUNY's students were New York State Senator Jose Peralta, State Assembly members Barbara Clark, Grace Meng, Michael Miller and other representatives who presented a number of legislative proclamations, citations and awards to the

CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities, the QC Committee for Disabled Students and Kevin Tucker and Charmaine Worthy of the Division of Student Affairs. The event raised over \$1,000 in proceeds to go to the Michael Spruill SEEK Scholarship, named for the Queens College alum who was a SEEK student, served as President of the SEEK student government, and was a staunch advocate of students with disabilities. The day saw more than 150 student volunteers and over 300 people in attendance for the event.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Two New Student Affairs Websites Launched:

Financial Literacy Education Website

The CUNY Financial Literacy website, launched last April during Financial Literacy Month, is a one-stop resource for University students seeking information and advice on a variety of financial matters. Information there includes articles on personal finances, an updated calendar of events with information about financial

literacy education workshops, orientations and seminars being held on CUNY campuses. The site features student profiles and links to a variety of financial tools and resources. Students interested in sharpening their financial skillset for the 21st century can access the website at www.cuny.edu/financialliteracy.

Student Policies and Procedures Website

As a public University, CUNY has an expansive catalog of policies and procedures to help faculty, staff, administrators and students to conduct their daily affairs and attend to student needs. On September 6th, the Division of Student Affairs launched the Student Policies and Procedures website as a convenient, one-stop resource for the University community and

the general public. CUNY policy revisions will appear on the site, as well as new policies and memoranda that are enacted or voted on by the University's Board of Trustees. We invite you to visit the website at www.cuny.edu/studentpolicies, or access the Current Students tab on the CUNY website and select Student Policies and Procedures under Academic Resources.

Announcements

Dr. Geneva M. Walker-Johnson is appointed Vice President for Student Development at York College. She joins the administration of York College directly from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia where she was Dean of Student Life. The Division of Student Affairs welcomes Dr. Walker-Johnson to the City University of New York.

Salvador B. Mena is appointed to serve as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the College of Staten Island. He comes to CUNY/CSI from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he served as the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor and Director of Strategic Initiatives and Planning for the Division of Student Affairs. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Division of Student Affairs welcomes Mr. Mena to the CUNY family.

**October is National
Disability Awareness
Month!**

Vice Chancellor Frank D. Sanchez Is Featured Speaker at Division of Student Affairs Lecture Series

On September 14th, the lecture hall at Hunter College filled with over 150 participants for a presentation by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez. College executives, faculty, administrators, staff and students attended a 4 p.m. lecture entitled "An Emerging Vision for Student Affairs," which was followed by a reception. Vice Chancellor Sanchez discussed the factors necessary to advance an effective vision for student support systems at CUNY including the changing higher education landscape, the emerging student profile and how Student Affairs operations can successfully enhance the quality and relevancy of today's college degree. A podcast of the entire lecture will be available soon on the CUNY website.

Fall 2011 CUNY Student Enrollment & Profile

Preliminary reports indicate that total University enrollment increased 3% over fall 2010 while undergraduate enrollments rose steadily in recent years. Notably, the fall 2010 data and early 2011 figures continue to show a variety of striking student characteristics with respect to the undergraduate population. Our early estimates* include:

- Enrollment stands at over 269,000 for degree- and non-degree-seeking students
- Enrollees include 8,200 more undergraduates than last fall
- 270,000 students will be enrolled in Adult and Continuing Education courses
- Languages spoken by undergraduate students include 189
- Students come from over 210 different countries of ancestry
- Over 44% of undergraduates are the first generation in the family to seek college degrees
- 43% of undergraduates were born outside of the United States
- Among students born outside the U.S., the top countries of birth are the Dominican Republic, followed next by students from China and Jamaica
- Over 70% of undergraduates are under 25 years old
- 66% of undergraduates are full-time
- 68% of undergraduates work less than 20 hours a week

*Estimates derived from fall 2010 data and preliminary reports from University Admissions

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University Student Senate and Student Government Leaders Hold 24th Annual Leadership Retreat

The 24th Annual University Student Senate (USS) Leadership Retreat was held in Hauppauge New York Friday, August 19th through Sunday, August 21st on a beautiful summer weekend that saw over 40 USS and Student Government Association (SGA) leaders in attendance together with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank Sanchez and Brian Maher, the 25-year old mayor of Walden, New York. With a focus on the theme, "Re-thinking Leadership: A Commitment to Excellence," the students enjoyed many informative workshops and events to educate and inspire them in their roles as campus leaders. CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein hosted a Sunday morning forum in the retreat agenda that included discussions and workshops led by Trustee Kathleen Pesile, Secretary of the Board and Senior Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Matthew Sapienza. Board of Trustees Vice Chair Philip Berry offered a master class on seeking employment and helping students to develop their distinctive personal "brands." Remarkd USS Chair Cory Provost, "The USS retreat is pivotal in setting the stage for student leaders to know how to succeed. I believe that USS and all CUNY Student Government Associations will be off to a phenomenal start this year with the knowledge they have acquired from this year's USS Retreat." He added, "The University Student Senate and the staff of the Central Office of Student Affairs have done a remarkable job in coordinating the workshops and events for this Retreat." The 2011-2012 University Student Senate leadership elections will begin during the month of October.