



THEORY

very year, hundreds of thousands of students — including a record 274,000 degree-credit students in Fall 2014 — choose The City University of New York for a multitude of reasons that can be summed up as one: opportunity. Providing a quality, accessible education, regardless of background or means, has been CUNY's mission since 1847.



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UNDERGRADUATES
TUITION-FREE

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The University's unwavering commitment to that principle is a source of enormous pride. CUNY colleges offer a seemingly infinite array of

academic programs taught by award-winning faculty, as well as the arts, sports, internships, scholarships and community service opportunities found on campuses throughout the U.S. CUNY's combination of quality academics, remarkable affordability, financial support and the convenience of 24 modern campuses spanning the five boroughs of New York — the most exciting city in the world — make CUNY a singular value in higher education today. The wise choice for smart students — that's the CUNY Value.

— James B. Milliken, Chancellor

exceptional affordability is an incomparable value in today's higher education marketplace, where yearly college bills can easily

outpace family wages and student-loan debt – exceeding \$1.1 trillion nationwide — impedes graduates' financial freedom, including the ability to purchase a home. CUNY costs a fraction of what students pay at private universities, and

Percentage of Undergraduates with Federal Student Loans

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS, FALL 2011

CUNY 15.5% Columbia University 23.9% University of Virginia University of Colorado 38.3% **New York University** 43.1% University of California 45.4% St. Francis College 50.1% University of Connecticut 50.2% The University of Texas System 50.7% **Touro College** 50.7% St John's University-New York 54.7% 55.2% Fordham University 55.9% Hofstra University 57.0% **Rutgers University** 57.0% Pace University 58.5% The College of New Rochelle 69.6% **Adelphi University** Metropolitan College of New York 87.5%

it beats most public institutions, too. These low costs make it possible for seven in 10 full-time undergraduates to attend

college tuition-free, fully covered by financial aid and the American Opportunity Tax Credit, and for eight in 10 to graduate free from federal education debt. When our students do borrow, statistics show, they end up owing less than their peers elsewhere. CUNY's affordable tuition is part of a successful, long-term financial partnership between the University, state and city governments, philanthropists, alumni and students. Enduring value increases lifelong opportunities for our students to pursue their educational, professional, financial and personal goals. That's freedom.

JACOB Z. BACANER

HIS STORY

Raised in Memphis, Bacaner (Baruch College '14) set his sights on Baruch as a remarkably affordable and highly respected college in New York, a city that nurtures his many interests from finance to tech entrepreneurship to modeling.

He graduated with only \$4,000 in loan debt.

GOALS

Social media and digital marketing entrepreneurship are passions for Bacaner, who has been working in advertising operations, fashion modeling and is interested in acting. So far.

Average Full-Time Tuition and Fees

FISCAL YEAR 2014

PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE METRO NY INSTITUTIONS

CUNY	NY	\$6,446	
SUNY	NY	\$7,551	
Public Systems outside NYS			
Rutgers University	NJ	\$13,598	
University of California	CA	\$13,550	\
University of Virginia	VA	\$12,998	
University of Minnesota	MN	\$12,707	
University of Connecticut	СТ	\$12,700	
University of Colorado	СО	\$ 9,913	\
The University of Texas - Austin	TX	\$ 9,798	
University of North Texas System	TX	\$ 9,104	
Colorado State University System	СО	\$ 8,665	
University System of Maryland	MD	\$ 8,483	
University of Wisconsin System	WI	\$ 8,260	
Texas A&M University System	TX	\$ 8,207	
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	MN	\$ 7,794	
California State	CA	\$ 6,522	\
NYC-Area Private Institutions			
Columbia University	NY	\$51,008	
New York University	NY	\$46,148	
Fordham University	NY	\$45,507	
Hofstra University	NY	\$38,900	
Pace University	NY	\$36,697	
Adelphi University	NY	\$32,340	\
The College of New Rochelle	NY	\$32,300	1



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colleges offer a wealth of rigorous, innovative and lifechanging academic opportunities, sparking an enrollment surge to 274,000 this fall and attracting so many motivated high-achieving students that every year they garner not just a few but a raft of top national

honors. For 2014, CUNY boasts a record 22 Fulbright Scholarships awarded to students for study and teaching abroad; other prestigious awards recently received by CUNY students include Truman, Goldwater and Rhodes scholarships and Math for America and National Science Foundation Graduate Research fellowships. Uncompromising in its mission of excellence and opportunity, CUNY provides an extensive array

of challenging academic offerings, from traditional liberal arts programs to the Macaulay Honors College, from high-level scientific research with faculty mentors to initiatives to boost college readiness and keep students on track to a degree. The University's recent Pathways to Degree Completion reforms ensure academic rigor across all CUNY colleges, encouraging timely graduation and keeping education costs in check. Academic value: It's the leading reason why CUNY is New York's top higher-education destination.

STUDENT FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS IN 2014

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS IN 2014

MELODY MILLS

HER STORY

As a junior, Mills (Macaulay Honors College at Baruch College '14) studied in Peru, where she volunteered to help Lima's homeless "street girls."

AWARDS

2014 U.S. Student Fulbright Study/ Research Award to track the street girls' "educational trajectories" after leaving a drug rehabilitation facility.

GOAL

ANDRE BRADDY

Braddy (Medgar Evers College '12) worked

Masters Institute, preparing middle school

students for high school STEM subjects.

2014 Math for America Fellowship includes a \$100,000 stipend

and a City College master's

with the college's Frank Ragland Math

HIS STORY

A master's in educational policy or leadership, focusing on aiding disadvantaged children.

WILLIAM CHEUNG

HIS STORY

Cheung (CUNY Baccalaureate/Brooklyn College '14), passionate about German language and philosophy and an accomplished debater, honed research skills in the CUNY Pipeline Program for Careers in College Teaching and Research.

2014 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Bavaria.



nspiring, challenging and mentoring students year after year, CUNY's faculty boasts outstanding academic credentials and national recognition in the full spectrum of academic fields, from the sciences to the humanities to fine arts. Pursuing scholarship and research in the

FACULTY FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS IN 2014 nation's intellectual capital, CUNY faculty bring high achievement, real-world perspectives and hundreds of millions of dollars in research grants to our campuses, engaging students in classrooms, labs and studios throughout the five boroughs and enhancing the quality and value of a CUNY education. Our roster of prominent Distinguished Professors teach students, mentor faculty and initiate cultural programs and University-wide campaigns to improve life and learning. CUNY faculty members make their

mark beyond the campus as well: 14 won Fulbright Scholarships this year to research, study, teach and consult abroad. University faculty also include Guggenheim fellows, winners of Pulitzer and Man Booker prizes and National Book Awards, and two U.S. Poet Laureates.

MARKUS BIDELL

HIS STORY

Bidell, a Hunter College associate counseling professor with over a decade of experience as a counselor educator, focuses his scholarship on multicultural and LGBT-affirmative counselor competence and LGBT mental health and psychosocial disparities.

LGBT-affirmative

counseling.

2014 Fulbright Regent's University (London) Scholar Award.

To assess health disparities affecting British LGBT populations, Bidell will use a recognized psychometric scale he created to measure mental health providers' skill in providing

LUAT T. VUONG

HER STORY

An assistant professor of physics at Queens College, Vuong researches the optical and nonlinear behavior of nanoparticles in liquids or nanofluids "where anomalous light scattering is coupled to mechanical, electrical and chemical behavior."

AWARDS

National Science Foundation Career Award (2012-17); **European Council Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship** (2008-10); Fulbight Fellowship (2007-08); AT&T Labs Fellowship (2001-07).





or students who choose a CUNY education, the benefits extend far beyond the University's remarkable academics, affordability and financial aid. CUNY is also a fount of scholarships, thanks to philanthropic, private and public support. Since 2000, the University's



Invest in CUNY campaign has raised \$2.8 billion in private donations. Twenty percent of that goes to scholarships, grants and other student support offered throughout the University and its 24 colleges and schools – based on merit, need, specialized interests and other factors. This year, CUNY students advocated for – and welcomed – the New York City Council's reinstatement of merit scholarships for New York City high school graduates entering CUNY colleges with B or better averages. The council allocated \$11.1

million for the CUNY Merit-Based Scholarship Program, expected to provide \$800 each to an estimated 13,000 first-year college students.

ood vouchers. Emergency rent support. Legal assistance. In the 21st century,
CUNY's historic mission to educate the "whole people" includes helping our most
vulnerable students when hardship strikes. Many CUNY students are low-income,
or single parents, recent immigrants, first in their families to attend college. Among
society's most at-risk, they may be one eviction away from homelessness, one job loss from
feeding their children, one illness from dropping out of school. A Borough of Manhattan
Community College mother of two was suddenly evicted from her Bronx apartment. BMCC's
branch of Single Stop USA, which provides services and benefits, came through with a loan,
an emergency rent grant, food stamps and a Metrocard, and wrangled the city bureaucracy to
bring the family home. Another student, Yamilet Blas, feared she'd have to quit the College of
Staten Island after her mother's Superstorm Sandy-related job loss. The Carroll and Milton
Petrie Foundation Emergency Grant Fund, which has given \$11 million to more than 5,000
CUNY students, helped Blas with funds and a work permit that led to a part-time job.





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encing at Hunter. Rowing at BMCC. Greek Life at CCNY. Jewish a cappella at Queens. If these college activities conjure images of ivy-covered, out-of-town campuses far from the A, the E, the 2 and the 3, think again. CUNY campuses are vibrant communi-

100 INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS TEAMS ties — rich with opportunities for academic engagement, public service, culture, personal growth and just plain fun. Consider deejaying at the campus radio station, bonding with fellow accounting majors and getting elected to student government. Join Baruch's Handball Maniacs, Hostos' Robotics Club, play soccer at CSI, break out your inner Hemingway at one of Brooklyn College's dynamic student-run publications or tap into hundreds of volunteer service opportunities. Our students make new friends to keep for a lifetime. And, equipped with high-tech auditoriums, modern athletic facilities, welcoming gathering

places and an increasing number of traditional dormitory rooms, our campuses offer students the full college experience from the esoteric to the traditional — all part of the CUNY Value.

he New York City experience is part of the CUNY Value. No university is as deeply woven into its city's fabric as CUNY is with New York, the country's intellectual, financial and creative center. Opportunities for students and graduates are, like the city itself, challenging, exciting,

24 campuses
Located in Nyc's
5 boroughs
All Reached by
Public transportation

seemingly infinite. From Off-Broadway to the Federal Reserve, to national nonprofits and Wall Street, year-round choices abound to intern, volunteer, serve and work, creating lifelong professional relationships — an edge in a city that never sleeps. Our enduring mission, starting in 1847, is to educate for a better city and state. With an infusion of nearly \$10 billion in new facilities over the last 15 years, our colleges — mixing the historic and the modern in communities as diverse as any on the planet — are uniquely prepared to educate for the 21st century. As one of New York's longest-running economic engines, CUNY turns out job-ready graduates who overwhelmingly choose to stay in the state to work, pay taxes and raise families. Why not? It's New York.





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