



President's Report Lehman College Senate

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Governmental Affairs

New York State Budget: The FY2019 State Enacted Budget for senior colleges totals \$2.53 billion, an increase of \$97.3 million or 4% over the current year. The increased budget funds the projected fringe benefit increase of \$43.5 million and approves \$31.3 million in revenue appropriations to accommodate a \$200 annual tuition increase. The budget also includes \$118 million to support the second phase of the Excelsior Scholarship. The budget also includes \$369.7 in new capital funds of which \$284.2 is for senior college critical maintenance appropriations.

New York City Budget: Late last month, I presented our College's budget priorities to the Bronx delegation of the City Council. They were well-received by the membership. Negotiations will continue well into June, and I will keep you posted on developments.

Lehman College Foundation 50th Anniversary Gala

Our gala officially kicked off our 50th anniversary celebrations, and it was a spectacular event.

We owe a debt of thanks to our honorees: Phyllis and Ivan Seidenberg, Joanne Walsh Stavrou and Christopher Stavrou, the Lehman Lash family, and Kerry Washington. Thanks to the star power of Ms. Washington, who was in New York on a media tour for her television series, *Scandal*, Lehman was mentioned in international media outlets.

As always, our students were the real stars of the show. The Lehman Jazz Ensemble performed during the cocktail reception. Lehman students conducted interviews for BronxNet, members of our Urban Male Leadership Program and several Lehman scholars served as wonderful ambassadors for the College. I am grateful to everyone who supported the event, and to those who worked so hard to make it a success.

Lehman Lecture

John B. King, who leads The Education Trust, delivered a powerful challenge to the Lehman community during his keynote address at the 49th annual Lehman Lecture. He urged the College to reflect on how, in pursuing our 90x30 challenge, we can make greater inroads in improving equal access and opportunity for all. Prior to the lecture, Dr. King spent several hours on campus meeting with faculty and students. Thanks to Dean Deborah Shanley, Karen Fairclough, and everyone in the School of Education and Provost's Office who organized such a great event.

Searches

Starting this week, candidates for the positions of dean for the School of Arts and Humanities and School of Continuing and Professional Studies will visit the campus for interviews and open forums. Details on the candidates and the interview schedules are posted on Lehman Connect.

Commencement

Lehman's 50th commencement exercises will take place on Thursday, May 31. We are very proud to award the degree of doctor of humane letters to Jacob Judd, Lehman's professor emeritus of History. Andre Aciman ('73), author of the critically acclaimed novel, *Call Me by Your Name*, will receive the Alumni Achievement Award and deliver the commencement address.

Gilman Honor

Earlier this month, Lehman was named a Top Producing Gilman Institution for 2016-17. In that year, 13 Lehman students were selected to study abroad through this prestigious program.

State of the College Address

I invite you all to attend the State of the College address on Monday, April 30 at 3:30 pm in the Music Building, room 306. Space is limited, so please reserve a seat by emailing events.rsvp@lehman.cuny.edu.



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