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Beginning this fall, the Division, in conjunction with the Division of Natural and Social Sciences, will offer a new minor in Middle Eastern Studies, while the History Department offers a new track in its M.A. program for secondary school teachers of social studies. Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Robert Troy. This semester, tools developed through CUNYfirst are being used in human resources and budgeting, while others are being created for such areas as admissions, financial aid, and student services. One goal of the project is for students to “be online” and not “stand on line.”

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FACULTY GRANTS AND AWARDS HIGHLIGHT EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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In the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Professor Nancy Griffeth is part of a prestigious national consortium led by Carnegie-Mellon University that has just won one of approximately three highly competitive awards granted this year under the National Science Foundation’s Expeditions in Computing Program at the interface of computer science and cognitive science.

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On the schedule this season from the Metropolitan Opera is Puccini’s Turandot. In this joyous scene from Act II, Scene 2, Turandot accepts the love of Calaf. (Photo:Beatrice Schillers/Metropolitan Opera)

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ART GALLERY CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY AS PAC SPOTLIGHTS ARTISTS FROM MANY CULTURES

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