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Lehman Students Registered to Vote



Volunteers from the Office of Campus Life worked diligently throughout the Fall to ensure that all Lehman students who are eligible to vote are also registered. The office processed some 250 student registrations directly and delivered the completed forms to the Elections Board. More than 3,000 voter registration forms were distributed to locations throughout the campus. —Photo by Rhena Montero

Internship Forum from Career Services

The Office of Career Services presented an informational Internship Forum on October 25, in the East Dining Room. A panel of employers, student interns, and a member of the faculty discussed:

- ✓ *What internships are and why they are important in the workplace*
- ✓ *How to get a good internship*
- ✓ *How to get a credit-bearing internship*

Employers on the panel were from BronxNet, the CUNY Institute for Software Design and Development (CISDD), the Metropolitan Transit Authority/New York City Transit, Northwestern Mutual of Westchester, and H&R Block. Student panelists were **Jennifer Colon**, Psychology major and intern at the Bronx Psychiatric Center;

Leandro Pena, a Computer Science major interning at CISDD, and **Wilson Rivas**, a major in Business Administration and intern for the MTA-NYC Transit. The faculty panelist was Professor **Rhys Rosholt**, who handles internships in Mathematics and Computer Science.

“Internships have helped many Lehman students move into great jobs, start their careers, or change their career direction,” said **Nancy Cintrón**, Director of the Career Services Center. “We invite students at all levels to attend our Forums—and we encourage juniors and seniors especially, because it’s so important for them to become aware of these opportunities.”

The Center presents Internship Forums each semester and is very appreciate of the ongoing employer, student, and faculty involvement.

Lehman's Sally Nnamani Is CUNY's Rookie of the Year



Lehman sophomore **Sally Nnamani** was the 2006 CUNY Conference women's basketball Rookie of the Year. She averaged 15.3 points per game. Her average 2.1 blocks per game led the CUNY Conference.

—Photo by Tony Correa

How the Counseling Center Encourages Students' Academic and Personal Success

The Counseling and Personal Development Center in the Old Gym provides traditional and cutting-edge services to help Lehman students survive and thrive in an academic environment.

An important tool these days is the 80-item, 10-scale LASSI—or Learning and Study Strategies Inventory. It's a key component of the Center's Program for Academic and Student Success (PASS), which provides individual study skills counseling, learning skills workshops, and referrals. The LASSI assesses students' awareness and use of learning strategies related to:

- ✓ **Skills:** Information processing, selecting main idea, testing taking, etc.
- ✓ **Will:** Attitude, motivation, and anxiety.
- ✓ **Self-regulation:** Time management, concentration, study aids, and self testing.

"We're helping our students become more strategic learners," said Dr. **Annecy Baez**, Director of the Center. "The LASSI is user-friendly and provides quick results that counselors can review with the student and begin the process of intervention."

Intervention might involve referring students to learning-skills workshops, online resources, other campus resources, and one-to-one study skills counseling focusing on specific areas in need of remediation.

Students learn about Center services through the faculty, outreach, and in class presentations. Last year, many faculty members gave extra credit to students who took the LASSI—and very soon, those students were referring others.

According to a survey conducted last summer, students who took the LASSI found it useful. They reported positive benefits from study-skills counseling sessions. They also reported that they were continuing to use, in subsequent semesters, many of the strategies they had learned. Because of high current demand for the LASSI, Freshmen students are given priority.

Students are typically scheduled for from one to three sessions depending on their needs. The first focuses on administration and review of the LASSI results. The second and third sessions focus on the areas in need of remediation and the development of a plan of action.

Students who feel that personal concerns are negatively affecting their academic performance are referred to a Center counselor.

"Many students who came to us for help with study skills learned that we also provide psychological counseling," Dr. Baez said. "And any stigma they may have felt about psychological counseling was usually very quickly dispelled by our friendly and professional staff."

H&R Block Training Leads to Tax Preparation Certificates

These Lehman students, many of whom plan to become accountants, are getting ready for the tax season in a big way. They are receiving tax-preparation training from H&R Block instructors. With successful completion of an 11-week course, the students will receive Tax Preparation Certificates and will be eligible to work for H&R Block during the upcoming tax season. The program, now in its fifth year, is a collaborative effort of the Career Services Center and the H&R Block Internship/Training Program.

—Photo by Roberto Herrera



Student Health Center Offers Mobile Dental Service



Lehman students, staff, and faculty can receive dental care on campus. For insured patients, there's no co-pay fee. Uninsured students pay a low subsidized fee. For more information or to make a dentist's appointment, call 960-8900.

—Photo by Ainsworth Brown

Dental services will be available to the Lehman community throughout the year through a program arranged by the Student Health Center, in conjunction with American Mobile Dental Vans.

“This is an opportunity for faculty and staff as well as students to obtain dental care by certified, licensed dentists,” said **Cindy Kreisberg**, Director of the Student Health Center. “Going to the dentist often requires taking time off work. This mobile service makes it convenient and cost-efficient for everyone in the Lehman community.”

People who currently have insurance coverage for dental services, such as most Lehman employees, do not have to pay their normal co-pay fee when they are seen by American Mobile Van dentists.

Uninsured students only have to pay \$20 for a complete dental examination, X-rays and cleaning—because of a special subsidy provided by the Student Health Center.

On their first visit to campus, dentists provided services for 30 patients. The van was on campus most recently on October 18.

“We will continue to schedule this service on an as-needed basis,” said Kreisberg. Call the Health Center at 960-8900 to make an appointment.

City Council Honors Lehman Alumnus on ‘James Prince Day’

In celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the New York City Council proclaimed July 25 “**James Prince Day**,” honoring the Lehman alumnus for his “perseverance, courage, and determination.” A quadriplegic for 25 years, since he was 19, Prince has earned an Associate’s degree in Computer Information Systems at Queensborough Community College and a B.A. in Accounting and M.A. in Education from Lehman.

Prince thanked many people who have contributed to his success: his parents, his girlfriend, and **Merrill D. Parra**, Director of Student Disability Services at Lehman.

Prince is currently teaching two FYI seminars at Lehman. After completing his student teaching, he plans to teach Social Studies at a high school in the Bronx.

Free CPR Training from FDNY

Another new offering from the Student Health Center this semester is free CPR training. The New York City Fire Department is offering monthly bystander CPR training for which participants receive a free kit that includes a practice mannequin, DVD, and manual.

The one-hour training program in September prepared 20 students for this life-saving technique.

A session was held on October 26, and another is scheduled for Monday, November 20, from 3 to 4 pm, in The APEX.

The Fire Department’s goal is to educate as many New Yorkers as possible to reduce mortality rates.

Please call the Health Center at 960-8900 to reserve a space.



If you’ve ever thought about learning CPR, here’s your chance. Fire Department EMT’s are offering free training at Lehman, in collaboration with the Student Health Center. It’s quick and easy, as the students (above) discovered.

—Photo by Roberto Herrera

Campus Life Holds 7th Annual Leadership Conference

On the crisp Fall weekend of September 15–17, a group of 31 student leaders, seven administrators, and a faculty presenter took part in the seventh annual Lehman College Student Leadership Conference organized by the Office of Campus Life.

Newly elected officers from CASA, the Student Conference, and various clubs boarded a bus at The APEX on Friday afternoon bound for the Edith Macy Conference Center.

Jose Magdaleno, Vice President for Student Affairs, welcomed the group to an activities-filled weekend. Following dinner, Dr. **Annecy Baez**, Director of the Lehman Counseling Center, led a workshop outlining resources at the Center that might be appropriate for student leaders.

The evening closed with a presentation by **Vincent Zuchetto**, Assistant to the Vice President, and **Michael Sullivan**, Director of Campus Life, on recognizing one's own leadership style and sensitivity to other styles.

Saturday marked the beginning of a "Leadership Dialogue" hosted by VP Magdaleno. **Ode Hoppie** and **Rhena Montero**, Assistant Directors of Campus Life, also explained the new electronic filing system



A rare relaxed moment for Lehman students at the recent leadership weekend. The annual event helps prepare students for their roles as officers of CASA, the Student Conference, and Clubs. Along with indoor presentations and workshops, outdoor activities emphasize the importance of teamwork.
—Photos on this page by Rhena Montero

on the Campus Life home page. Then the students went to the Low Ropes Course and broke into teams tasked with formulating strategies to accomplish specific goals. Two of the most challenging were the tightrope walk and the 10-foot wall.

Associate Dean **John Halloway** gave directions and provided support as the groups overcame both of these obstacles. The weary but happy leaders trudged up the hill to shower, eat, and prepare for the evening workshops.

CASA, Student Conference and Clubs representatives met as sub-units to plan activities for the semester. Dr. **Stuart Chen Hayes**, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, urged them to be advocates for diversity and acceptant of individual differences. As the clock struck 11 pm, students headed to their rooms for a well-earned rest.

Three additional workshops were held Sunday morning on the subject of: (a) fiscal accountability and integrity, led by **Michael Sullivan** and **Vincent Zuchetto**, (b) the connection between leadership skills and successful careers, by **John Augliera**, Coordinator of Career Services, and (c) the need for increased funding for campus activities, by **Jackson Ude**, President of CASA.

