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It's All About Career Development

The Career Services office has a new name that reflects its mission and its role in serving Lehman students and recent alumni. It will be called the Career Exploration and Development Center.

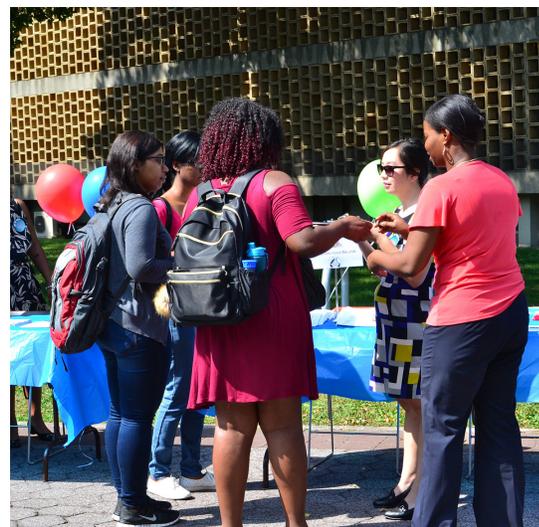
"The transition from college to career involves a number of phases that include counseling to assess a student's particular strengths, deciding on a major, securing internships, exploring where the jobs are, and making connections with potential employers," says Director Nancy Cintrón. "Our goal is to help Lehman students successfully meet the challenges of a globally competitive job market. So we provide a comprehensive range of services that touch on all of these areas of career development."

The office's new name more closely describes what Cintrón and her staff actually do in their work with Lehman students on a day-to-day basis. And this year, using the theme "Career Services Come to You," the Center staff will be making a special effort to meet with students where they are—on the College Walkway, at the Student Cafeteria, in Carman Hall, the Old Gym Building, Davis Hall, and The Apex.

"We know that our students are busy," says Cintrón. "So we want to make it easy and convenient for them—as well as alumni and the campus community—to learn about the significant services and benefits available on the Lehman campus."

The Center kicked off the Fall semester on September 8 with its 1st Annual CareerFest on the Campus Walkway in front of Shuster Hall. More than 300 students talked with Center staffers about internships, job opportunities in various fields, resume and cover letter workshops, career programs and networking events.

"It was a wonderful day," says Cintrón, "and we're already looking forward to our 2nd Annual CareerFest 2017."

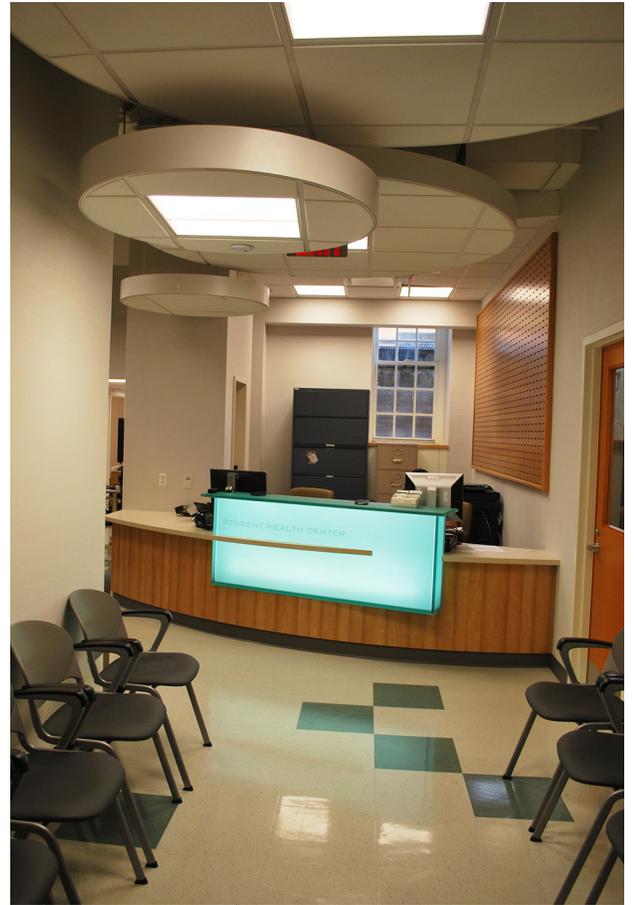


Center staff talked about career services with more than 300 Lehman students in front of Shuster Hall during CareerFest 2016.

Ribbon Cutting at the New Student Health Center



The Student Health Center has moved to newly renovated space in Room B008 in the Old Gym Building. On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 19 were: (l-r) Assistant Director Anton Wolfshorndl of CUNY's Department of Design, Construction and Management, Lehman College President José Luis Cruz and Health Center Director Cindy Kreisberg. In its new location, Center practitioners will continue to provide affordable, quality health care to students and educate them about preventive and acute care issues. "We strive to arm students with the skills they need to improve and manage their health to achieve academic and personal success," says Director Kreisberg.



Annual Fall Health Fair Draws 250 Students and Staff



At the Annual Health Fair, sponsored by the Lehman College Student Health Center, more than 250 students and staff members were screened for cholesterol and diabetes—and almost 40 received flu shots from a Rite Aid pharmacist.



New CUNY Cultural Corps Recruits Lehman Students

Once again Lehman's Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs has answered the call to serve.

Back in March 2013, Lehman was one of the seven original colleges to receive the CUNY Service Corps grant. And, now in its fourth year, the Service Corps continues to thrive. To date, a total of 3,060 CUNY students—including 710 this academic year—have been placed in more than 126 community partner sites throughout the five boroughs.

Through their involvement with the Service Corps, Lehman students have helped create a city that is healthier, more resilient, greener, better educated and economically stronger. They earned \$12 an hour for their efforts, and they also built valuable workplace skills.

The important news now is that CUNY has partnered with New York City's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Rockefeller Foundation to launch the CUNY Cultural Corps. This will create opportunities for 85 Service Corps program alumni to develop additional connections, skills and experience in the cultural sector.

Students who successfully completed the Service Corps were invited to apply for the newly formed Cultural Corps—and Lehman students



At the Lehman Convocation, Cultural Corps members with President José Luis Cruz: (l-r) Marcus Charlton, Jennifer Tetteh, Leslie Garcia, Susana Mensah, Afusat Olaniwun and Amanda Rodriguez

earned 21 placements, the highest of all the participating schools including City College, John Jay, Queens, Baruch, Brooklyn, Hunter, Medgar Evers, York, New York City Tech, the College of Staten Island, Kingsborough Community College and BMCC.

Lehman students have been placed at the American Museum of Natural History, Bronx Museum, Lincoln Center, MoMA, PS1, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York Botanical Garden, Studio Museum of Harlem, the Public Theatre, Wave Hill and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

CUNY's presence throughout the city gives cultural organizations access

to a large pool of talent, helping employers create an increasingly diverse and inclusive workforce that is poised to engage future generations of New Yorkers.

Throughout CUNY's long and proud history, its students, faculty, staff, individual colleges and the University writ large have dedicated critical resources to supporting the growth and development of communities in the city. The CUNY Service Corps and now the Cultural Corps are building on this legacy—through service-learning in communities and internship programs that are currently in place at the University.

Counseling's Safe Zone Raises LGBTQI Awareness

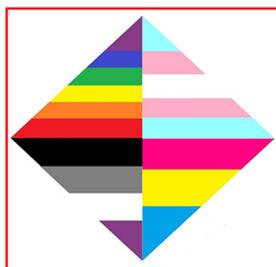
The Counseling Center's Safe Zone program increases awareness of the concerns and safety of LGBTQI students. It works through education, training, outreach and events for the Lehman community. Individuals who complete three hours of training receive a Safe Zone certificate identifying them as an Ally—and, if they choose, they can be listed as an Ally on the Safe Zone website.

Among the Safe Zone community events are First Fridays—Now First Wednesdays—that

bring together LGBTQI students and allies to socialize in a safe and judgment-free space.

Other activities include Coming Out Day speak-outs and a year-end party for the entire campus. The Safe Zone program and Student Affairs also held a memorial for those lost at the Club Pulse shooting in Orlando.

For more information about Safe Zone, contact Joel Sahadath at joel.sahadath@lehman.cuny.edu or Dr. Lucinda Bratini at lucinda.bratini@lehman.cuny.edu.



New Head Coaches in Lightning Tennis and Track

Ana Belzunce and Hugh Reid have joined the Athletics coaching staff. “We’re thrilled to have them,” says Dr. Martin L. Zwiren, Director of Athletics. “They bring to us extensive experience, the ability to recruit and retain quality student-athletes and proven success in CUNYAC.”

Belzunce, the new tennis head coach, is a native of Spain. A former collegiate star herself, she ranked in the Top 100 in NCAA Division I singles play at the University of Maryland. She played professionally for tennis clubs in Spain, France and Germany.



Belzunce began her coaching career in Europe, and for the past two years, has coached at the John McEnroe Tennis Academy on Randall’s Island. She joined Lehman last spring—in time to coach the Lightning men’s team to victories over CUNY powers Brooklyn College and the College of Staten Island. And now the women’s team is off to its best start in years.

Hugh Reid, the new track head coach, was named CUNYAC Coach of the Year 17 times. His teams have dominated the conference in men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor competition. He has coached championship teams, Athletes of the Year, NCAA All Americans and national and international medalists.

A native of Barbados, he was a track star at the University of Massachusetts

at Amherst, and he received a law degree from the University of West Virginia.

In addition to coaching, Reid is a practicing attorney in Brooklyn.

He was an eight-time

National Champion and he represented the island nation as a sprinter in major international track and field meets.

As a master’s athlete, Reid has represented the United States. He was a seven-time U.S. National Champion, three-time National Silver medalist and two-time U.S. National Bronze medalist.



The Focus Is on Academic Success in the UMLP

The Urban Male Leadership Program (UMLP) welcomed 95 freshmen, transfer and returning students at a “Passport to Success” reception and panel discussion in the Faculty Dining Room on September 7.

Students were briefed on the UMLP’s mission to help them become successful as students and as citizens. They learned about the program’s rich resources to keep them focused on doing well academically and graduating on a timely basis.

The UMLP works to strengthen the skills and abilities of all Lehman students—with an emphasis on Black and Latino males, who have been historically underrepresented in higher education. At the reception, students were introduced to the program’s Fall Calendar, Passport to Success booklet, induction criteria, upcoming program events and workshops.

Among the speakers were Student Affairs Vice President José Magdaleno, Dean John Holloway and UMLP



At the UMLP reception (l-r) panelists Dr. Carl Mazza and Dr. Jermaine Monk with Lehman President Dr. José L. Cruz and UMLP Director Michael A. Deas.

Director Michael A. Deas. They talked about how students can learn to identify their personal education path and avoid potential academic pitfalls.

“Your hard work will be rewarded and UMLP will provide support every step of the way,” said Director Deas.

After the reception, the UMLP and Department of Social Work hosted a panel discussion on “Unity in the Community: Every Life Matters.” The participants were Social Work Assistant

Professor Jermaine Monk (moderator), Social Work Chair Carl Mazza, New York Civil Liberties Union Organizer Brandon Holmes, former Bronx Assistant DA LaTasha Carter and The Bethea Firm founder DeTravis Bethea (panelists).

The solution-oriented panelists talked about constructively sharing personal stories on engagement with police officers and the importance of gaining useful tools in interacting with law

enforcement.

The UMLP recognizes that every life matters and that the community and law enforcement need to work together to resolve challenges related to negative interactions with law enforcement.

The UMLP continues to emphasize the importance of promoting student awareness and providing students with the tools they need to advance both their academic and their leadership development.

Dialogue on Race and Policing in Campus Life

The HHL Center for Student Leadership hosted an innovative dialogue on race and policing in the Campus Life Building. Students walked through a photo exhibit of police shootings and wrote their responses on post-it notes. On final blank posters, they suggested ways to address this complex and volatile issue as a campus community.



Suzette Ramsundar, Leadership Center Coordinator and Associate Director of Campus Life, says the idea for the program came several years ago, after a keynote presentation by Dr. Shaun Harper.

"We felt it was important to begin an intentional dialogue about systemic inequity that affects urban commuter students," says Ramsundar, a co-presenter at a NASPA conference on "Addressing Diversity in a Minority Serving Institution: Using a Social Justice Framework."

This was the first dialogue of the semester and it was well attended and well received. Among those participating were students in the leadership program,

Student Affairs administrators and faculty members.

The guest speaker was Keith Lamont Stith, NYPD Deputy Chief of Detectives, who has more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement. He shared with students his insights about everyday policing and suggested what they should do if they are stopped. At the event, Chief Stith was interviewed by Dawn Ewing Morgan, Director of Compliance and Diversity in the President's Office, and he answered many of the participants' questions.

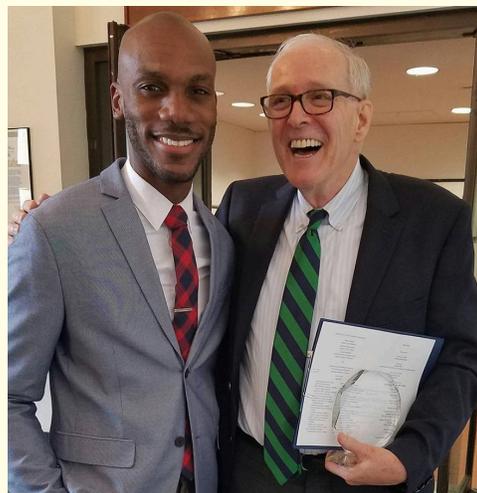
Students also shared personal stories of their fears and anger at being stopped by the police. They asked for more discussions like this on campus.

The next event in the series is set for October 26. It will feature a panel discussion by campus and community police. "Our goal is to promote understanding, advocate for change and help our students feel safe," says Ramsundar.

A collaborative group of staff, faculty and students will review student suggestions gleaned from the recent program and consider the structure and format of other programs to follow. If you are interest in participating, contact Suzette.Ramsundar@lehman.cuny.edu or visit the Student Life building, Room 219.

Outstanding Service

Award *Campus Life Director Michael E. Sullivan received the Community Convocation Award and a standing ovation at the Convocation ceremony. Now in his 18th year at Lehman, Director Sullivan, with Ode Hoppie (l-r), was honored for his contributions to the College. "Everything I learned about leadership came from this guy," says Hoppie, a past Student Government president who now runs a college leadership program in New Jersey.*



Record Enrollment *More than 400 students enrolled in the Lehman Center for Student Leadership Development this fall, a new record. They signed up for sections of a seven-week, co-curricular leadership module that meets on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. At left, Campus Life Director Michael Sullivan leads a leadership-identity activity called True Colors.*