‘Subway Samaritan’ is Guest at Annual Salute to Veterans Event

Lehman’s Office of Veterans and Military Affairs held its second annual Salute to Veterans luncheon in the East Dining Room on November 9. The event honors the large and growing number of Lehman students, staff and community residents who are veterans or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. This annual recognition of national service was launched by Barbara Thompson, who joined the Division of Student Affairs as Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs in 2010.

The 86 luncheon attendees included students and staff, New York City firefighters and police officers, and special guest Wesley J. Aubrey, a Navy veteran and construction worker better known in the media as the “Subway Samaritan,” “Subway Superman” and “Hero of Harlem.” In an act of great courage, Aubrey rescued a 19-year-old film student who had suffered a seizure and fallen onto the tracks, from being struck by a subway train.

Aubrey was on Time magazine’s “100 Most Influential People” list, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg awarded him one of New York City’s highest honors, the Bronze Medallion—along with a year’s worth of free subway rides.

The Salute to Veterans luncheon was catered free of charge by Nayyarsons Food Corp. and the Morton Williams Supermarket donated the soft drinks.

Veterans at the luncheon include Lehman students, staff and members of the community.

The recent Salute to Veterans marked the 236th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10. Cutting the cake (l-r) are special guest Wesley Aubrey and Marine Sergeant Joseph Soto, who is President of the Legion of Veterans student club at Lehman.
Child Care Center Kids Host Luncheon in Spirit of Giving

To encourage growth in social and emotional development, the children of the Lehman College Child Care Center hosted a luncheon for families and staff to support its “Food for All” campaign. The children prepared tortellini skewers, tortellini salad, and fruit cups.

Also in the spirit of giving, the children will again be selling singing telegrams to spread cheer to the campus. Telegrams can be purchased for a nominal fee and will be delivered the week of December 12. All of the proceeds will be donated to Kids for Kids to support the “Food For All” campaign supporting those in need.

Lehman Men’s Health Clinic Meets on First Tuesday of Each Month

The Student Health Center’s mission is to provide quality, affordable care and preventive health education in order to help Lehman students succeed. While the campus is predominantly female, the Center has reached out to our male students as well, to ensure that their health is protected.

Uninsured male students have received physical exams at the Center, and they have learned about other health services they could benefit from. Some men have applied for and received health insurance through a representative who is onsite at the Center twice a week. “They’re getting the message that we have a campus health facility they can depend upon when they need care,” says Director Cindy Kreisberg. Call (718) 960-8900 to make an appointment.

Students Become Holiday ‘Elves’

Lehman student volunteers took part in the annual Holiday Elfing Project in lower Manhattan in collaboration with the nonprofit group Visiting Neighbors.

This new initiative came about after Visiting Neighbors lost the funding for its elfing project. Students and staff in the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs decided to keep the project going. To that end, they launched a collection drive and taught the Lehman community how to crochet lap throws for homebound senior citizens.

During the month of November, students gathered at Carman Café three times a week to crochet. As they worked together, both new and experienced crocheters formed new relationships with each other as well.

The students wrapped their gifts at a holiday wrapping party in the President’s Conference Room. On December 6, they joined a group of students from NYU to become “elves” and deliver their holiday cheer. For many of the seniors, the gifts delivered by the students will be the only ones they receive this season.

Mark Polisar, M.D., Medical Director of the Student Health Center, takes a student’s medical history during the Men’s Only Health Clinic held the first Tuesday of each month.
Office of SDS Showcases Livescribe Pen at Lehman’s First SI Mini Conference

The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) was among the participants in the first SI (Supplemental Instruction) Mini-Conference, “Mind to Mind, Hand to Hand: Developing Independent Learning through Peer Mentoring and Coaching.” The event, held on campus last fall, included presenters from 13 CUNY institutions, CUNY Central, the Murphy Institute, and seven outside institutions. The Office of SDS shared its ongoing work with the Livescribe Smartpen as part of the Conference’s Multimedia Showcase.

Livescribe’s advanced technology has provided new avenues for independence and learning for a variety of students in a number of settings. For the past year, through its Livescribe Pilot Program, SDS has been training students with different disabilities to use the pen, and coaching them to develop new notetaking and review strategies.

Multimedia Showcase attendees had the opportunity not only to use the Livescribe Smartpen and consider its potential benefit in supplemental instruction, but also to become familiar with the Office of SDS’s programs and gain insight into ways Lehman students with disabilities are able to attain academic success.

“To date, a dozen students have been involved in the pilot and the feedback is encouraging,” says Merrill Parra, Director. “We hope to expand the program in the near future.” To learn more about the Livescribe Smartpen and other assistive technology, visit the ACCESS and Technology Center (ATC) in the Library, Room 218, or contact Jill Roter at 960-1167.
The Lehman men’s soccer team won its first-ever CUNY Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) championship in an exciting match with Baruch College in front of an overflow crowd at Randall’s Island. The win came in a penalty kick shootout after the teams played to a 2-2 standoff during 110 minutes of play. Lehman’s Thaddeus Ikwuka scored the winning goal.

The victory caps a winning season and ares the team’s only CUNYAC loss—which came at the hands of Baruch in September. It also completes a stunning ascent that saw the team rise from club status to conference champion in three short years at the helm of head coach Joe André, who played for the Lightning during his years as a student at Lehman.

“It means a lot to win this,” says André. “Lehman is home, and I’m glad to give back.”

**Taekwondo Classes Build Technique, Discipline, Confidence**

Taekwondo is one of the world’s most popular martial arts in terms of the number of practitioners. It often combines self-defense, sport, exercise, meditation and philosophy. It has been an Olympic event since 2000.

Grandmaster B. M. Kim led Lehman students in a seven-class taekwondo training program that was sponsored by the Student Health Center and held at The APEX. The Student Government Association provided financial support for the classes and supplied Gatorade and water at each session.

In addition to learning basic techniques of self-defense, the students agreed that they had also gained in self-confidence and self-discipline. They were tested in December for the white belt level at Kim’s White Plains school. They received uniforms, belts, and certificates—and several have decided to continue with their training.