Introducing CIT’s First Newsletter

It’s hard to believe that summer is over and another school year began! There has always been something appealing about a new school year: new classes, new professors, new school supplies with notebooks waiting to be doodled in, seeing old friends and making new ones.

And for the 2011-2012 school year Careers In Teaching begins its first full year at Lehman College. Since our start up last winter we have officially enrolled close to 130 students in the program! Most of you have met our dedicated and fun loving staff: Counselor Advocates Kalya Castillo and Johnny Santana, our meet and greet administrative assistant, Minosky Perez and myself, Program Director Janice Kohn. Many CIT students took advantage of our 7 waived summer classes. Our summer, while busy planning and recruiting new students has been awfully quiet and we are glad that activities have begun.

This is the first edition of our newsletter, meant to be an opportunity to keep you up to date with things going on within our program and information that will assist you on your path to becoming teachers.

We want this newsletter to be of value and welcome ideas and articles. This is an open call to all our English majors (we know who you are!!) to volunteer to write articles. Look at it as a resume builder too!

Take the time to schedule an individual appointment with your Counselor Advocate and check your email daily—you never know what may be there.

Here’s to a successful Fall Semester!

Janice
Program Director,
Careers In Teaching

Upcoming Workshops & Events

Daily issues of the New York Times are now available in the office for CIT Students.
Mon, 10/3/2011
CIT Teacher Certification Workshop
3:30-5 PM
Wed, 10/5/2011
CIT Orientation Event
3:30-5 PM
Tues, 10/18/2011
Drop-In Session at Carman Café: Working Parents Roundtable
12-1 PM
Tues, 10/25/2011
Drop-In Session at Carman Café: Classroom Observation Roundtable
12-1 PM

* To view our entire list of updated events please refer to the CIT Calendar
New CIT students attend Summer Orientation

On August 2nd, 2011, seventeen students attended Careers in Teaching (CIT) Orientation sessions held in Carman Hall. Two sessions were held, one in the morning and the afternoon, to accommodate student schedules. The sessions, mandatory for new CIT members, were hosted by Director Janice Kohn as well as Counselor Advocates Johnny Santana and Kalya Castillo.

New members learned about the mission and purpose of the CIT program, including program perks and incentives. Many actively participated in discussions on the role of teachers in the classroom, as well as their own reasons for deciding to pursue a career in education. Several students passionately drew upon their own experiences working with youth in the classroom.

Throughout Orientation CIT members had the chance to mingle as they engaged in an icebreaker game and networking opportunity with other new members. By the end of Orientation members were talking in small groups, sharing their experiences as Lehman students. All members attending Orientation received a Welcome packet.

An upcoming Orientation session is scheduled for early this Fall.

Summer Tuition-Waved Classes a Success

The first summer session of 2011 was a success. Thanks to our students, staff, and faculty. Students had the opportunity to sign up for seven tuition waived summer classes that were available: ECE 301, ESC 302, LEH 300, ENW 204, and MAT 132. Students received books, notebooks, and pens. Also, a tutor was assigned to each class to meet and network with other students and build a sense of community. The Careers in Teaching staff is proud and hopes to continue providing students with our best support. Careers in Teaching will provide winter courses for those students who participate and are part of our program.

Moet Anglin for landing an internship this summer.

Jessica Trujillo for being chosen as part of the fund-raise team of the Jumpstart program.

Jessica Bourdon, Joanna Gomez, Jennifer Guerrier, Arnette Harper, Desiree Johnson, Rachel McNear, Roberta Neves–Collins, Shannon O’Connor, Awilda Taveras and Jessica Trujillo for passing the LAST exam.

*Please inform us if you pass any certification exams!