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Welcome to the Graduate Student Council (GSC) Newsletter where you will find monthly updates for the remainder of the 2021-2022 academic year on issues, events, and scholarships pertinent to CCNY graduate students. This newsletter is dedicated to promoting a sense of community as well as providing relevant information as we keep moving forward in achieving our individual and collective educational goals!

WHO IS SERVING ON YOUR COUNCIL?

Chair: Jennifer Bowen Hoanzl, School of Education

Vice Chair: Coleman Downing, Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

Treasurer/Secretary: Sarah Perez, Division of Humanities and the Arts

Vice Chair For Community Affairs: Sabrina Tenteromano, Sustainability in the Urban Environment

Vice Chair of Academic Affairs: Kevin Walsh, Grove School of Engineering

Welcome Back to Campus!

It's been a really long time since we've been face-to-face. For a lot of students, the Spring 2022 semester would be the first time ever stepping foot on campus. We want to make sure that you are ready for your return to on-campus life. Here are some of the things you need to know:

1. To make sure that students are safe during these uncertain times, CCNY will be taking precautions such as random testing and health screenings with the Cleared4 passes. These measures will be applicable to students, staff and their guests. You can read more about this in the memo posted by the Vice President of Operations, Ken Ihrer.
2. Everyone is required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth while on campus. CCNY will be providing protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitizers in accessible parts of campus. There will also regular cleaning of all campus spaces. If there are any spaces that do not measure up to cleanliness standards, students are free to report this.
3. For students who will be commuting to campus for their classes, the shuttle bus is available for use during the semester. It will be running loops between 125th street and St. Nicholas Avenue and 145th street and St. Nicholas Avenue from 6:30 am and 9:15 pm. The shuttle bus does not operate on holidays, days when classes are cancelled, and during inter-sessions.

2022 Graduate Research Symposium

The Graduate Research Symposium is an event where graduate students have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and talents. All majors are welcomed, and all types of projects are accepted.

Top winners will be awarded scholarship prizes so begin thinking about your project now! Look out for more information in your Citymail soon!

Take Care of Yourself

Take the time to look after your physical and mental health this semester.

- Wingate Fitness Center in Wingate Hall (Open 10-6) Free personal training available!
- Online On-Demand Yoga Classes January 17-April 11. Sign up [here](#).
- Connect with a CCNY professional counselor [here](#).





Optimize Your Career Options

by Rhea Faniel, Senior Associate Director, Diversity Recruitment and Employer Relations, CPDI

Looking for full time job or internship?? You don't have to go it alone. The Career and Professional Development Institute better known as CPDI, can assist you with anything career related from resume assistance and interviewing support to referring your resume to employers who are looking to fill open positions.

Career services support is not just for undergraduate students. Even if you already have a job or are just trying to get a promotion or raise in your current job, CPDI can provide support and keep you abreast of the new opportunities that you may not have considered.

CPDI can help grad students in so many ways. Our professional staff can educate you about the industry that you are interested in, help you retool your resume, provide you with an opportunity to network and connect with hiring managers for internships and full-time jobs, negotiate salary, review your cv and personal statement for PhD programs.

"Our staff...knows who is hiring and more specifically who wants a CCNY student!"

Our staff is also knowledgeable about the current job market and knows who is hiring and more specifically who wants a CCNY student!

CPDI hosts a robust job board, Career Connection and has over 800 jobs and internships currently posted. Career Connection not only advertises job openings, but also is a career management system. A full calendar of our career building workshops is listed, and you can register right online. Topics include anything from Resumé and Cover letter writing to Mastering the Interview Process. CPDI also offers 3 different workshops on the Job Search process.

If you want a dedicated counselor who will help you with your career needs, then join the CPDI Internship or Senior Recruitment Program. The best part of all, you have access to all of CPDI's services for one year after you graduate from CCNY!!!

Check them out at
<https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/cpdi>

Information Session Dates

February 5	Bloomberg All majors
February 15	PSEG Long Island Engineering Majors
February 17	NYC DCAS- Learn about jobs working in NYC-Open to all majors for all city roles
February 24	Bloomberg -Special Resume Session for all majors

Career Fair Dates

February 22	Virtual Architecture Job Fair
March 3	Spring Job and Internship Fair-On Campus, Shepard Hall
March 4	Virtual Spring Job and Internship Fair

Commencement

Are you graduating in the Spring? Get ready to walk across the stage for CCNY's first post-Covid in-person ceremony!

There are a lot of things that you need to know in order to be ready for graduation in the coming months. We would like to make that journey as seamless as possible.

The application window for graduation this spring is from **November 1, 2021** to **February 11, 2022**. That means you have less than **two weeks** to make sure that you have fulfilled all of the requirements for this. Visit CUNYFirst and make a call to the Registrar to ensure that these steps have been completed.

Graduated already and wondering when you will receive your diploma? They are usually sent out 3 months after the completion of your courses. So set your calendar and keep an eye out for that.

Class of 2022 To-Do List

- ☐ Apply for Graduation on CUNYFirst
- ☐ [Cap & Gown](#)
- ☐ [Senior Portraits](#)
- ☐ [Diploma Plaques](#)
- ☐ [Senior Rings](#)
- ☐ [Submit Yearbook Pictures](#)
- ☐ Honor Cords

Add/Drop Period

February 3 is the last day that you can add a class to your existing enrollment. If you would like to add or exchange a class, you need to act soon!

There are so many interesting courses that are still open to choose from so make sure you are properly weighing out your options.

Graduate Student Clubs

Coming back to campus and need an avenue to become part of a community and make friends? Join a club!

There are a lot of graduate student clubs at CCNY which might pique your interests. Some of them are:

- Hockey for Health
- American Medical Women's Association
- American Society of Landscape Architecture
- First Love

If you want to create or are already managing a club of your own, the Graduate Student Council can help you out. Complete the [GSC funding application](#) for each event your club would like to hold this year and send to jbowen000@gtest.ccny.cuny.edu and sperez15@gtest.ccny.cuny.edu. Your GSC wants to fund as many graduate student events as we can!





Spotlight on Students: Yachi Patel, M.A. Psychology



What is your profession?

I am currently working in a per diem position in the psychology world. It's in the Vocational Services department at Northwell Health. One of my professors suggested it – it was a position that I never would have thought of by myself, so it was nice to get that push and do work that I enjoy.

I have also been applying to PhD programs. The next few months are hopefully going to be filled with interviews and making pivotal life decisions. I am really excited.

Why City College?

I did not have a very pleasant undergraduate experience. I felt like I was just a number,

I really had my mind set on going to medical school, but then the pandemic hit while I was volunteering in a morgue and I realized that this wasn't what I wanted. So I quit, and turned down an offer at NYIT's College of Osteopathic Medicine which a lot of people thought I was insane for doing. I took the GRE without studying and applied to a bunch of schools. CCNY was the first school that accepted me and I decided to roll the dice with them.

I do not regret my decision at all. It's funny that I completed my entire Master's without ever stepping foot on campus, but I feel that I gained so much from this experience. I think I have found my pass

And now I have transitioned from being a small fish in a big pond to feeling like a big fish in a small pond with all of the relationships that I have made during this Master's.

What's been your best experience so far?

I got engaged to the best guy! We are planning our wedding and living in bliss.

In terms of schooling, I took a doctorate level course in cognition. I was the only Master's student in that class and was exposed to a world of knowledge. It was such a boost of self esteem that I was able to pull my own weight amongst them

This is the happiest I have been in a while.

What kind of things do you like to do in your spare time?

I haven't really had a lot of spare time recently. My first day off in six months was Christmas Day and I didn't know what to do with myself.

I have decided to make the time to prioritize my mental health going forward. I have started going to the gym on a regular basis and taking myself on dates. I am doing my best to make sure that I am the best version of me.

Did you know?

One of the best ways to learn about CCNY is by serving on student council. The Graduate Student Council is the governing body of the graduate students of City College. We represent the interests of all graduate students and function as a liaison between the graduate student body and the College's administration. The GSC works diligently to improve the quality of graduate student life on campus.

We provide four main services:

- Assistance in Forming and Funding Graduate Student Clubs
- Graduate Student Computer Lab (Not currently available)
- Graduate Student Lounge (Not currently available)
- Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium

Elections are held in the Spring so look out for an announcement in your Citymail to find out how to get elected!