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**Annual
Report**

2022–2023



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York College's exceptional faculty and innovative student success programs — including mentoring, financial aid, and scholarships — support every student's ability to pursue and achieve their highest goals. Our overarching priority is to deliver an outstanding education at an affordable cost so that higher education and its life-changing benefits are the province of all.

DEAR FRIENDS,



I am pleased to share the York College 2022–2023 annual report with you. This year our campus has been filled with the energy of returning students who have moved from online to on-site learning. Their presence has brought a renewed vibrancy to our campus. At the same time, through the dedication of our faculty, we remain nimble at selectively integrating online learning as a way to provide a path to earning a college degree for all of our students, particularly since many work and juggle family responsibilities.

Being attuned to the needs of our students so that they can reach their highest potential is one of the greatest strengths of the College. I am inspired by how the faculty and staff share the unwavering vision that student success anchors and drives our mission of enriching lives and enabling students to grow as passionate and engaged learners who will have an impact as individuals and global citizens.

I am confident that as you read this annual report, you will see how the four pillars of our strategic plan all converge to move York College forward on its continued trajectory to greatness and excellence for every student who enrolls. Along with the honor of being ranked #2 in social mobility for our graduates in this annual report year by CollegeNET, it is important to note that our students are not only attaining social and economic change, they are creating changes in their communities. The civic engagement of our students encompasses Environmental Science majors assisting our local Southeast Queens neighbors on addressing air quality issues, Accounting majors providing tax assistance, Nursing students conducting health screenings, and the entire student body engaging in dialogue with local public officials who visit our campus.

The combination of the intellectual and personal growth of our students makes our community stronger and the role of York College even more vital to graduating future leaders. I hope you join me in celebrating another exciting and rewarding year.

Berenecea J. Eanes
President



OUR MISSION

York College enriches lives and enables students to grow as passionate, engaged learners with the confidence to realize their intellectual and human potential as individuals and global citizens.



President Joe Biden met York College President Eanes at the State of the Union in Washington, D.C., where she was a guest of U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks

ABOUT YORK

Through York College's hallmark liberal arts, business, and science programs, students can select from more than 60 undergraduate majors and six master's programs. One of the 25 colleges within The City University of New York (CUNY) system, York College is the first choice for prospective CUNY students interested in the health professions; allied health sciences; and business, including aviation management. Located in Queens, the most ethnically diverse borough in New York City, York College has established itself as a model for enabling first generation college students to earn an undergraduate degree and preparing them for graduate education and the competitive marketplace.



STUDENT PROFILE



UNDERGRADUATES

64%
FEMALE

61%
UNDERREPRESENTED
MINORITIES

92%
COMMUTE TO YORK FROM
WITHIN NYC

GRAD STUDENTS

78%
FEMALE

47%
UNDERREPRESENTED
MINORITIES

81%
COMMUTE TO YORK FROM
WITHIN NYC

GOAL 1

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

York College
helps **students**
thrive and
graduate

New York City Council
Speaker Adrienne Adams
at the groundbreaking
for the College's new
Welcome Center, for
which she secured funding





Reconnecting Former Students with the Dream of Earning a College Degree

As part of CUNY's new Reconnect initiative, York's admissions team re-enrolled more than 600 individuals who were once students at the College but had to leave due to various life circumstances. Reconnect's goal is central to York's mission of enriching lives and enabling students to grow as passionate, engaged learners with the confidence to realize their intellectual and human potential as individuals and global citizens.

The hallmarks of Reconnect — including personalized support, a dedicated advisor, and financial aid advisement — serve as touchstones for assisting adults on their path back to college. The College is deeply appreciative of New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams' vision and success in making CUNY's Reconnect and our newly constructed Welcome Center possible. York's Welcome Center, which houses our Reconnect program, extended its hours to evenings and weekends to ensure that our Student Success Coordinators are available to work individually with each aspiring student.



The Pipeline to a College Degree

The plan to build a robust recruitment and enrollment pipeline has led to the creation and implementation of a new Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. Grounded in data, the college-wide strategic task force worked closely with an enrollment expert to identify key entry points for reaching potential new students. An analysis of how to further leverage student success programs, financial aid, and new technologies undergirds the plan's goal of ensuring that York College continues to be an engine of social mobility for its graduates.



Students Mentoring Students

Through a collaboration with the Mentor Collective, 160 York College sophomores, juniors, and seniors mentored 550 first-year and transfer students. The almost 2,400 interactions between mentors and mentees helped new students better navigate their first-year experience; build community; and access resources, including academic, financial, and mental health support.



STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Political Science Majors Win Conference Award

Political Science majors Isabelle Peterson (left) and Mark Ogbuehi (right) won the United States Agency for International Development's People's Choice Award at the Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices: Inclusivity for a Stronger World conference for their innovative proposal on how to address coastal waste management in the Philippines.



1,084
TOTAL GRADUATES
2022–2023*

993

UNDERGRADUATE
DEGREES

131

GRADUATE
DEGREES

676

UNDERREPRESENTED
MINORITY
STUDENTS

87.6%

MEMBERS OF A
RACIAL/ETHNIC
MINORITY GROUP

540

DEGREES AWARDED
SCHOOL OF HEALTH
SCIENCES &
PROFESSIONAL
PROGRAMS

377

DEGREES AWARDED
SCHOOL OF
ARTS & SCIENCES

207

DEGREES AWARDED
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
INFORMATION
& SYSTEMS

GRADUATES WITH DISTINCTION

64

CUM LAUDE

28

MAGNA
CUM LAUDE

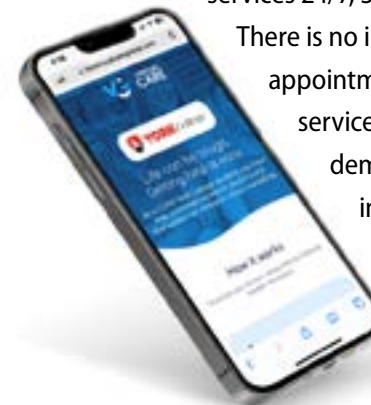
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SUMMA
CUM LAUDE

*All graduate data in report are preliminary.

Leading the Way in Student Health Services

York College’s Counseling Center launched a free virtual 24-hour telehealth service to support the health and mental well-being of York students — the first and only CUNY institution to do so. Now, with a press of a button on an innovative telehealth app, students can immediately access board-certified physicians and mental health services 24/7, 365 days a year, in more than 150 languages.



There is no insurance, copay, or waiting for an appointment. Notably, York students are using this service at twice the rate of other colleges, demonstrating how crucial it is to provide innovative means of student support. This new initiative is part of the College’s commitment to expanding student wellness resources, which evidence shows are directly linked to academic success.

York College Student Scholars Excel

York students have access to a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom. Among the highlights in the 2022–2023 academic year:

- Students Divine Ehidom, Paola Sanchez, Kenzai Sinclair, and Kerryann Van Velzen starred at the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Qualifying Tournament.
- A group of York students attended the State of the Black World Conference in Baltimore. The students heard keynote speeches from the leaders of Caribbean and African nations on the theme of Global Africans Rising: Empowerment, Reparations, and Healing.
- Accounting students convened at Deloitte’s New York headquarters to meet with executives from the company’s advisory, audit, and tax departments. York students were also on site this year networking at other major companies, including KPMG, another Big Four firm, and Grant Thornton, the #5 top firm in the country.
- York Geology majors, faculty, and alumni attended the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver and demonstrated their research acumen through eight poster presentations.



Emergency Funding for Students

The Carroll and Milton Petrie Student Emergency Fund and the One York Emergency Relief Fund provided \$332,107 in short-term emergency grants so that students who experienced unexpected hardship were able to stay in school and continue to pursue their degree.

“Thank you for believing in me and allowing me to hold my head up high. I can now pay my bills and finish this semester without the fears that come along with struggles.”

“Trying to stay focused in school has been a priority, and now it can be a bit easier with this grant.”

“Thank you for helping me get to my goal at age 50. The College is helping me reach my dream of succeeding as a professional in America!”

GOAL 2

ENSURING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

York College's
outstanding academic
programs meet
standards of excellence
and provide
**transformational
educational
experiences**

York students put their skills to work
in measuring local air quality as part
of an EPA-funded community-based
research project



Student Scholarship in Action: Community-Based Research Gathers Data on Local Air Quality

York College students are playing an important role in a \$1.3 million EPA-funded study designed to strengthen Southeast Queens residents' health advocacy efforts. With guidance from York College Environmental Health Science Professor Dr. Dawn Roberts-Semple, students are training Jamaica-based residents to collect fine-particle air pollutants, analyze tree leaf samples for toxins, and use portable low-cost technology for air sampling.

The critical data that students help residents to collect will support the community's appeals to legislators to address environmental toxins contributing to respiratory diseases in the community. Through this experience, students gain in-depth knowledge on environmental pollutants, such as fine-particle matter, nitrogen oxide, and ground-level ozone — all while supporting our neighbors.

NEW
MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING
PROGRAM

MOVEMENT SCIENCE
PROGRAM
REACCREDITED
THROUGH
2032



State Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman in the new flight simulator

New State-of-the-Art Aviation Training Tool

In a sign of growth and commitment to York College's Aviation Management program, the College acquired a new state-of-the-art flight simulator for students studying for FAA flight dispatcher and air traffic controller positions. The Redbird simulator was made possible by New York State Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman, who secured funding for this essential training tool. By combining training in the Redbird with York's rigorous academic program and collaborations with airports and the Port Authority, York is preparing students for future success in the industry.



\$2.1 Million for New Lab, Programs, and Equipment

U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks secured a major investment of \$2.1 million in York students' success. This key funding enables the College to establish a state-of-the-art Pharmaceutical Analytical Laboratory; a Pharmaceutical Science workforce training program; and turnkey investments in students majoring in Geology, the majority of whom are first-generation Americans from Southeast Queens. The funding will also be used to procure cutting-edge equipment in both academic programs, providing students with even more unparalleled opportunities to achieve their highest potential.

61.5%

OF AY2022-2023 GRADUATES WERE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE

37

LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN BY GRADUATES ALONG WITH ENGLISH

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Zabala '23 Presents Research at Conference

Movement Science major and graduating senior Kristelle Ira Zabala presented her research abstract "The Influence of Yoga on Psychological Health among Urban Ethnic-Minority College Students" at the American College of Sports Medicine's Greater Regional New York Chapter spring conference.



CUNY's First Clinic for Student Athletes with Mobility Issues

York College's Occupational Therapy (OT) program opened the first and only complex rehab technology Seating and Mobility Clinic in CUNY for student athletes. Now student athletes with mobility issues can turn to York College for assessment and solutions to wheelchair modifications. This is an urgent issue, as students often have to wait four months to a year for help with their adaptive equipment due to a scarcity of seating and mobility clinics. Now student athletes from across all of CUNY will have access to prompt, professional care on York's campus.

The plan is that within two years, all CUNY students with mobility needs will have access to York's clinic. The benefit for OT students is also tremendous: They will gain highly specialized knowledge and skills that will give them a competitive edge and a niche in the workforce. True to the spirit and values of the College, York OT students will be at the forefront of creating greater access to higher education for all students. To make this clinic a reality, York faculty are working in close collaboration with CUNY's Inclusive and Adaptive Sports program; NuMotion, which creates adaptive equipment; Weill Cornell rehab doctors; and York's Center for Students with Disabilities.

Faculty Grants Advance Racial and Social Justice

Six York College faculty members — Drs. Lindamichelle Baron, Michael Sharpe, Robin Harper, Harrynauth Persaud, and Vincent Jones II, and Professor Larry Tung — were selected to receive seminal Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Initiative grants funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grants are designed to create transformative changes to advance racial and social justice across the College and CUNY. York faculty's innovative proposals — which employ a range of research and scholarship activities, including podcasts, documentaries, qualitative research, and exploration of the efficacy of 3D simulations to support teaching for social justice — were among the 126 selected from more than 500 CUNY faculty submissions.



ALUMNUS SUCCESS STORY

Richards '17 Earns Coveted Fellowship

Jermaine Anthony Richards '17, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, was awarded a 2023 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. The son of Jamaican immigrants, Jermaine was one of 30 fellows selected from a pool of nearly 2,000 applicants for the Soros Fellowship, which is awarded to immigrants and children of immigrants who are poised to make significant contributions to society, culture, or academia.



GOAL 3

SUPPORTING FACULTY AND STAFF

York College
invests in
**faculty and
staff support
and success**





York Hosts Police Wellness Training Program

Positive police reform was front and center at York College when nearly 140 law enforcement officers participated in a police officer wellness training course hosted by the College's Public Safety department. The College welcomed the NYPD, the MTA, state troopers, sheriffs, Corrections, the Division of Criminal Justice, CUNY Public Safety, and local police municipalities in a program conducted by the Allegany County Sheriff's Department. The program was co-instructed with law enforcement officers and culturally competent mental health clinicians. York College is the only CUNY campus and Public Safety department that has hosted a law enforcement wellness training program on such a large scale.

During the training, officers explored how to identify common mental health risk factors, including reduced life expectancy, higher divorce rates, and other issues that are associated with a career in law enforcement. Participants also learned about how hypervigilance when policing can create a negative reaction cycle. Each participant had the opportunity to develop wellness plans for building and sustaining personal and professional wellness and resilience. The training promoted mental health among officers, which ultimately leads to better policing and more positive relationships with the communities served.



Strengthening Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As one of the most diverse campuses in CUNY, the College is committed to fostering an environment that encourages communication, respect, and cultural competency among faculty, staff, and students. To strengthen the College's efforts, York was awarded a CUNY Campus Climate Support Grant of \$24,000, which was used for a series of workshops coordinated by the Office of Diversity and Compliance and the Center for Students with Disabilities. The workshops included topics such as understanding unconscious bias, moving from microaggressions to microaffirmations, LGBTQIA+ history, disability awareness, and honoring veteran service. Ten workshops served more than 225 participants.



Celebrating Assessment

The College's third annual Celebrating Assessment event demonstrated the campus-wide commitment to using data to identify and forge pathways to strengthen York's academic and student success programs. This year's event featured a lens on the Social Work program, General Education, and the Center for Students with Disabilities. Through the presentations, best practices were shared and are being used to guide future initiatives and strategies for success. Certificates of appreciation were distributed to recognize the in-depth work of Assessment Committee members, workshop presenters, and faculty and staff who led assessment workshops during the academic year.



Dr. Virginia Thompson, assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science, at Celebrating Assessment

Marking the ADA's 32nd Anniversary

York College's Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) — along with representatives from York's Student Government, Student Affairs, and Veterans Affairs — joined forces with the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. York had the largest contingent of representatives, and members of the CSD received citations in recognition of their activism and advocacy on behalf of disabled students statewide.



The Office of Academic Affairs and the Urban Health Lab hosted an event with Ron Goldberg (second from left), author of *Boy with the Bullhorn: A Memoir and History of ACT UP New York*. The book chronicles Goldberg's experience during the darkest days of the AIDS crisis.

New Awards for Research and Sponsored Programs

INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS BY DEPARTMENT

Academic Affairs

\$750,000 from the Department of Education to fund the York STEM Academy, submitted by Derrick Brazill

\$16,000 from the Department of Defense through the National Science Teaching Association to fund the Metro New York City Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, submitted by Panayiotis Meleties and Dawn Hewitt

\$12,000 from the Department of Defense through the National Science Teaching Association to fund the New York Long Island Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, submitted by Panayiotis Meleties and Dawn Hewitt

Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives

\$364,426 from the New York State Small Business Development Center, submitted by Harry Wells RFSUNY

AWARDS RECEIVED BY SCHOOLS

School of Arts and Sciences

BIOLOGY
\$487,150 from the National Institutes of Health to fund Understanding the Microcircuits in Monkey Sensory Cortices: a Connectomic Approach, submitted by Virginia Garcia-Marin

MATHEMATICS
\$149,814 from the Department of Defense/Office of the Secretary of Defense to fund 2021 GenCyber, submitted by Thitima Srivatanakul, Fenio Annansign-Jamieson, Xin Bai, and Derrick Brazill

\$8,400 from the Simons Foundation to fund Operators, Curvature, and Stochastic Processes on Weighted Graphs, submitted by Radoslaw Wojciechowski

School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs

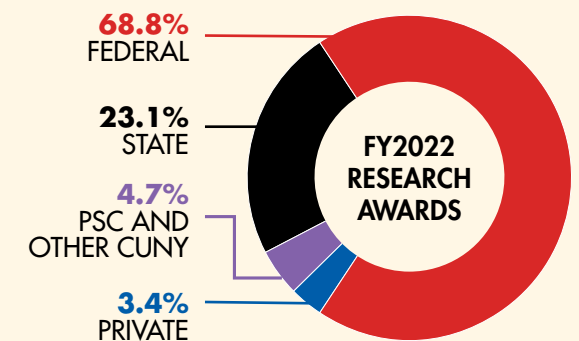
TEACHER EDUCATION
\$99,196 from New York State Education Department to fund My Brother's Keeper, submitted by Leslie Keiler

\$32,176 from the Robin Hood Foundation to fund Computational Thinking for Educators, submitted by Xin Bai

HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE
\$20,000 from CUNY to fund 2022 Interdisciplinary Research grant, submitted by Jennifer Brite

FY2022 RESEARCH AWARDS BY SPONSOR

Federal	\$1,386,964
State	\$463,622
PSC and Other CUNY	\$94,883
Private	\$68,576
TOTAL	\$2,014,045



GOAL 4

BUILDING A VIBRANT CAMPUS

York College fosters a dynamic campus and community spirit





Breaking Ground on New Track and Field Facility

It's a dream come true: Construction began on the College's new 400-meter track and field, the first and only National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) level track and field in Southeast Queens. The new \$7.8 million facility, featuring a soccer field in its center, will serve students and the community, as the space will also be a place for Southeast Queens families, community groups, and local sports teams to use and enjoy.

The dedication of elected officials and neighboring organizations, who worked in collaboration with the College for more than a decade to make this dream a reality, demonstrates that the College is truly One York. The College is especially thankful for the funding provided by the Office of the Queens Borough President, New York City Council, and the State of New York.



On the academic front, the new facility will be a boon to the College's Physical Education (PE) Teaching majors, who often select track and field as one of their four required sports classes. In addition, PE majors and students considering

joining the track and field team will have the opportunity to develop the skills needed for sprint and distance events, the long jump, the high jump, hurdles, relay races, and throwing events.

Slated for completion in June 2024, the new facility will also enable the College to host NCAA championships and tournaments.



House Minority Leader Jeffries Featured at Countdown to Commencement

U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries was a special guest at York's Countdown to Commencement celebration. He told the students, "What inspires me every day is ensuring that you have the opportunity to meaningfully pursue your dream regardless of race, zip code, or immigration status. Remember, you have the talent, the intellect, and perseverance to be what you want to be!"

The inspirational event was kicked off by State Assembly Member Jaime Williams '11, who shared her story of "planting her feet at York College" and the difference her professors made in her life. Also joining the celebration was longtime York supporter Congressman Gregory Meeks.

NEARLY
\$86 MILLION
RECEIVED IN FY2022-2023
TO UPGRADE CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE

50 ACRES
AND 7 BUILDINGS
COMPRISE THE
YORK CAMPUS



Welcoming the Vice President to NYC

In April, Vice President Kamala Harris (above left) was greeted by a cohort of York students and staff from the College's Center for Students with Disabilities and Student Government. U.S. Rep. Grace Meng, who represents New York's sixth congressional district and is a longtime friend of York College, was among those who met the VP at LaGuardia Airport.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Team Competes at Challenge Bowl

A team of first-year York Physician Assistant (PA) students participated in the New York State Society of Physician Assistants' annual conference, including its Challenge Bowl. York — led by (below, left to right) Azline Exime, Immadullah Hussaini, and Abbie Bowers — competed at a high level against more experienced PA school teams from across the state.





Foundation Gala Raises \$255,488

The York College community came together on April 27 at Terrace on the Park for the College’s 2023 fundraising gala. Honored that evening with the One York Trailblazer Award were Congressman Gregory Meeks and NAACP New York State Conference President Dr. Hazel N. Dukes. The One York Community Impact Award was presented to Rudolph L. Wynter, president of National Grid New York, and Resorts World, represented by Michelle Stoddart, senior vice president of Community Development. The event raised \$255,488, which will be used to support student success initiatives, emergency funding, faculty research, study away/abroad, and campus beautification.



York College Foundation Breaks Fundraising Record

York College’s Foundation Board raised more than \$659,000, increasing support from last year’s record of \$486,000. Funding highlights include:

- \$64,000 to programs in Teacher Education and Clinical Lab Studies
- Over \$93,000 in completion grants to more than 71 seniors experiencing hardships that would have prohibited them from graduating
- More than \$55,000 for scholarships
- \$60,000 for Student Success Initiatives
- \$40,000 for Study Away and Study Abroad programs
- \$50,000 for faculty Strategic Initiative Fund grants
- \$10,000 for campus beautification



Fueling Success through Partnerships

York College values the generous and insightful collaboration of its partners. Highlights include:

- Resorts World provided \$50,000 over two grants to develop a gaming course.
- The YMCA funded the MSW Externship Program with \$140,000 over two grants.
- AT&T, Con Edison, and National Grid provided over \$60,000 to support teaching STEM Ed to K–12.



York Celebrates Lunar New Year

York ushered in the spring semester with a Lunar New Year celebration in the College’s Atrium. President Eanes said, “I am grateful to our community members who grace us with special performances and rituals that make it possible for our College family to share in this important annual holiday tradition.”



ALUMNUS SUCCESS STORY

Ehidom '18 Inspires at Convocation

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni joined in an afternoon of celebration and ceremony to welcome new and returning students to York College. Dr. Clinton Ehidom '18, currently a medical resident in the Neurology department at Weill Cornell Medicine, inspired students with the wisdom he gleaned from his personal journey from Nigeria to Jamaica, Queens. It was an exciting day that ushered in the promise of academic success and achievement for all York students.





STEWARDS OF PLACE

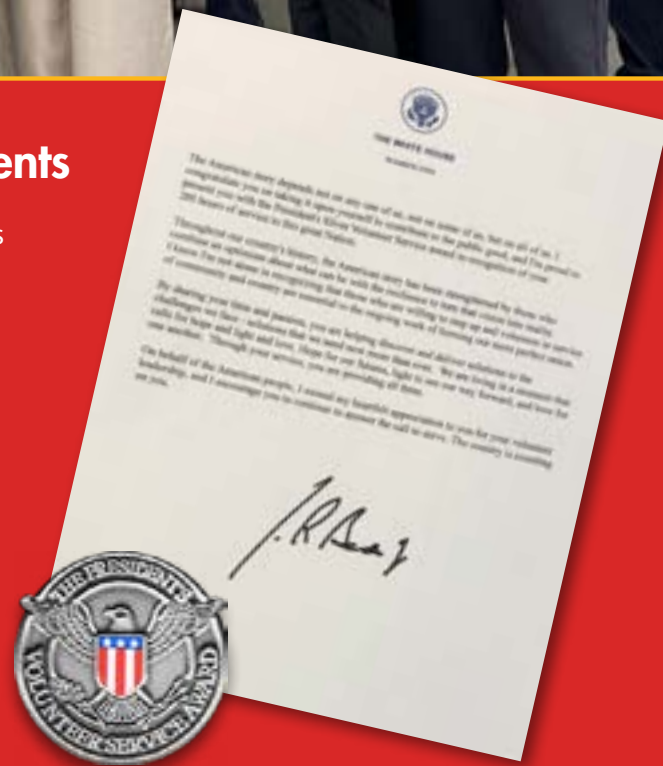
Queens Borough President
Donovan Richards held a
press conference at York College
to announce the launch of
the inaugural Queens Tech +
Innovation Challenge

York College is committed to serving as a steward of place, which includes working with public and private partners to address challenges, identify potential solutions, and exchange dialogue. This effort truly engages the College with the community in a clear, purposeful, and strategic manner.



White House Recognition for Students

The White House acknowledged the impact that York College's Accounting and Finance students had this tax season helping hundreds of Queens residents through the York College IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The tax assistance sessions were held at the College and at New York State Sen. Leroy Comrie's Queens office. This vital service is provided annually as part of the College's commitment to developing students' skills and supporting our Queens neighbors. Because of their noteworthy volunteer efforts, each student who participated received a letter from President Biden and a White House Volunteer Service Award certificate and pin.



Free Upskilling Classes for Community Members

Through York College's Upskilling II grant of \$262,267, the College offered free courses online in business and health care to students and community members throughout the 2022–2023 academic year. The College's goal in offering free upskilling classes is to introduce community members to college, help them explore careers and build their resumes, and strengthen opportunities for career advancement. All participants received either Certificates of Participation or Certificates of Completion. In addition, York College credits were awarded to those who successfully completed the two health care offerings, Concept of Health Professions and Health Informatics, thus getting individuals started on their way to a college degree. Free workshops were also offered on writing resumes and cover letters and preparing for a job interview.

135
STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN FREE
UPSKILLING CLASSES
AY2022–2023

9
FREE
UPSKILLING CLASSES
OFFERED
AY2022–2023



Senator Gillibrand Holds Town Hall Meeting

On August 31, U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand held a Queens town hall meeting at York College so that community members had an opportunity to have a dialogue with her on pressing issues facing Queens and the nation.



Adult and Continuing Ed Relaunches

In keeping with its goal of continuing to serve the workforce development and career training needs of the community, York College is relaunching its Adult and Continuing Education program. Alexis Greene (above), the program's new director, has extensive experience conceiving and launching successful foundational educational programs and has laid the groundwork for a robust curriculum that will be offered at York College in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024.

State of the College Briefing

On September 9, York College President Eanes hosted a State of the College briefing and tour for elected officials. Student government leaders spoke and the president shared news on student enrollment, York’s strategic plan, community engagement initiatives, and capital projects.



Community Collaboration

On September 24, the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation (GJDC) and York College co-hosted the inaugural Jamaica Q 5.5K Walk/Run in recognition of the GJDC’s 55th anniversary. The event promoted health and wellness in the community and raised funds for two neighborhood schools.

Borough President Launches Innovation Challenge

On October 3, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards took to the podium at York College and launched the inaugural Queens Tech + Innovation Challenge. The program is a competition for Queens-based entrepreneurs seeking funding and help for their startups. The initiative, which is in partnership with the Queens Economic Development Corporation, includes entrepreneurial classes, one-on-one mentorship opportunities, and networking events to help applicants develop their pitches, which will be heard by a panel of judges next spring. Calling it “our version of ‘Shark Tank,’” Borough President Richards said, “My team and I look forward to uplifting the vision of our local entrepreneurs and ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed.”

Photo: Queens Borough President’s Office



Queens DA Hosts Dr. King Event

On January 12, York College hosted Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz’s tribute celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event was held in York’s Faculty Dining Room and attended by students and community members.



State Redistricting Commission Holds Public Hearing

On February 16, York College once again hosted the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission Queens public hearing, where residents made their voices heard on proposed changes to Senate and Assembly district maps.

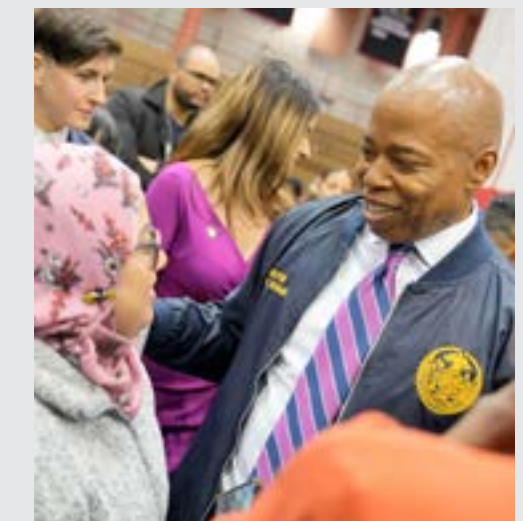
Early Voting Held in Atrium

From June 17 to June 25, York College converted its Atrium into an early voting site so Queens residents could cast their votes in municipal elections, including the City Council and Queens district attorney races.



Mayor Adams Encourages Job Seekers

On April 28, York hosted New York City’s Government Hiring Hall, where more than 20 government agencies met with community members looking for city employment. On-the-spot interviews were held for various jobs, including positions as engineers, inspectors, project managers, and more. Mayor Eric Adams attended and delivered welcoming remarks encouraging community members to join the city’s workforce.



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PRESIDENT'S CABINET

The President's Cabinet is composed of the senior leadership of the college, including the provost, vice presidents, and direct reports. The cabinet meets regularly and is the primary coordinating committee for college administrative operations. The members advise the president and support the framing of policy and procedures as well as effective implementation in their respective areas and coordination across campus.

Dr. Berenecea J. Eanes
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