

WELCOME BACK to SCHOOL

Greetings from Chancellor Matthew Goldstein

Welcome back! All of us at The City University of New York hope that the coming school year is productive and fulfilling for you. This past spring, at the many joyful commencement ceremonies across the University, we celebrated great strides—including record enrollments, the academic successes of our students and the award-winning scholarship of our faculty. These accomplishments reflect a University-wide determination to prioritize academic quality and a commitment to initiate transformational change. These same goals are driving our new Pathways to Degree Completion Initiative, which will streamline transfers, enhance the quality of general education, and encourage student success. I know that you share those goals—and on behalf of the University, I thank you for your valuable partnership. Best wishes in 2011-12.

Matthew Goldstein



Please take a few minutes to review these updates...

NEW >> MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE: APPLY TO SIX!

Students may now apply to as many as six CUNY partner colleges on their Macaulay Honors College Application and it is extremely important to list the college choices in order of preference. As in previous years, Macaulay Honors College applicants will be notified of admission decisions in a two-step process:

February 1 - Applicants will be notified of their admission decision as General Freshmen by all college choices listed on their application.

March 15 - Applicants will be notified of their admission decision about Macaulay Honors College **by only one** of the college choices listed on their application.

NEW >> VALLONE SCHOLARSHIP SUSPENDED

The New York City Budget for 2012 does not include funding for the Peter F. Vallone Academic Scholarship. Therefore, the scholarship program is no longer available.

NEW >> PATHWAYS TO DEGREE COMPLETION INITIATIVE

Through a new, unified general education and transfer framework at our colleges, the Pathways Initiative aims to help students benefit fully from study while moving quickly and efficiently toward graduation. Please visit www.cuny.edu/pathways to learn more about this critical initiative.

>> FRESHMAN APPLICATION PACKETS

Beginning September 12th, you will receive this year's Freshman Application Packets at your school. The packets are designed to help your students explore, prepare and apply to CUNY. This year, the Admission Application Worksheet that provides step-by-step instructions on how to complete the General Freshman Admission and Macaulay Honors College Applications will be mailed separately. Visit www.cuny.edu/prepare to download the Admission Application Worksheet (available September 7th).

>> CUNY VISITS AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Our team is eager to discuss the A-Z's of CUNY with your students to help them explore the many academic programs, student life opportunities and everything else CUNY has to offer. Contact your recruitment liaison today to set up a CUNY Visit at your school. For more information, visit www.cuny.edu/counselor to download the CUNY Welcome Center Directory.

>> APPLICATION DEADLINES & ESSAYS

Macaulay Honors College: Fall Only: December 1 6:00 PM (EST)

General Freshman: Fall: February 1 | Spring: September 15

Admission application, application-processing fee and all supporting documents must be postmarked by the above-listed dates. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Along with Macaulay Honors College, several CUNY colleges now require application essays. To allow for a more comprehensive review, CUNY encourages all applicants to submit a personal statement in support of the Admission Application. Students may visit www.cuny.edu/prepare to download this year's Admission Application essay questions. We strongly encourage your students to apply as early as possible to maximize their chances of admission at the CUNY college of their choice.

>> ADMISSION APPLICATION STATUS FOR STUDENTS

Each CUNY applicant is responsible for tracking/checking the status of his/her own Admission Application. The application status page provides the most up-to-date information regarding the application. So, please remind your seniors to log into their CUNY Portal account to determine if any items are required to complete the admission review. Visit www.cuny.edu/status for instructions.

Coming This Fall

CUNY Conferences for Counselors

- >> Tuesday, October 4
- >> Friday, October 7
- >> Friday, October 14
- >> Friday, October 21
- >> Friday, November 4

The City College of New York
College of Staten Island
Queens College
Brooklyn College
Lehman College

To register visit www.cuny.edu/counselor

JOIN OUR COUNSELOR MAILING LIST

To receive the latest admission updates, invitations to CUNY special events and important messages from the CUNY Welcome Center, please join our counselor mailing list by visiting the Counselor Corner at www.cuny.edu/counselor and clicking "Register Now."

HELP DESK FOR COUNSELORS

Should you have any questions feel free to contact the **Help Desk for Counselors** at counselor@mail.cuny.edu and remember to visit www.cuny.edu/counselor to bookmark our **Counselor Corner**.