Summer 2012...a Time for Renewal

July is already upon us and we will soon be jumping back into fall activities for the up-coming 2012-2013 academic year. So...now is the time to reenergize, refocus, and refuel ourselves for the work we do for and with our students. In other words, take time to re-new YOU!

Over the years, I have come across a number of ways individuals have used their vacation time to refresh themselves after a long year. Here are 5 activities to consider as you determine how you will get the most out of the summer months:

- **Bucket List It**
  This is a great summer to do something that you have always said you would do but have not yet done. Do one of those things you can share with family, friends and colleagues for years to come. Believe me, the work will be here waiting when you return.

- **Unplug**
  Take a week of vacation, maybe more, to completely unplug from the computer, email, texting or tweeting. Make a phone call, talk to friends in person or just take a nap. You may find yourself missing the conversations and/or rest you once had.

- **Treat Yourself**
  Throughout the year we frequently choose not to spoil ourselves for any variety of reasons…$$, time, guilt, etc. After this hectic year, you deserve some serious spoiling…and guilt free. Find time to take care of yourself physically, mentally and emotionally.

- **Inspiration**
  I am often inspired by individual student stories of triumph and determination. You know what inspires you. Go find more of it! A book, movie or special place. Knowing what inspires you and finding opportunities to experience it can do wonders for your state of mind.

- **Decide Today**
  Every day we make numerous decisions that affect our lives. We make decisions about our work, our families and how we spend our time. I want to encourage you to decide today how you will take advantage of these summer months and renew your energy so that you can provide the very best to our students moving forward.

Thank you for all your work this past year and the difference you made for our students. CUNY is a better place because of you.

Sincerely yours in summer,

Frank
Policy Updates

CUNY Computer Policy Amendments Approved

At its June 25th meeting, the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approved amendments to the University’s Policy on Acceptable Use of Computer Resources, intended to clarify the policy which was first approved in 2007. Access the calendar item at http://www.cuny.edu/about/trustees/meetings/CAL612rev.pdf and on the Policies and Procedures website, www.cuny.edu/studentpolicies.

CUNY Adopts Amendments to Policy On Payment of Stipends to Student Leaders

At its June 25th meeting, the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York unanimously adopted amendments to the policy on payment of stipends to student leaders. In recognizing the educational role of student leadership positions, the Board, while not encouraging the payment of stipends, believes some stipend payments to student leaders should be allowed within certain parameters. Access the calendar item and description at http://www.cuny.edu/about/trustees/meetings/CAL612rev.pdf.

Dr. Paulette Dalpes Appointed to Deputy to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Chief of Staff

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez, recently announced the appointment of Dr. Paulette Dalpes to the position of Deputy to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Chief of Staff, City University of New York, effective July 1st, 2012:

“Over the past three years, as Dean of Student Affairs at Kingsborough Community College, Paulette has provided oversight and management of a large, diverse department and exhibited exceptional leadership in numerous college collaborations including serving on the Enrollment Management Team and creating a campus-wide behavior intervention program. Her wide-ranging accomplishments span critical program areas for students including Academic Advisement, First Year Students Program and Health Services areas. She has demonstrated exemplary advocacy on behalf of students with a goal to improve student access, retention efforts and graduation rates.

Prior to joining CUNY, Dean Dalpes served as Director of Academic Support at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts where program initiatives included the College’s capital campaign in partnership with the Development Office that resulted in the most successful capital campaign to date for a community college in Massachusetts. Dean Dalpes also served as a faculty member and lecturer at several campuses including the University of Massachusetts, and presently serves on a local school board.

Dean Dalpes holds an Ed.D. in Consulting Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, an M.Ed. in College Student Personnel Administration and B.S. in Psychology from Colorado State University. Her scholarship and experience in the profession of Student Affairs will significantly contribute to, promote and advance the success of CUNY students and the mission of the Central Office of Student Affairs. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Paulette Dalpes in her new role at the City University of New York and the Division of Student Affairs.”
On May 18th, Kingsborough Community College hosted the 2012 ACPA (College Student Educators International) Presidential Symposium, a day of professional development co-sponsored with the College Student Personnel Association of New York State (CSPA-NYS). Regional and CUNY administrators and staff, along with students aspiring to the student affairs profession, attended the event with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez; Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost at Kingsborough, Dr. Stuart Suss and campus Vice Presidents of Student Affairs. The day-long program sessions and dialogues examined the topics of student success, campus-based partnerships, and organizational issues.

The conference sought to build on published comments by ACPA President Dr. Keith Humphrey: “Access to, and success in higher education for all, is one clear path toward a more informed and responsible citizenry. We need to decrypt the factors of student and institutional success rather than study why individuals and organizations fail. And once we understand them, we need to replicate them. Our partnership with academic affairs administrators is key. What are the structural impediments in our campus organizations that inhibit our success in these partnerships?” Dr. Humphrey provided the conference’s opening and closing remarks.

Vice Chancellor Sanchez—a featured speaker at the event along with Dr. Joe Bertolino, former Vice President of Student Affairs at Queens College—discussed the critical roles and responsibilities of tomorrow’s student affairs professionals in the context of the changing higher education environment. In offering his view that Student Affairs is well-positioned to advance leadership and critical services, VC Sanchez outlined the priorities of the CUNY strategic plan and discussed how it aligns with great universities of the future.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, General Colin L. Powell returned to his alma mater City College for the launch and signing of his new book, “It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership.” The former 65th United States Secretary of State, four-star general and founder of the Colin L. Powell Center for Leadership and Service, posed for photographs with alumni, students, faculty and community members. Incoming Partners for Change Fellow Rakim Jenkins shared that, in his early reading, he had already picked up “tools I can use to better my community and myself.”

Read the full story at the City College website: http://www1.ccny.cuny.edu/ci/powell/news/news_powell_booksigning.cfm
Spotlight On Student Success

1st Annual International Student Academic Excellence Awards Held in May

The Office of International Student Affairs held its inaugural “International Student Academic Excellence Awards” ceremony at the CUNY Central office in Manhattan. During the spring 2012 semester, more than 250 international students were maintaining the highest academic honors of 3.9 to 4.0 GPA (summa cum laude). In May, the Office of International Student Affairs within the CUNY Office of Student Affairs, decided to highlight the achievements of these exceptional students. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez offered congratulations to 92 students in attendance—out of 250 invited in total. CUNY is home to approximately 11,000 international students who hail from 152 countries, speak more than 100 languages and pursue studies at all 24 colleges of the University.

Vice Chancellor’s Excellence in Leadership Awards Ceremony Held at John Jay College

CUNY Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Frank D. Sanchez hosted the 19th Annual Vice Chancellor’s Leadership in Excellence Awards Ceremony on May 11th, at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The ceremony was re-energized this year thanks to the creation of the CUNY Student Leader of the Year Award which recognizes a student who has exhibited extraordinary service to the University and demonstrated exceptional academic achievement. The inaugural recipient for this prestigious award was Oluwadamisi Atanda from Queensborough Community College.

Twenty-one other outstanding student leaders from across CUNY received the Vice Chancellor’s Excellence in Leadership Award. These awardees demonstrated outstanding leadership within their respective colleges, communities and the University through scholastic and service-related activities. Another special moment showcased Yolanda Cordero of Baruch College and Darline Bertil of Queensborough Community College who both received the Michael Solomon Scholarship Award—a scholarship given annually to CUNY students who overcome severe obstacles in order to pursue higher education.

New York State Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera presented a proclamation to Vice Chancellor Sanchez in recognition of Ernesto Malave Leadership Academy students, acknowledging their outstanding advocacy on behalf of CUNY and New York State. The places for community service where they made a difference included the Syracuse Habitat for Humanity, FEEDNYC, Public Allies Martin Luther King Day celebration, Million Trees NYC, plus Citizenship NOW! events and an eyeglass drive for the needy. The students also made trips to Albany and visited district offices to convey the importance of CUNY’s legislative budget to their educational experiences.

CUNY Athletic Conference Holds 2011-2012, 26th Annual Michael Steuerman Scholar-Athlete Awards

Queens College was the venue for an awards event that showcased CUNY’s star athletes plus the top four scholar-athletes from across the CUNY system—one male and one female from the community and four-year colleges. Each scholar-athlete was awarded for their ability to balance commitments in the classroom and on the field of play: Four-Year College: Ms. Mallory Grubler (Hunter); Mr. Vladislav Romanov (CSI); Community College: Ms. Zenia George (KCC); Mr. Gteni Mbeou (QCC).

The Michael Steuerman awards are named in honor of the first-ever Commissioner of the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC). Watch event highlights and video spotlights at: http://www.youtube.com/user/CUNYAC?feature=g-all-u.