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**Project Scope**

The initial phase of development will include the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the Lenfest Center for the Arts, a new home for the Columbia Business School, and The Forum. Later phases will emphasize interdisciplinary scholarship, including biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, systems biology, and urban and population studies, as well as housing for graduate students and faculty.

**Current Construction Activity**

**Jerome L. Greene Science Center**

The Building is in the final stage of closeout of trades, and is undergoing a phased occupancy plan.

**The Forum**

High pressure steam piping on W. 129th Street. Framing and sheet rocking throughout building. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems completion and testing.

**Phase 2 Foundations**

The foundation contractor is currently performing the following activities: steel erection and shear walls, concrete pile caps, concrete pressure slab, and importing drainage stone. The dewatering system is in operation.

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**The Jerome L. Greene Science Center and Lenfest Center for the Arts**

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**Community News**

**Apply to be part of the next cohort of Columbia’s Community Scholars**

Columbia Community Scholars with A’Lelia Bundles, a vice chair of Columbia University’s Board of Trustees, and staff from Columbia University’s Office of Government and Community Affairs. (Credit: Columbia University’s Office of Government and Community Affairs)

Columbia established the Community Scholars Program as part of its commitment to the community in connection with the Manhattanville campus expansion. The program offers adults from northern Manhattan access to Columbia University services and resources; it was designed to support and facilitate the work of individuals toward the completion of a particular project, or toward attaining skills in a specific area of interest. Services and resources are provided at no cost to participants, and include access to all University libraries, course auditing privileges, dialogue with scholars in their field of study, and the ability to participate in seminars and social events developed specifically for the group. Since 2013, Columbia has selected a total of 22 local community residents to participate as Community Scholars.

Applications for the Fall 2018 Scholar cohort are being accepted through April 26. In order to apply, you must be a Borough of Manhattan resident living north of 96th Street and cannot have a current affiliation with Columbia University.

Applications and more information are available at the Government and Community Affairs website, [gca.columbia.edu/columbia-community-scholars-program](http://gca.columbia.edu/columbia-community-scholars-program).
What to Expect

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming months:

- Regular work hours are 7:00am - 6:00pm Monday through Friday.
  - Weekend work may be performed.
- Closure of certain traffic lanes, parking lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks, including:
  - No standing on West 125th Street between Broadway and West 129th Street.
  - There is a no parking zone in effect on the west side of Broadway from West 125th to 129th Streets.
  - Broadway sidewalk is open from West 129th to West 130th Street. The Broadway parking lane is a no parking zone.
  - West 131st Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is closed and will remain closed until early 2019.
  - West 130th Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is a no standing or parking zone.
  - West 129th Street between Broadway and West 125th Street is closed until approximately June 2018.

Community Amenities and Benefits

To access the Columbia University’s Community Services Website, please visit: manhattanville.columbia.edu then click “Community” in the navigation menu.

Minority, Women, and Local Businesses and Workforce

Columbia has made a significant commitment to the minority, women, and local (MWL) construction contracting and workforce community throughout the course of the project: MWL construction trade contracting goal of 35 percent and MWL construction trade workforce goal of 40 percent. Working with construction contractors and the building trades, Columbia is working to enhance the role MWL firms and workers play in building the new campus. All figures represent non-specialty construction services and related materials.

Construction Contracting

In the third quarter 2017 (July 1 to September 30), Columbia paid $13,416,116 to MWL firms, representing 52 percent of total construction spend. $6,841,383 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2017, Columbia paid $209,171,054 to MWL firms, representing 52 percent of total construction spend, excluding the amount paid to the construction manager. $94,831,436 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Construction Workforce

In the third quarter 2017 (July 1 to September 30), the MWL construction workforce delivered 38,063 hours worked, representing 45 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2017, the MWL construction workforce delivered 1,436,102 hours worked, representing 49 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 252,952 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Jobs and Opportunities

As the project progresses, we expect additional opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience in the coming years.

We are working with our construction partners Skanska USA/the Velez Organization (for the Forum), Lendlease (for Phase 2 foundations/below-grade), and Turner Construction (for the Business School) to assist those interested in employment with construction firms currently working at Columbia. For more information, please visit the Manhattanville Employment Opportunities page at manhattanville.columbia.edu/jobs-opportunities.

Additional Information

This newsletter and our weekly construction updates (which contain more specific information about construction impacts) will be available on the web at manhattanville.columbia.edu and at various locations at the project site and throughout the Manhattanville area.

Please note that construction activities are subject to change based on field conditions. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these projects.

Should you have questions about construction activity, call the Columbia Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or e-mail projx@columbia.edu. For more project information, to view upcoming bid opportunities, and to sign-up for our e-mail updates visit manhattanville.columbia.edu.

Neighboring construction projects not related to Columbia

- New York City Economic Development Corporation’s West 125th Street Streetscape Improvement Project, please contact Patrick Jordan at 917-439-4630 or west125@zetlin.com.
- New York City Department of Transportation’s Protective Coating of the Riverside Drive Viaduct from St. Clair Place to 135th St., please contact Community Liaison Hugh Smith at 917-434-1385 or via e-mail at riversideviaduct@gmail.com

Now Open: The Wellness Center

The Wellness Center, located at 610 W. 130th Street in the Greene Science Center, is home to two programs dedicated to empowering the community through mental health and stroke prevention education, along with providing free blood pressure...
Community News

There are many upcoming workshops, lectures and events taking place in the months ahead, free and open to the public. Learn about some of the upcoming events below.

School of the Arts Hosts an Experimental Writing Workshop Open to the Public on April 7

Taught by Allison Parrish, “Electronic Poetry: Writing with Rules and Computation” is an experimental writing workshop, free and open to the public, that introduces participants to the practice of procedural poetry writing—poems made by rules, constraints, appropriation, and chance—with digital tools freely available on the Internet. The workshop will focus on teaching how to use Tracery, a computer language that makes it easy to create expressive text generators with no prior knowledge of computer programming. Over the course of the workshop, participants will be able to experiment with writing poems using this technique—creating a prototype for something that could be later developed on a larger scale. No previous coding experience necessary, all levels welcome.

Allison Parrish is a computer programmer, poet, educator and game designer whose teaching and practice address the unusual phenomena that blossom when language and computers meet, with a focus on artificial intelligence and computational creativity.

The workshop is free and open to the public and will take place on April 7 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Prentis Hall, Room 315 at 632 West 125th Street. Please contact wallach@columbia.edu to RSVP.

The School of Professional Studies Presents Hip-Hop Education: Propelling and Preserving the Movement, a Columbia Community Scholars Dialogue Event, April 11

As Hip-Hop music approaches its 45th anniversary, Martha Diaz, Regan Sommer McCoy, and Peter Noel – three Columbia University Community Scholars — will explore the role of Hip-Hop education and its pedagogical and preservation value. Together they will explore how Hip-Hop education happens and how it is evolving, including the creation of more than 30 institutions focused on the legacy of Hip-Hop.

Martha Diaz is a community organizer, social entrepreneur, media producer, archivist, curator, and educator. Regan Sommer McCoy is a music industry veteran, information technology professional, and active organizer of projects that bring artists, DJs, techies, and scholars together to preserve Hip-Hop history and promote Hip-Hop education. Peter Noel is a journalist with 30 years experience in investigative reporting for The Village Voice, The Amsterdam News and others.

This event is free and open to the public, and will be held on April 11 at 6:40 PM in the Faculty House, Skyline Ballroom at 64 Morningside Drive. For questions, please contact George Calderaro, Director of Community Relations, at gc2212@columbia.edu.

Columbia Emeritus Professors and School of Professional Studies Present Spring 2018 Speaker Series in West Harlem

Emeritus Professors in Columbia (EPIC) is a professional and social fellowship of people who have formally retired from their Columbia careers as university professors, researchers, and administrators but are still professionally active. Since its founding in 1998, EPIC has worked to continually expand its portfolio of activities and in 2017 launched its first Speakers Series in collaboration with the CU School of Professional Studies (SPS) Community Relations office.

The Series, coordinated by Morningside Retirement and Health Services (MRHS), is free and open to the public, and will be held at 100 LaSalle Street, Room #MC. For more information: 212-666-4000 or ronbi@mrhsny.org.

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April 18, 7 PM

Phyllis Tribble, Baldwin Professor Emerita of Sacred Literature, Union Theological Seminary, will speak on: ‘Eve and Adam in the Gardens.’ For millennia, readers have interpreted the story of “Adam and Eve” by pandering to him and blaming her for their expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2-3). But there are more excellent ways. This talk will undercut the traditional reading by exploring anew the story of Eve and Adam as they enter the Gardens of Morningside.

May 16, 7 PM

Michael V Susi, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Columbia University; local historian and postcard collector, will speak on: ‘Columbia University on Morningside Heights – The Early Years in Postcard Views.’ As the title implies, Mr. Susi takes us on a tour of Morningside Heights using vintage postcards he began collecting more than 20 years ago.

June 6, 2 PM

Mischa Schwartz, Charles Bachelor Professor Emeritus in Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University, will speak on: ‘Engineers in America – Early History.’ Professor Schwartz chronicles infrastructure development in the United States in the early to mid-1800s, then follows briefly with the development of engineering education in the US concluding with the birth of Columbia’s School of Mines in 1864, and the department of Electrical Engineering within it in 1892.

“Saturday Science” at the Education Lab on April 21

Children experiencing the wonders of the brain at a previous Saturday Science event (Credit: Michael DiVito/Columbia University).

On April 21, the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute is hosting the next “Saturday Science” with the theme “Trick Your Brain.” “Saturday Science” is held at the Education Lab at the Jerome L. Greene Science Center (609 W. 129th Street). Visit zuckermaninsitube.columbia.edu/saturday-science for more information and to register to guarantee your attendance. Guests can arrive at any time between 1 and 4 PM. Saturday Science, which occurs monthly during the school year, is free and open to the public. (Over)
Construction Progress Images

Phase 2 foundations site, looking northeast

(From L to R): Lenfest Center for the Arts, Jerome L. Greene Science Center, and the Forum (under construction)

The Forum, looking northwest

Aerial view looking northeast

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