



Growing Together

Monthly Newsletter for Columbia University's Manhattanville in West Harlem Development

Columbia's long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

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

Installation of ceiling, ceramic tiling, flooring, permanent lighting and devices. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems completion and testing. Starting site work. Curtain wall at west elevation. Exterior glass fiber reinforced concrete.

Phase 2 Foundations

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

Project News

Inaugural Group of Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University Coming to Manhattanville Campus



Coming this fall, the first class of Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University will take up residence at the Forum at Columbia's Manhattanville campus. More information on the Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University is featured on page 3.

Project News

\$25 Million of Contract Opportunities Open to Non-Union MWL Firms for Columbia Business School Project



Turner Construction Company, the construction manager for the Columbia Business School project at the Manhattanville Campus, has entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Building and Construction Trades Council and local unions to offer contract opportunities to non-union, minority-, woman- and locally-owned (MWL) firms in the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone area. The PLA creates coordinated work rules that allow construction to proceed with minimal disruption and keep all trades on schedule.

The PLA allows up to \$25 million in contracts to be completed by non-union MWL firms. Some of the trades designated for the non-union work include: early site work, millwork, temporary protection, flooring, paint, furniture, rough carpentry, electrical fit out, ceilings, ceiling carpentry, low voltage electric, HVAC west side fit out, HVAC air side fit out, tile/terrazzo and masonry. Non-union firms are able to use their own employees and are not required to assent to any union labor agreement to participate under this PLA.

Interested firms must become prequalified with Turner Construction. For more information, please contact CBSProcurement@tcco.com.

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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 mid-August 2018.

Community Amenities and Benefits

To access the Columbia University's [Community Services Website](http://manhattanville.columbia.edu), 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 fourth quarter 2017 (October 1 to December 31), Columbia paid \$41,168,110 to MWL firms, representing 64 percent of total construction spend. \$36,610,558 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through December 31, 2017, Columbia paid \$249,966,374 to MWL firms, representing 42 percent of total construction spend, excluding the amount paid to the construction manager. \$131,314,168 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Construction Workforce

In the fourth quarter 2017 (October 1 to December 31), the MWL construction workforce delivered 49,387 hours worked, representing 51 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 4,827 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through December 31, 2017, the MWL construction workforce delivered 1,485,063 hours worked, representing 49 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 257,517 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 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.

Did You Know?

A Community Wellness Center is Open at Manhattanville

A specially designed Wellness Center on the ground floor of the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, located at 610 West 130th St., offers free blood pressure readings and cholesterol tests to area residents. Wellness Center staff also provide health education materials and information on local health resources to community members.

The Wellness Center provides blood pressure and cholesterol testing to all who walk in. Visitors will be given a record of their results, as well as information on ways they can improve their health. Wellness Center staff will offer information on free and low-cost clinical resources in the neighborhood and within the New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center community. The Wellness Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM.



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Project News

Inaugural Group of Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University Coming to Manhattanville Campus

By Columbia News



Top Row: Gabriela Gailea, Ndansi Elvis Nukam, Pavel Kounchev, Ana Maria Gonzalez-Forero, Oluseun Onigbinde, Omezzine Khelifa
Bottom Row: Alice Barbe, Peter Ndayihereje, Rumbidzai Chisenga, Hong Hoang, Vanessa Paranjothy, Trisha Shetty

An accomplished group of 12 rising social change-makers from around the world has been selected as the first class of Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University. Consistent with the Obama Foundation's mission to inspire, empower, and connect the next generation of civic leaders, the new, year-long academic program based at Columbia's Manhattanville campus will strengthen the expertise and knowledge of individuals with the demonstrated ability to be transformative leaders in their communities, nations, and the world.

The Scholars, from Asia, Africa, South America, South Asia, and Europe, have each shown a commitment to finding practical solutions to complex challenges facing society. They will participate in an immersive program of academic and experiential learning at Columbia's campus in New York City, including active engagement with a new university initiative called Columbia World Projects and in one-of-a-kind experiences led by the Obama Foundation, including robust networking, mentorship, service activities, and values-based leadership development, offering them a chance to learn from some of the world's most innovative leaders. The Scholars also will play a significant role in the Foundation's growing global network of civic leaders.

"When President Obama left office, he challenged us to believe -- not in his ability to bring about change, but ours," said Obama Foundation CEO David Simas. "Through our partnership with Columbia with this new Scholars program and through all of the Foundation's work, we are living this call to action. I am incredibly impressed with the talented young leaders who will be joining Columbia and the Foundation this fall and looking forward to helping support and scale their work."

"Generations of Columbia students, including President Obama, know from first-hand experience that our campus and the great, global city that is our New York home provide a unique classroom for engaging the world and addressing the problems facing society," said Columbia President Lee C. Bollinger. "We are proud to be a partner with the Obama Foundation in launching the Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia to advance our shared mission of developing leaders who are not only dedicated to making a difference, but also have the intellectual and practical skills to turn their ideas into action."

The 12 Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia University will also have the opportunity to interact with the separate but affiliated Obama Foundation Scholars cohort based at the Harris School of

Public Policy at the University of Chicago, [announced](#) earlier this year.

The Obama Foundation Scholars at Columbia were selected to participate through a process involving applications, faculty evaluation, review by individuals affiliated with the Obama Foundation and Columbia World Projects, outreach to references, and candidate interviews. Applications for this inaugural class of Scholars were solicited by invitation after consulting with a range of civil society organizations around the world.

The Obama Foundation Scholars program reflects the Obama Foundation's stated interest in developing a long-term presence at Columbia University, which the Foundation announced in 2015 at the conclusion of the presidential library competition. The program will include three pillars: a core seminar led by Columbia faculty that will run the length of the academic year, in which all Scholars will participate; an experiential learning component that will engage the Scholars in the work of policy development and implementation, involving the Obama Foundation and Columbia World Projects, an initiative designed to apply the best evidence-based academic research to the creation and application of practical solutions to real-world challenges; and non-core seminar coursework that will provide Scholars with the flexibility to select one or two courses at Columbia.

To inform the development of the curriculum, selected Scholars will be asked to identify subjects and skills they wish to explore and develop. To round out the experience of active learning, Scholars will have access to a wide range of opportunities for civic engagement in the City of New York provided by Columbia and its many local partners in government, community-based organizations, the mission-driven sector, and social entrepreneurship, as well as the Obama Foundation.

For more information about the program at Columbia, including the application process for the 2019-2020 class, [visit \[visit\]\(http://visit.president.columbia.edu/obama-scholars-program\)](http://visit.president.columbia.edu/obama-scholars-program) www.obama.org/scholars. For more information on the Obama Foundation Scholars Program more broadly, visit www.obama.org/scholars.

The dynamic young leaders who comprise the first cohort of Scholars hail from Vietnam, Tunisia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Burundi, Nigeria, Singapore, India, Paraguay, Colombia, France, and Zimbabwe via South Africa and will take up residence at Columbia's Manhattanville campus in the fall.

Wallach Art Gallery Exhibit: Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago



Jeannette Ehlers, *Black Bullets*, 2012, Video still, 5:05 Courtesy of the artist

Come explore the *Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago* exhibit at the Wallach Art Gallery, located in the Lenfest Center for the Arts at 615 West 129th Street! The exhibit is free and open to the public, now until September 23.

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Construction Progress Images



Phase 2 foundations site, looking north



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



The Forum, looking east



Aerial view looking northeast

Sustainable Partnerships

