Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

I love the ritualized nature of the academic calendar, particularly at this time of the year when so much of the hard work we have all put in comes to fruition.

In the coming weeks I look forward to celebrating faculty successes at the Faculty Mentor Recognition event (April 26) and the Faculty Recognition Awards (May 2), and our collective successes – staff, faculty, and students – at the Research and Creativity Expo (April 26 – May 5). There is nothing better than seeing students take pride in their work.

On May 3-4 the Africana Studies Department celebrates the 50th anniversary of Black Studies and the 30th anniversary of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program at John Jay with former, recent and future graduates. What a rich legacy!

Here are a few other updates:

**Career Kickstart Days April 19-20**

Under the leadership of Dean Johnson Dias we are inaugurating Career Kickstart, a 2-day event with talks and workshops for students with corporate employers. The goal is to forge ongoing relationships with these employers (some of whom are our alumni) so they will routinely think of John Jay students for internships and careers.

The days include resume reviews, talks on making it in corporate America as people of color, how justice and corporate work can be compatible, industry workshops and more. Scan to look at the full menu and encourage students to attend.
Team Shares Successes at CUNY’s HSI Conference

John Jay will be well represented at CUNY’s May 4 & 5 NSF-funded conference on Hispanic Serving Institutions.

Congratulations to Nancy Velazquez-Torres, Anthony Carpi, Nancy Yang, Katalin Szur, Christian Luperon, Mayra Perez, and Denise Vivar, the strong team from John Jay, who will share how the Adelante Program, Prism, SEEK and our Immigrant Student Success Center have increased Hispanic students’ retention and graduation rates.

Open Forum Provost and Deans May 1

Lots has happened this semester and you may have questions. Let’s talk and share information. We want to hear from you too: come with your concerns and kudos.

Monday, May 1, 1:40-2:45
https://jjay-cuny.zoom.us/my/apeasejj?pwd=OVMxOUY1Y1ppTVkvNTUvSFdETU9NQT09

Website Migration Now Happening in Academic Affairs

AA is in the middle of its migration to the new website. Is your unit/dept on top of this? Here’s the timeline for migrating pages.

Friendly reminder there are orientation sessions and instructions to review. Avoid simply moving the old pages; adapt what needs to be conveyed by following the content guidelines.

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