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Community College

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff:

On Thursday, June 17 at 1 PM, we will be celebrating the graduation of over 3,000 LaGuardia students. It's a time for us to take stock of the remarkable accomplishments of our 49th graduating class, and also give each other "high fives" for your success in teaching, guiding, and supporting our students during this most challenging year. Please join our graduation ceremony here.

Campus Facilities and Safety: The Return to Campus Operational Task Force has updated the College's Reopening Plan and submitted it to the CUNY Central Office for review and approval. The Plan includes numerous changes too lengthy to be summarized here. Our updated plan will be posted as soon as we receive CUNY's approval. Importantly, vaccination and testing language were added -- essentially requiring anyone entering a campus building to show either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test -- although until this is approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees (which I hope occurs on June 28) this is described as a possible requirement. Many thanks to Task Force Chair, Denise Gomez, and the members of the Task Force for their continued work to ensure a safe return to campus.

Historic Day: Yesterday Governor Cuomo ended most of the state-imposed Covid restrictions for restaurants, offices, movie theatres, and other private and public places. This was an announcement we had been waiting for, since it means, among other things, that NYS reached the 70% single-shot vaccination threshold, and that the positivity rate has decreased to very low levels. You can read more about this important announcement here. The CUNY Central Office is consulting with the State on how the lifting of restrictions may impact CUNY, and we will share information as it becomes available.

Remote Work: The Human Resources Department is holding informational workshops for managers this week and next. (Managers: Please contact bbrown@lagcc.cuny.edu if you have not yet scheduled your workshop). All staff that wish to continue to work remotely, regardless of the number of days, or are interested pursuing flexible schedules, are encouraged to review the Flexible Schedule/Remote Work Guidelines, meet with your supervisor to discuss your schedule and remote work scenario, and submit the Remote Work Agreement no later than July 15, 2021. Thank you.

Fall 2021 Safe Return Survey: The CUNY Office of Academic Affairs is asking all CUNY staff to please complete an anonymous survey so that the Central Office has an understanding of staff's plans and opinions. Please check your email for the survey. If you have questions or encounter any problems while taking the survey, please contact the surveyors at CUNYSurvey2@cuny.edu

Vaccinations: What can I say?! Please get vaccinated! Getting vaccinated is the most important step you can take to ensure our community's safety. To find out more about vaccinations visit the VaxUpCUNY website. Please tell everyone you know to get vaccinated.

Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams
President