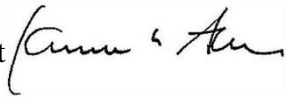




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To: Campus Community  
From: Kenneth Adams, President   
Date: September 9, 2021  
Re: Reaffirmation of Diversity/Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

The City University of New York and LaGuardia Community College are dedicated to maintaining an inclusive work and learning environment, and I write to strongly reaffirm LaGuardia's commitment, and my own commitment, to the principles of affirmative action, equal opportunity, and diversity.

It is the policy of The City University of New York and LaGuardia Community College to recruit, employ, retain, promote, and provide benefits to employees and to admit and provide services for students without discriminating on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital status, partnership status, disability, genetic information, alienage, citizenship, military or veteran status, pregnancy, status as a victim of domestic violence/stalking/sex offenses, unemployment status, credit history, caregiver or familial status, prior record of arrest or conviction, or any other legally prohibited basis in accordance with federal, state and city laws.

Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, domestic/intimate partner violence, and gender based harassment, forms of sex discrimination, are also prohibited by the City University of New York and LaGuardia Community College.

The City University of New York, as a public university system, adheres to federal, state, and city laws and regulations regarding non-discrimination and affirmative action including among others Section 1324b of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Executive Order 11246, as amended, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the New York State Human Rights Law and the New York City Human Rights Law. The "protected classes," as delineated in Executive Order 11246: (i.e. Black, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native and Women), were expanded on December 9, 1976 by the Chancellor of The City University of New York to include Italian-Americans. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget further expanded these protected classes in 2006 to include two or more races (not Hispanic or Latino) and replaced Asian/Pacific Islander, with Asian (not Hispanic or Latino) and Native Hawaiian (not Hispanic or Latino), Black was renamed as Black or African American (not Hispanic or Latino) and Hispanic was renamed Hispanic or Latino.



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I have assigned the responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of our compliance program to the Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Ronald Edwards, who also serves as the 504/ADA Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator. The vice presidents, deans, directors, managers and supervisors share responsibility for ensuring our compliance with these policies and laws. The Diversity Office is located in Room E-512 and the telephone number is 718-482-5088.

The following federal, state, and local agencies also enforce laws against discrimination and sexual harassment:

- New York City Commission on Human Rights, <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/index.page>
- New York State Division on Human Rights, Page 3 of 3 <http://www.dhr.ny.gov>
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, <http://www.eeoc.gov>
- United States Department of Justice, <http://www.justice.gov/>
- United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

I look forward to your energetic involvement in these programs, and thank you for your assistance and support as we continue in our efforts.

C: Ronald Edwards, Interim Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Coordinator/504-ADA Coordinator