

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

May 23, 2023

Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

The brilliant team of Academic Deans and I started this year committing to academic excellence, student success, faculty success and administrative excellence. Our values will always be aspirational, but we have made progress.

Towards **academic excellence** we have improved the process for proposing and revising graduate courses, added required or optional writing courses to 9 academic majors, started a 3-year project to ensure foundational quantitative reasoning and literacy across the curriculum, and engaged new Lecturers in a learning Consortium that shares best practices, and much more.

Toward **faculty success** we have created the Faculty Opportunity Fund to support faculty's professional development needs and dreams, sent weekly updates on resources and campus-doings of note, run a variety of stage of life and career workshops, provided research funding via the OAR and teaching support via the TLC. We have hired a record number of faculty who will help invigorate our shared governance, curriculum and research.

Toward **student success** we have raised substantial funding for and organized the academic support programs that have proven highly successful, such as CUSP, LEAP, first-year and transfer engagement coordinators and STEM acceleration programs; we have increased experiential learning and internship opportunities for professional advancement and expanded the base of employers recruiting at John Jay; we have established benchmarks to ensure we are serving each of our student populations well.

Toward **Administrative Excellence** we have restructured the administration to align priorities with staffing and increase responsiveness. By the end of summer, we will have improved payment processes and adjunct support in place.

Thank you to all for your efforts to make John Jay not just a place to work, but an intellectual and emotional home for all.

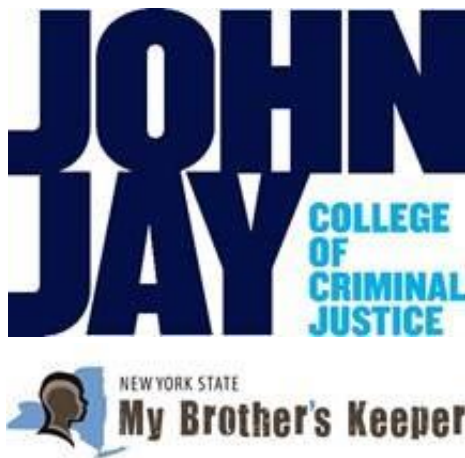
Honoring Each Other

At the in-person Faculty and Staff Meeting on May 31 we will recognize one another's career milestones – who joined the college this year, who earned tenure or 13.3.B, who has served the college for 10, 25, or 50 years, or who, after 55 years is retiring (okay, it's Blanche Weisen Cook!). And more!

This is our chance to show up for one another (and Blanche!) and enact the community that makes John Jay special. I hope to see you there and at the reception that will follow.



My Brother's Keeper Comes to John Jay



John Jay is partnering with President Barack Obama's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative to support the academic, postgraduate and professional aspirations of male students of color, starting this summer.

Men of color bring a wealth of assets and expertise to the college, and we are here to provide them an education of distinction. MBK @ John Jay is a strengths-based program grounded in understanding the excellence of our men of color and helping them achieve their highest aspiration for themselves. We will do so by ensuring we have opportunities for men to develop community, engage academically, take advantage of leadership and professional opportunities, and focus on their wellbeing.



See You at Commencement

June 2, 2023
3:30 pm
Barclays Center

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