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# 'Subway Samaritan' is Guest at Annual Salute to Veterans Event



Veterans at the luncheon include Lehman students, staff and members of the community.

Lehman's Office of Veterans and Military Affairs held its second annual Salute to Veterans luncheon in the East Dining Room on November 9. The event honors the large and growing number of Lehman students, staff and community residents who are veterans or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. This annual recognition of national service was launched by Barbara Thompson, who joined the Division of Student Affairs as Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs in 2010.

The 86 luncheon attendees included students and staff, New York City firefighters and police officers, and special guest Wesley J. Aubrey, a Navy veteran and construction worker better known in the media as the "Subway Samaritan," "Subway Superman" and "Hero of Harlem." In an act of great courage, Aubrey rescued a 19-year-old film student who had suffered a seizure and fallen onto the tracks, from being struck by a subway train.

Aubrey was on *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" list, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg awarded him one of New York City's highest honors, the Bronze Medallion—along with a year's worth of free subway rides.

The Salute to Veterans luncheon was catered free of charge by Naylorsons Food Corp. and the Morton Williams Supermarket donated the soft drinks.



The recent Salute to Veterans marked the 236th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10. Cutting the cake (l-r) are special guest Wesley Aubrey and Marine Sergeant Joseph Soto, who is President of the Legion of Veterans student club at Lehman.

## Child Care Center Kids Host Luncheon in Spirit of Giving

To encourage growth in social and emotional development, the children of the Lehman College Child Care Center hosted a luncheon for families and staff to support its "Food for All" campaign. The children prepared tortellini skewers, tortellini salad, and fruit cups.

Also in the spirit of giving, the children will again be selling singing telegrams to spread cheer to the campus. Telegrams can be purchased for a nominal fee and will be delivered the week of December 12. All of the proceeds will be donated to Kids for Kids to support the "Food For All" campaign supporting those in need.



Preschoolers prepare tortellini/veggie skewers.

## Students Become Holiday 'Elves'



Volunteers show off blankets crocheted by creative Lehman students.

Lehman student volunteers took part in the annual Holiday Elfing Project in lower Manhattan in collaboration with the nonprofit group Visiting Neighbors.

This new initiative came about after Visiting Neighbors lost the funding for its elfing project. Students and staff in the Office of Community Engagement and New Student Programs decided to keep the project going. To that end, they launched a collection drive and taught the Lehman community how to crochet lap throws for homebound senior citizens.

During the month of November, students gathered at Carman Café three times a week to crochet. As they worked together, both new and experienced crocheters formed new relationships with each other as well.

The students wrapped their gifts at a holiday wrapping party in the President's Conference Room. On December 6, they joined a group of students from NYU to become "elves" and deliver their holiday cheer. For many of the seniors, the gifts delivered by the students will be the only ones they receive this season.

## Lehman Men's Health Clinic Meets on First Tuesday of Each Month

The Student Health Center's mission is to provide quality, affordable care and preventive health education in order to help Lehman students succeed. While the campus is predominantly female, the Center has reached out to our male students as well, to ensure that their health is protected.

Uninsured male students have received physical exams at the Center, and they have learned about other health services they could benefit from. Some men have applied for and received health insurance through a representative who is onsite at the Center twice a week. "They're getting the message that we have a campus health facility they can depend upon when they need care," says Director Cindy Kreisberg. Call (718) 960-8900 to make an appointment.



Mark Polisar, M.D., Medical Director of the Student Health Center, takes a student's medical history during the Men's Only Health Clinic held the first Tuesday of each month.

# UMLP Workshop on 'The Power of Mentorship'

The Urban Male Leadership Program (UMLP) at Lehman presented a workshop recently on "The Power of Mentorship." It was designed to bolster UMLP's Mentorship Program, which matches freshmen, sophomores, and transfer students with faculty, staff, and alumni mentors. Mentors and mentees meet face-to-face at least once a month and communicate weekly by phone, email, or text message. This semester UMLP also launched a pilot peer-mentorship program that matches 12 experienced Lehman students with incoming freshmen.

In his workshop presentation, Dr. Kevin McGruder, UMLP Mentorship Coordinator and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the African and African American Studies Department, focused on ways to strengthen a mentor-mentee relationship through the exchange of information. He cited research in academic mentoring that shows the importance of mentors exchanging their knowledge and skills (human capital) as well as their understanding of college and professional life (cultural capital).

In a discussion group with more than 35 students, faculty, administrators, and UMLP participants, Dr. McGruder talked about the growing popularity of youth mentoring programs. Group participants described the benefits of mentoring in higher education, and students offered their perspectives on what they could gain from having a mentor in college.

Developing a strong relationship is essential to the exchange of mentor/mentee information. The mentor needs to understand what the mentee truly needs, and the mentee needs to feel like he or she can trust the mentor. Students commented on the benefits and challenges of the relationship: "It takes time to get to know someone" and "my mentor is good at keeping me on top of my academic goals."

To learn more about the Circle of Support Mentorship Program and other UMLP programs, call (718) 960-8801 or feel free to visit the UMLP office in Shuster Hall, Room 179.



UMLP Mentorship Coordinator Kevin McGruder addresses workshop participants.

## Office of SDS Showcases Livescribe Pen at Lehman's First SI Mini Conference

The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) was among the participants in the first SI (Supplemental Instruction) Mini-Conference, "Mind to Mind, Hand to Hand: Developing Independent Learning through Peer Mentoring and Coaching." The event, held on campus last fall, included presenters from 13 CUNY institutions, CUNY Central, the Murphy Institute, and seven outside institutions. The Office of SDS shared its ongoing work with the Livescribe Smartpen as

part of the Conference's Multimedia Showcase.

Livescribe's advanced technology has provided new avenues for independence and learning for a variety of students in a number of settings. For the past year, through its Livescribe Pilot Program, SDS has been training students with different disabilities to use the pen, and coaching them to develop new notetaking and review strategies.

Multimedia Showcase attendees had the opportunity not only to use the Livescribe Smartpen and consider its potential benefit in supplemental instruction, but also to become familiar with the Office of SDS's programs and gain insight into ways Lehman students with disabilities are able to attain academic success.

"To date, a dozen students have been involved in the pilot and the feedback is encouraging," says Merrill Parra, Director. "We hope to expand the program in the near future." To learn more about the Livescribe Smartpen and other assistive technology, visit the ACCESS and Technology Center (ATC) in the Library, Room 218, or contact Jill Roter at 960-1167.



Jill Roter, SDS Assistant Director, demonstrates the Livescribe Smartpen to Professor Joyce Zaritsky, Program Director for Academic Peer Instruction at LaGuardia Community College.

# Men's Soccer Team Wins CUNY Championship



Clockwise, from left: the winning team and coaches, head coach Joe Andre, team captain Carlos Ribeiro, assistant coaches Churchill Jackson and Jordan Salhoobi, and championship game MVP Oumar Niang.



The Lehman men's soccer team won its first-ever CUNY Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) championship in an exciting match with Baruch College in front of an overflow crowd at Randall's Island. The win came in a penalty kick shootout after the teams played to a 2-2 standoff

during 110 minutes of play. Lehman's Thaddeus Ikwuka scored the winning goal.

The victory caps a winning season and avenges the team's only CUNYAC loss—which came at the hands of Baruch in September. It also completes a stunning ascent that saw the team

rise from club status to conference champion in three short years at the helm of head coach Joe André, who played for the Lightning during his years as a student at Lehman.

"It means a lot to win this," says André. "Lehman is home, and I'm glad to give back."

## Taekwondo Classes Build Technique, Discipline, Confidence



A taekwondo class led by Grandmaster Kim at The APEX.

Taekwondo is one of the world's most popular martial arts in terms of the number of practitioners. It often combines self-defense, sport, exercise, meditation and philosophy. It has been an Olympic event since 2000.

Grandmaster B. M. Kim led Lehman students in a seven-class taekwondo training program that was sponsored by the Student Health Center and held at The APEX. The Student Government Association provided



Graduation day! Successful students receive certificates and white belts.

financial support for the classes and supplied Gatorade and water at each session.

In addition to learning basic techniques of self-defense, the students agreed that they had also gained in self-confidence and self-discipline. They were tested in December for the white belt level at Kim's White Plains school. They received uniforms, belts, and certificates—and several have decided to continue with their training.