

## FACTS ABOUT LEHMAN COLLEGE



**TYPE OF COLLEGE:** A senior liberal arts college in The City University of New York, founded in 1968 and offering almost 100 undergraduate and graduate programs.

**LOCATION:** 37-acre campus in the northwest Bronx across from the Jerome Park Reservoir and centered along a major educational corridor with four neighboring public schools.

**ENROLLMENT** (Fall 2007): 8,864 undergraduate students and 2,058 graduate students, for a total of 10,992 students.

### UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE (Fall 2007)

*Race and Ethnicity:* 48%, Hispanic; 33%, African-American; 10%, White; 4%, Asian

*Gender:* 71% female/29% male

*Age:* Under 25: 58% / Over 25: 42%

*Financial Aid:* 75% receive financial aid

**HONORS STUDENTS** (Fall 2007): 239, including the Macaulay Honors College at Lehman, the CUNY Teacher Academy at Lehman, the Lehman Scholars Program, and the McNair Scholars Program.

**AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:** 19

**DEGREES AWARDED** (2007): 1,319 bachelor's degrees; 674 master's degrees

**NOTABLE FACULTY:** Six Distinguished Professors, including Billy Collins, recent Poet Laureate of the United States (2001-2003) and New York State Poet Laureate (2004-2006) and composer John Corigliano, winner of both the Academy Award (2000) and the Pulitzer Prize for Music (2001)

**ALUMNI:** Over 55,000 in law, medicine, teaching, business, the arts, social services, and healthcare. Almost half live in the Bronx or elsewhere in New York City.

**RESEARCH:** For FY 2007, Lehman was awarded \$19.38 million from federal and state agencies as well as private sources to support scholarly research and to provide special services to local K-12 schools, community organizations, and residents of the Bronx and the metropolitan area. As a result, Lehman ranked fourth in this area among the 14 CUNY senior colleges.

### RECENT RECOGNITION (partial list):

- One of only 13 institutions nationally to be selected as an "Institution of Excellence" in the First Year of College.
- First of the CUNY colleges to be accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Reaccredited by NCATE (2007).
- Student awards: Student-produced video magazine "Inside Lehman": fourteen awards since 2002, including the Communicator Award of Excellence (2005), Telly Award (2004, 2008), Award with Distinction in the Videographers Award Competition (2008), and First Prize in the Alliance for Community Media's Northeast Regional Competition (2003, 2004, 2007). Lehman chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society: Key Chapter Award (2004).

### NOTABLE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**CUNY Flagship Initiatives** in Teacher Education, New Media, and Structural and Molecular Biosciences. Lehman houses the CUNY doctoral program in the plant sciences and has a long-standing collaboration with the New York Botanical Garden.

**Nationally Recognized Research Programs** in biological sciences, psychology, mathematics and computer science, physics, and astronomy receive substantial support from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation for faculty research initiatives and to prepare minority students to become future scientists.

**Master's of Public Health.** Lehman is the only institution in the Bronx to offer this program, which prepares students for professional careers in the healthcare field as practitioners and researchers.

**Master's of Social Work.** Lehman is the only institution in the Bronx to offer this program, designed to prepare social workers for leadership positions in social service agencies in urban communities.

**Lehman Online:** From one course in Spring 1997, the program grew by 2007 to 166 course sections, enrolling 2,056 students, and included more asynchronous courses (taught completely online) than any other CUNY college. Included is the world's first online course in the Irish language.





## NOTABLE FACILITIES

**Lehman Speech and Hearing Center:** Lehman has operated a Speech and Hearing Center for the community since 1968. A new state-of-the-art clinic, opened in 2004, continues to serve community residents of all ages, operating as part of Lehman’s highly regarded graduate program in speech-language pathology.

**Environmental, Geological, and Geographic Sciences:** A new lab, opened in 2004, helps students in Geographic Information Science map technologies and track and analyze resource issues. It is one of only two such labs in New York City.

**Performing Arts Center:** This premier performance space brings local as well as world-renowned artists to entertain audiences of schoolchildren, families, and adults. Hosting over 30 shows each year, it entertains more than 35,000 visitors from the Bronx, Westchester, New Jersey, and Manhattan.

**The Lehman College Art Gallery** has brought important contemporary art to Bronx audiences free of charge since 1984, making significant opportunities available to local artists to advance their careers and achieve a higher level of recognition for their work. The Gallery is also an Arts Learning Center for K-12 students, teachers, college classes, and community residents, as well as a pioneer in the use of interactive media for the visual arts. Projects include production of the Public Art in the Bronx website—a teacher’s guide to over 100 public art projects in the Bronx—and a new educational website, Bronx Architecture, designated as a “We The People” project by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**The APEX:** This world-class sports and recreation complex hosts major athletic competitions as well as high school and college games and helps to promote community fitness.

**Lehman Stages:** This performance/rehearsal facility includes four different theatre and dance venues.

### New Facilities:

*Completed since 2002 (partial list):* synthetic organic chemistry research laboratory; Counseling and Intervention Center for Special Services in Education; relocation and expansion of Education Library; robotics research laboratories; marine biology laboratory; 46-seat multimedia lecture hall; biology computer laboratory; language laboratory; multimedia radio studio; plant signal transduction research laboratory.

*Facilities Under Construction or in Planning:* New multimedia center (opening in Fall 2008) and Phase One of a new science facility (scheduled to begin construction in 2008).

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS (Partial List)

**Bronx Small Business Development Center:** Since moving to Lehman College in 2000, the Bronx SBDC has worked directly with 5,895 businesses, helping them to invest over \$64 million in the area’s economy, which resulted in 2,169 jobs being saved or created. The Center also has conducted 327 training events, with over 7,000 attendees.

**Bronxnet:** Lehman has housed the studios of this municipal access cable station ever since its establishment in 1988. Bronxnet administers four television channels and provides a wide variety of community programming, as well as television production training for Bronx residents and students at Bronx colleges.

**School Partnerships and Collaborations:** Lehman programs and collaborations are impacting almost 4,000 teachers and administrators and over 50,000 area schoolchildren. Lehman is a partner or lead partner in eight of the borough’s new “small schools,” operated in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education and the New Visions reform organization. These schools include:

- **The Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music.** Lehman’s partnership has been recognized by the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors with one of the first—and largest—grants from the New York State Music Fund. The \$350,000 grant supports music classes, music performances, and lectures.
- **The High School of American Studies at Lehman College.** One of New York City’s new specialized high schools — and the first to focus on history, this school represents a collaboration among Lehman, the NYC Department of Education, and the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History (a private foundation). In spring 2008, *U.S. News & World Report* selected the High School of American Studies as one of the 100 best high schools in the country in its prestigious “America’s Best High Schools” ranking.

