



Land Acknowledgment Statement Final Draft

Lehman College acknowledges the Lunaapewaak, Munsee-speaking peoples, the original stewards of the land, water, and air where this college now sits. We recognize their contributions to the success of the American Revolution via access to paths, iron ore, and serving alongside colonists during the War of Independence, including battles in the Bronx. We recognize the importance of Indigenous perspectives regarding the relationship of all living beings with the environment and look to that model of a sustained and adaptive connection to this land despite the brutal and enduring legacy of settler colonialism. Because our gratitude is not enough, we commit to sustaining the Lunaapewaak legacy by educating ourselves on how we can be better stewards of this land. We commit to evoking the Lunaapewaak, Munsee People's memory by making this college a refuge and vehicle for both community and self-realization for marginalized and persecuted people.