Fall Greetings to All

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the Office of Residential Services, welcome to the beginning of a new academic year at Teachers College! I hope that you had a terrific summer and that you are as eager to get this year started as we are.

This issue will help you become acquainted with the residence halls and staff.

Multiple residence halls define our campus housing communities. Each community is unique and offers a combination of architectural and lifestyle options.

The TC Residential Campus is divided into two areas: North Campus—Bancroft, Grant, Sarasota and 517 West 121st. South Campus—Whittier Hall.

Each area is staffed by a professional Area Director (AD) and an Assistant Area Director (AAD). In addition, there are several Community Assistants (CA’s) that live in the residence halls.

Residential Services at TC is designed to help students meet their academic and social needs. We strive to create a home for close to 800 students. Community Assistants will plan events that will center around the interests of the students whether socially or academically. If you have ideas about activities you would like to see or do in the halls please feel free to contact your Community Assistant, AAD or Area Director.

We hope that you will become involved in the community, either through many of the programs hosted in-house, or through involvement in our CA run off-campus community programs. We wish you a very productive year and look forward to seeing you around campus.

In this newsletter you will also learn more about our staff and what to expect from living in our community and will learn about ways to get involved!

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Bancroft Hall is Mad, Powerful Eclecticism

In his book, THE CITY OBSERVED: NEW YORK, A GUIDE TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF MANHATTAN, Paul Goldberger identifies and describes in detail the architectural jewels of Morningside Heights. He includes sections on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Amsterdam, the Church of Notre Dame on Morningside Drive, Low Library and St. Paul’s Chapel on Columbia University’s main campus, and Riverside Church. He also includes Teachers College’s own Bancroft Hall.

Designed in 1911 by architect Emery Roth, Bancroft Hall is according to Goldberger, “mad, powerful eclecticism, a myriad of styles thrown together and then held in check” by Roth in such a way that he “taunted chaos the way a good bullfighter taunts a bull, and he manages to escape unscathed.”

The building consists of a central wing behind a forecourt and two projecting side wings, and while the ornament is basically Beaux-Arts in derivation, there are hints of Art Nouveau, Spanish Mission, and even, if you will, something that might be called Japanese-California Bungalow. It all works, in part because Roth abstracted everything—the cartouches are not real Italian Renaissance cartouches but abstract versions of them, for example. The side wings are the best thing of all—there are six story bays running the center of each, with spandrels and mullions all in elaborately molded copper, now a rich green; above the bay is an abstracted balustrade, topped by an arch; above the arch is brickwork with terra-cotta diamonds and squares set into it, and above that is a low, sprawling pitched roof out of a California bungalow or early Frank Lloyd Wright. The roof is echoed in miniature below and to the right and left of the six-story bay. The building is dark, and deserves to be cleaned, but even on its tight, compressed midblock site, it gleams.”
Meet the Whittier CA Staff

Meet the CA Staff of 517 Residence Hall

From left to right:
Janine Rudder: Floors 2-4 North & 9 - 11 South
Jo-Ellen Malveaux: Floors 5 - 11 North
Avina Gupta: Floors 12 - 18 North
Shaun Errichiello: Floors 2 - 8 South

517 Hall is located on 121st Street. The architectural award winning building contains 252 efficiency apartments with shared common kitchens distributed throughout the building. A security desk at the north entrance is staffed 24 hours a day.

CA Staff of Bancroft, Grant and Sarasota (BGS)

Bancroft, Grant, and Sarasota offer one bedroom, two bedroom and three bedroom apartments. Some of our single students and all of our families reside within these three residence halls. The front desk in Bancroft Hall is staffed 24 hours a day and monitors the entrances of Grant and Sarasota via closed-circuit television.

Sarasota and Grant Halls are located at 512 and 514 West 122nd Street, respectively. Grant is unique in that it is the only building that hosts both family and single housing.

The back of the BGS apartments face a large courtyard that is home to a large bike shed. The courtyard connects the buildings with one another and its parallel streets.

There are several types of housing offered in Whittier Hall. All assignments offer a private bedroom.

Whittier Hall is located at 1230 Amsterdam Avenue. Suite rooms have kitchen and bath facilities shared by three to six individuals of the same gender. All single student housing is furnished.

The efficiency, one and two bedroom, and studio units have a private kitchen, with a kitchen table and chairs provided. Each suite also has its own kitchen, with a kitchen table and chairs provided. Combination microwave and refrigerator units are provided in all single rooms. A telephone with voice mail, cable TV service, unlimited local calls, caller identification, and computer data service are also included in each room.

From left: Aisha Burrell Floors (5-6), Daniel Kim (7-8), Vickie Ndibo (3-4), Rebecca Pinard (1-2), Matt Marsters-D’Urso (9-10)

From left: Jessica Collado-Castillo (BA 4-6), Greg Payton (BA 1-3), Nani Pease (Sarasota), Lelaina Romero (BA 7-8) and Paul Kim (Grant Hall)
Welcome to a new year! We, the Community Assistants of Bancroft, Grant and Sarasota are excited about seeing each of you and working together, over the course of the year, to support your needs and build community. One theme that we are hoping to include throughout our efforts is Environmental Consciousness. Last year we had a very successful Recycling Program that asked for contributions from families and children: kids made posters and we educated our residents about recycling policies. As a result, recycling increased and our community helped minimize its impact on the environment. This year, we are hoping to continue and expand environmentally-conscious programming...and you can help! We encourage your ideas, suggestions and participation! Look for more information in this newsletter and around the residence halls.

- Greg Payton
Bancroft CA, Floors 1-3

Central and Area Office Staff

Top (left to right): Jim Mitchell; Director of Residential Services and Campus Safety, Christina Montville; Assistant Director, Dewayne White; Associate Director of Residential Services, James Alford Jr., Area Director-South Campus.
Bottom (left to right): Amy Rothberg; Area Director-North Campus, Holly Prozzo; Assistant Area Director-South Campus, Dominic Mentor; Assistant Area Director-North Campus.

Environmental Consciousness

Recycling now, for the future.

The Office of Residential Services, Teachers College, Columbia University supports the institutional mission of the college by providing campus housing that is convenient, safe, and reasonably priced for students, faculty and staff. The basic principles of student development, multiculturalism and management are reflected in the Department’s commitment to meet the unique needs of a diverse graduate residential population. Particular emphasis is placed upon providing graduate students with a stimulating, inclusive, and caring environment which enhances the out-of-classroom experience and leads to intellectual, personal, and professional growth.

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We are on the Web at:
http://www.tc.columbia.edu/housing/
Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thursday, 31st August 2006
Move-in Day!

Friday, 1 September 2006
2nd Annual TC Block Party
Time: 12pm-6pm
Location: 120th Street between Amsterdam Ave and Broadway

TGIF@Radio Perfecto
Time: 8pm
Location: 1187 Amsterdam Avenue

Tuesday, 5 September 2006
Whittier Floor meeting/Pizza Party
Time: Contact your CA
Meeting Location: Whittier 10th Floor Lounge

Friday, 8 September 2006
New International Student Orientation
Time: 9-30am—3 pm
Meeting Location: TC Cafeteria

Saturday, 9 September 2006
Lincoln Square Sidewalk Surprises
Time: 11 am
Meeting Location: Whittier Lobby
Contact: Rebecca Pinard

Wednesday, 13 September 2006
Happy Hour in the Courtyard
Time: 6pm-8pm
Meeting Location: NRH Main Courtyard
Contact: NRH CA’s

Thursday, 14 September 2006
San Gennaro Festival
Time: 7pm
Meeting Location: Whittier Hall Lobby
Contact: Janine Rudder, Shaun Errichiello, Matt Marsters-D’Urso

The world through our lens
Time: 9-30 pm
Meeting Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Aisha Burrell

Friday, 15 September 2006
BGS Family Networking Social Event
Time: 5—6.30 pm
Meeting Location: BA Community Room
Contact: Bancroft CA’s

Saturday, 16 September 2006
Trek across the Brooklyn Bridge
Time: 2 pm
Meeting Location: 517 Lobby
Contact: Jo-Ellen Malveaux

Sunday, 24 September 2006
Whittier Brunch
Time: 10 am –11:30 am
Meeting Location: Whittier Café
Contact: Daniel Kim, Rebecca Pinard, Aisha Burrell, Vickie Ndibo

Thursday, 21 September 2006
Get to know your CA and Neighbors over dinner
Time: 6.30 pm
Meeting Location: 517 Lobby
Contact: Janine Rudder

Friday, 22 September 2006
Welcome Reception
Time: 4–5.30 pm
Meeting Location: Russell Courtyard

Saturday, 23 September 2006
Bike to the Sea
Time: 8 am
Meeting Location: Whittier Lobby

Contact: Daniel Kim and Vickie Ndibo

Saturday, 30 September 2006
BGS Fall Community Potluck
Time: 6 pm
Meeting Location: TBA
Contact: Greg, Jessica, Lelaina, Nani, Paul