

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

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## York Approved for Start-Up NY



**Governor Andrew Cuomo**

It was an exciting summer for York College. During the break, the College received great news on two fronts. First, the Empire State Development approved the College's Start-Up NY Campus Plan, which enables businesses to now apply to New York State to participate in Start-Up NY, and, if accepted, to apply to York

College to participate in the College's Campus Plan.

The College was also excited to learn that it has been selected to participate in Governor Andrew Cuomo's first round of the NY-CUNY 2020 Challenge Program, a \$55 million initiative. York College will be a partner with Queensborough Community College, Queens College, the School of Professional Studies, and CUNY Law School in a \$10 million grant to establish a teaching clinic in Northern Queens. That program will provide jobs and healthcare

services to the community.

According to the Office of Governor Cuomo, over a three-year period, nearly 700 graduates of healthcare programs from the partner institutions will find employment as a result of this initiative. Start-Up NY will also bring additional economic benefits to the Greater Jamaica community.

As part of the Start-Up NY initiative, York College's campus will bolster a growing economic hub where businesses can establish their companies as tax-free

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## New CUNY Chancellor Visits York

CUNY Chancellor James "J.B." Milliken saved York for ninth on the system-wide tour of his new domain of 24 campuses, and loved it.

Arriving at York on the morning of July 22, the Chancellor, his wife,



**Chancellor Milliken addressing York students during his campus visit**

Nana Smith and Chief of Staff, Doris Suarez, spent time meeting with the constituencies of York – administrators, faculty and students. As a new chancellor the tour has been more about

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### Special points of interest:

- **Human Resource Management chapter launched**
- **New Faculty profiles**
- **Student Research & Awards**
- **Provost Lectures**

## Global Social Work is on the move ...



**Dr. Rodgers presenting at Joint World Conference in Melbourne**



**Posing at the United Nations: Dr. Selena T. Rodgers, Dr. Angelo McClain (National Association of Social Workers Chief Executive Officer), and YC social work students**

On July 11, 2014, Dr. Selena T. Rodgers, Fulbright Specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Social Work, presented her paper titled, “Fulbright Specialist’s Report on revising social work education in Europe’s most impoverished country: Global perspectives, post-Soviet pedagogies, curriculum development” at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development: Promoting Social and Economic Equity, held in Melbourne – originally called Kulin Nation by Aborigines of Australia.

According to the Organizing Committee, 1,500 social work and social development practitioners, researchers, educators and consumers from the international

community attended the conference.

Another significant reason for Dr. Rodgers’ travel to Australia in July 2014 was to attend the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) General Assembly and IASSW North America and Caribbean Regional meeting, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. As an individual member of IASSW and International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Dr. Rodgers and other members exercised their vote at these historical meetings which approved the Global Definition of Social Work. To read the approved definition, please visit: <http://ifsw.org/get-involved/global-definition-of-social-work/>

Dr. Rodgers’ work on

Global Social Work situates well with experiential learning opportunities for York College students.

On April 28, 2014, Professor Rodgers and students who were enrolled in her Introduction to Social Work and Social Research II classes attended the 31st Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations. Students enthusiastically shared their experiences about the 2014 conference theme, Social Work Practice and Education: Voices on the Post-2015 Development Agenda with classmates. Rodgers affirms that she will continue to provide students with innovative learning opportunities and sustainable knowledge that will help contribute to communities locally, nationally, and globally.

## York Students at 3rd Annual Westchester Undergraduate Research Conference

Mercy College recently hosted the 3rd Annual Westchester Undergraduate Research Conference, sponsored by Manhattanville College and Mercy College, and York College Geology and Environmental Health Science

students were in the mix. The event showcased the outstanding original research and service learning projects that undergraduates from two- and four-year colleges undertook under the direction and mentorship of dedi-

cated faculty members. The conference opened up with guest-speaker Dr. Stephanie Le Melle, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University, who provided insight about proper ca-

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