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# Life-Long Learning Alumni Newsletter



Join Fellow Life-Long Learning Alumni, Continuing Education and Learning Center staff for the

#### LIFE-LONG LEARNING ALUMNI HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 pm

#### A MESSAGE FROM

Oslene Carrington, Executive Director,
Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Greetings, York College, CUNY Life-Long Learning Alumni,

Welcome to the very first issue of the Life-Long Learning Alumni newsletter—welcome! York College values its relationships with all of its students. As such, this newsletter commences a new dialog between the College and those who have participated in programs through the College's Learning and Continuing Education Centers. It is clear that York "alumni" like you have a desire for personal and professional growth, as well as for engagement with this institution, since it offered those opportunities.

York's personal and professional development programs graduates have demonstr

-ated their commitment to the College over the years, and now the College would like to use this new platform to share the significant accomplishments achieved by program graduates, highlight opportunities for further growth, and share information about free benefits being made available to you. To launch the Life-Long Learning Alumni group, and as a gift from York, all graduates may access Perks Benefits. Find out more about Perks at www.startatyork.com.

Please feel free to take advantage of all that the College makes available to you, as it is our collective way of saying "thank you," and our way congratulating you on your hard work to move forward.

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The Contining and Professional Education Center

The Learning Center

94-20 Guy R Brewer Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11451



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS, AND THE INAUGURAL
ALUMNI RECEPTION IN DECEMBER 2018



Inaugural Life-Long Learning Alumni Graduation, June 2018

#### A MESSAGE FROM

Carmine Roche, Interim Director of Continuing and Professional Education Center Linda Ribaudo, Director of the Learning Center



On behalf of our Centers, we welcome everyone to the Life-Long Learning Alumni Association and look forward to seeing you at the inaugural holiday reception!

The Continuing and Professional Education Center (AC-2F01B) and the Learning Center (CL-104) offer several different pathways for individuals to reach their personal and academic goals. We encourage you, your family members, and friends to visit our offices to learn more about training that can lead to a brighter future; or pick-up a brochure and check out our websites. We are here to serve you!







Did you know that the median wage of New York City Region STEM occupations is \$83,830 a year, which is 68% higher than the median annual wage of \$49,810 for all workers in the region?

Continuing Education offers many STEM field certification programs at great rates.

### Meet Life-Long Learning Alumna, Fatima

Fatima is from the Middle East and came to the United States back in 2014. Fatima is a wife and mother of one. While taking care of her personal responsibilities at home, Fatima was able to achieve her educational goals by successfully completing the Learning Center's High School Equivalency and College's CLIP Programs. Fatima stated that

"Before these programs, I struggled with the English language, and I didn't feel comfortable speaking to others. I tried other English learning classes but they didn't give me the support that I needed. At York one of the teachers, named Mr. Williams really helped me feel comfortable and helped me a lot with learning English. I'm really grateful for him and for the support at York that I received."

After Fatima completed the programs, she enrolled at York as an undergraduate student! Fatima is majoring in pharmaceutical science and has plans to work in the medical field after she graduates.

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#### NEW! NEW! NEW! NEWS!



Check out new Continuing Education courses and get registered for Spring 2019.

#### www.startatvork.com

- Home Improvement Contractor License Course (Far Rockaway and Jamaica)
- Advanced
   Placement (AP)
   Computer Science
   Principles
- Chartered Tax Professional
- Grant Writing
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analysts I
- TOEFL Exam Prep
- Conversational Spanish
- Data Analysis I
- K-8 Winter Break
   Day Camp
- Tax Preparation II



Life-Long Learning Alumni Health Professions Job Fair, June 2018

#### Get Perks Benefits today!

- Cash Back Rewards
- National Retailer Incentives
- Discounted Gift Cards.

http://www.startatyork.com

# **Meet Timothy**

Timothy participated in the Home Improvement Contractor Licensing course, starting in Fall 2017. After completing the program, he sent a heart-warming letter to the Continuing Education Center.

Timothy states that since participating in the program,

"I'm far more confident in my position as property manager to the apartment superintendent. I have a new edge in my career trajectory. I also have stronger footing within my industry because so few in my field have bothered to take on the extra education and knowledge of handy work that [relate] directly to what [they] do. The instructors have made the going back to school experience incredibly worthwhile. The instructors make all the courses fun and hands on, and each time I leave a class I am more eager than before to take on some home improvement projects. I look forward to taking further courses with York College as a whole."

Want to get involved with Life-Long Learning Alumni Association?

We are currently looking for members for a new Leadership Council: President, Vice President and Secretary.

Email us at: conted@york.cuny.edu



#### Student Internship Opportunities through StartUP NY

Check this out! Microdrones partners with York College to give students tech internships. StartUP NY was created by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to help growing tech businesses connect with college students for jobs in different communities. Read More here.



Your stories touch and motivate staff and as well as your peers. We will be highlighting two students every issue. If you would like to share your story, please email us with your picture, and your story at conted@york.cuny.edu



#### LET'S CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

Join Fellow Life-Long Learning Alumni, York Continuing Education and Learning Center staff!

FIRST INAUGURAL LIFE-LONG LEARNING ALUMNI HOLIDAY RECEPTION Tuesday, December 18, 2018



Date: December 18th, 2018

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Location:** York College

Art Gallery

94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd. Lower Level (Entrance - Liberty Avenue) Jamaica, NY 11451

Fee: \$20 (For refreshments)

**RSVP HERE** 

**FESTIVE ATTIRE** 

The York College, CUNY Life-Long Learning Alumni Association (LLLA) is hosting its inaugural holiday celebration to congratulate you on your educational journey and accomplishments with York College. In essence, York wants to celebrate YOU!

As a reward, we would like to invite you to the First Annual LLLA Holiday Reception. York wishes to provide opportunities to network connect and celebrate your goals. Tickets are just \$20, which will cover the cost of food and refreshments. Bring your business cards, a warm smile, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and join old friends and new for this fun and motivational event. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

We look forward to seeing you!