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MORE THAN A DOZEN AT CU FACILITIES GRADUATE WITH MASTER’S DEGREES

More than a dozen Facilities team members prove themselves as masters in their fields. More on page 10.

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With temperatures steadily rising, this summer may prove to be one of the hottest on record and one of our most challenging yet. Still, our team remains ever ready, optimizing campus energy usage to reduce our University's footprint and keep our central plant and buildings operating.

Many of our sustainable practices have not only benefitted our community, but they have also garnered us recognition from respected professional associations. Examples include Faculty House and the Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building. In April, Faculty House became the first LEED Gold Certified building on Morningside campus (read more on page 7). Through your hard work on its recent restoration, Faculty House stands as a premier event space with integrated energy-efficient and water-conserving utilities. Similarly, the Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building—the University’s first LEED (Silver) Certified building—added yet another award to its list of accolades in April, receiving an award of merit by the America Institute of Architects (more on page 9). Our sustainable work lies not only in green building, but also in keeping our community safe, as seen in the transformation of Public Safety’s security vehicles to an all-hybrid fleet (read more on page 11).

Behind these efforts is a strong Facilities team. Our team is dedicated. Many of you, like Ricky Morales (see profile on page 13), have spent more than 25 years serving the community and embodying what we do best. Our team works hard. Your diligence is reflected each year during Commencement Week, when hundreds of you spent weeks prior to the event preparing our campus for our graduates, faculty, family, and friends—in total, a series of celebrations culminating in an intimate gathering of approximately 40,000 (more on page 10). Our team is skilled. Among this year's Columbia graduates were more than a dozen Facilities team members, who proved themselves as masters in their respective fields (more on page 10). We applaud them and thank them for strengthening our team.

These initiatives and our collective work allow us to deliver the high quality of service our clients expect and deserve. As you enjoy the summer, take a moment to read through this issue and celebrate our many successes.

Joe Ienuso
Dear Facilities,

I trust Luis [superintendent, Luis Ramirez] with my life and you must pass on my thanks to him. Moving to New York was a bit scary, after everything I'd heard on TV, etc. through the years about superintendents. Luis is a kind, funny, gentle man and must be complimented in any way possible for his extra special service. This goes for the emergency toilet overflows (my fault), the lockouts (my fault), and the weird little things that he fixed. Great guy. Thank you.

Laurel Ackerson '10

I am pleased to say the noise issue at 600 West 116th Street has been resolved. I want to thank you and Denis [Kore] for your cooperation and efforts. I have to tell you that your super, Denis, was just wonderful throughout the entire process. He demonstrated a high level of patience and professionalism, along with a great concern to resolve this matter. People like him should be commended for their good work ethics, which I find these days are becoming extinct. Please relay my gratitude to him and thanks again.

Daniel S. Davis
Associate Director
Office of Facilities Services
Barnard College

I want to personally thank you and your team for their outstanding and responsive service in responding to our work order requests, especially during the busy time of Commencement. With all that was going on around campus, Facilities did not skip a beat in completing our work orders. This is an amazing accomplishment. I would like to especially thank Joshua Morrison and Marah Arbaje for their continued support in our day to day facility requests. There is not one email, phone call, or request that goes unattended on a daily basis—and always with a wonderful attitude and smile.

Joe DeGise
Clinical Systems Specialist
Columbia University Health Services

I wanted to express our sincere thanks for the renovation in our apartment. We wanted to point out that Ingrid Reyes did a great job of managing the contractors and all of the other details of this project. Ingrid did everything possible to keep the project on schedule and assure that the work was done properly. This project has been a great success, and we are eternally grateful to you, Ingrid [Reyes], and the rest of your team for making this happen.

Brian Donnelly
Director of Educational Technology and Lecturer in Law
Columbia Law School

A big thank you to all of you! I did not receive one complaint or angry parent/student regarding a dirty room. We couldn't have done it without you.

Frances Gonzalez
Assistant Manager
Student and Guest Accommodations
Columbia University Housing Services

I would like to bring to your attention the great work that Cathy [Ryder], Nicole [Thompson] and Juan [Ramos] did as they worked through the “sewer” pipe renovation that included our office. The move to the temporary space was handled without a hitch. The painting, patching, smells, cleaning, etc was done with a smile. I will follow up with them personally but wanted you to also know they did a great job!

Annette Lopes
Executive Director, Human Resources
Facilities' Finance & Administration

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you [Gasper Rivera] and your staff for such an amazing job maintaining the building. Thank you for being so responsive to any maintenance requests and for keeping the building in excellent condition. We’ve lived here almost 6 years, and it has been a really wonderful place to live. We’re sad we have to move! I can only hope our next super is as organized and meticulous as you are.

Lisa Uperesa
Tenant
100 Morningside Drive

I just wanted to give you my feedback for 511 West 112th Street. I lived here for two years and my experience was great. Overall, the building is being kept in really good condition … The super, Ivan Celin, and the rest of the staff here were amazing. Very polite and on top of things and always responded to any repairs that we may have needed promptly. All in all, two really good Columbia Housing years.

Regina Vorria
MFA Candidate ‘11
Columbia University School of the Arts

Few words are necessary to commend the growth and professionalism of Manuel Pequero. Working closely with Superintendent Karl Jones, is conscientious, detail-oriented, knowledgeable, dependable, understandable and, as is Karl, accessible—particularly for me (spine surgery) when I (rarely) have an urgent request. Manuel, as does Karl, raises the bar to all of the above. Whatever the situation—renovation in building, moves in/out, emergencies—the process is smooth and tenants take note. In addition, Manuel’s leadership is becoming quite obvious—staff responsibilities run like clockwork. Manuel is an excellent representative of the Columbia community. We are, and have been, very fortunate.

Harriette Weisman
Tenant
400 West 119th Street

Send your compliments to Reńee Walker at rw2154@columbia.edu.
Construction Projects

Summer Construction Activity

Year round, Columbia University Facilities manages a wide array of renovation and improvement projects both on and off campus as part of our mission to maintain a safe, beautiful, and functional campus environment. A significant portion of these projects takes place during the summer months, when the reduced campus population makes it possible to complete work. Some of this summer’s construction activities are detailed below.

**Baker Field**

The field hockey and softball teams will score fields of their own, fully equipped with new field turfs. While across Baker, The Lions strike a homerun with modifications to baseball team’s stadium seating and press box.

**Manhattanville**

In a unanimous decision, New York’s highest court has effectively ruled that Columbia's campus plan in the old Manhattanville manufacturing area can move forward as proposed. The Court of Appeals reversed a lower court’s ruling and upheld the Empire State Development Corporation’s power of eminent domain, agreed with the state’s neighborhood condition findings and strongly affirmed the project’s educational and civic purposes.

This summer, preliminary work continues with the relocation of utility lines, including sewer pipes and water mains underneath Broadway—an essential step in the pre-construction process. Demolition/abatement of certain University properties will also continue. Please visit http://campusplan.columbia.edu for up-to-date information on this project.

**Other Construction Activities**

Building façade repairs will take place on and off campus in accordance with New York City Local Law 11, which requires the inspection and repair of building façade materials including brick, windows, and roofs. In order to accomplish this work, Facilities will be erecting scaffolding and sidewalk bridging at the perimeter of various buildings both on and off campus.

Aluminum and steel continue to meet at the **Northwest Corner Building**, as bridge connections between Chandler and Pupin and interior and exterior work continues in anticipation of the fall 2010 opening.

Fairchild, Mudd, and Schermerhorn Hall Extension will boast state-of-the-art laboratories, office spaces, and equipment.

With updated floors and office spaces and a new audio-visual equipment in the Kellogg Center, the **International Affairs Building** will further support students’ and faculty’s global studies.

The undergraduate architecture program welcomes renovations to **Lewisohn Hall’s 100 level**. While across campus, **Philosophy’s 300 level** will see repairs to a conference room and office spaces for the undergraduate writing program.

Alfred Lerner Hall’s will receive minor renovations for Health Services (800 level) and Academic Advising (400 level). **Hamilton Hall’s 300, 400, and 800 levels** will be refurnished for Germanic languages and American studies.

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Facilities Raises Record-Breaking Funds at Annual CCS Fundraiser

On May 6, 2010, a crowd of more than 50 Columbia University Facilities team members gathered in Wien Hall to celebrate the end of the department’s Annual Columbia Community Service (CCS) fundraiser. A record-breaking $1,900 was raised by Facilities’ contributions. These proceeds will be used to support the small, non-profit organizations that provide the community with much-needed assistance.

The event was highlighted by brief comments from representatives of Behind the Book, an organization that makes the magic of reading real for New York City’s disadvantaged youth, and The Cathedral of Church of Saint John the Divine, which provides a soup kitchen, food stamps, used clothes, and long-term shelter.

Mark Kerman, Facilities Assistant Vice President of Residential Operation and CCS’s current president says, “I’m grateful to our team at Facilities for their continued generosity and appreciate their support. Through events like our fundraiser, we’re able—particularly given the current economic environment—to provide our neighbors with much needed support, shelter, and services. I would also like to thank all of the members of the Residential Operations team for their hard work in organizing this event and, year after year, ensuring that it is a success.”

Since its inception in 1946, Columbia Community Service (CCS) has helped countless people in the Columbia area. Columbia University Facilities’ Residential Operations unit organizes an annual fundraiser in support of these efforts. CCS is a voluntary organization, and no portion of its contributions is used for administrative costs or salaries. If you would like to donate to CCS, please visit http://communityservice.columbia.edu/

22 Firms in the MWL Construction Trades Management Certificate/Mentorship Program Receive Columbia University Certificates

On Monday, June 7, 2010, twenty-two minority, women and locally-owned construction firms graduated from the academic portion of the Columbia University MWL Construction Trades Management Certificate/Mentorship Program. Joined by family members and the program’s partners, mentees received Columbia University certificates for successfully completing the first year of the two-year mentorship program.

“The mentorship program is important to me both personally and at Columbia University because the best thing that we can do as an owner is to create opportunity,” said Facilities Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso.

“In tough economic times, you better be at a course like [the one offered] at Columbia, because it’s going to separate you from the rest of the pack,” says Tony Curtis, of the Curtis Development Group, in Harlem, who was among this year’s program graduates and event speakers.

The graduating firms comprise the mentorship program’s second cohort of mentees within the Minority-, Women- and Locally-owned (MWL) Construction Trades Management Certificate/Mentorship Program. The goal is to provide training and support so firms can competitively bid on projects with Columbia, anywhere within New York City and beyond. As of May 2010, more than $7.8 million has been spent on construction projects with MWL mentee firms.

For more information on the MWL program, please visit http://facilities.columbia.edu/mentorshipprogram
Minority, Women and Local Firms Get “Innovative” at Columbia

In addition to working with Innovative as the general contractor, the University built on its long-standing commitment to MWL businesses by working with several other MWL firms—from the movers to the electrical and mechanical contractors—on the renovation and relocation project. Another firm in the mentorship program, Deb Romain Consulting, provided the wayfinding signage.

“Thanks to Innovative, our other construction partners and the project team, which included Joe Bolano, Yelena Goldenberg, Mike Azzopardi, Sheena Jones and Frank Giannelli, the move was seamless,” said Pitruzzello.

Innovative is entering the 2nd year of the two-year mentorship program, which is a unique partnership involving departments from Columbia University and the City of New York. Entering its third year, the University is ahead of schedule to enroll 100 MWL firms over five years in the pilot program. Enrolled firms have received more than $7.8 million from construction-related work from Columbia to date.

“The best thing that we as a University can do for a contractor is make an opportunity available,” said Columbia University Facilities Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso. “The best thing a contractor can do is leave good work behind.”

That’s why Gauthier’s proudest moments on the project were the compliments he received about his work.

“The best feeling I had on this project is when people said to me ‘Great job. We want you to come back and do more work,’” said Gauthier.
Making Columbia Green

Faculty House is Awarded LEED Gold

In April 2010, Columbia’s recently renovated Faculty House was awarded the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification by the United States Green Building Council. This is a significant and state-of-the-art environmental milestone for Faculty House and Columbia University, making it the first LEED Gold Certified building on Morningside campus. Moreover, Faculty House is the only building of its kind in New York City and the first McKim, Mead & White building in the country to be given this designation.

The United States Green Building Council describes the LEED system as “the nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.” Some of the features of the Faculty House restoration included integrated energy-efficient and water-conserving utilities, appliances, fixtures and insulation; installation of new HVAC system, providing clean air quality; recycled, low-emission furnishings, materials and finishes as well as locally made materials; restored original details, repurposed old materials, donated used equipment and recycled construction waste. Faculty House was awarded a notable 44 out of 44 total points attempted.

Yetuh Frank, the Director, Programs & Policy at Urban Green Council, U.S. Green Building Council of New York explains “To the best of our knowledge, Faculty House is the only building of its kind in New York City to have been awarded LEED Gold Certification. What’s more exciting for us at Urban Green Council about the Faculty House project is that it shows that historic preservation and sustainability can be compatible. Renovating existing buildings plays an essential role in achieving PlaNYC goals. Improving new construction standards can only help us so much and this project proves that even a landmark building can make significant environmental improvements.” “The LEED Gold certification is a confirmation and affirmation for us,” said Joe Ienuso, Executive Vice President of Columbia University Facilities. “It will add a great sense of pride and ownership in the building.”

Scott Wright, Vice President of Campus Services for Columbia, who oversaw the renovation, says “Achieving LEED Gold Certification in this treasured property is an important statement about Columbia University, and in particular, about Columbia’s commitment to sustainable services. Faculty House now provides our guests a blend of historical architecture and of-the-moment amenities. We have traditional menus created from locally sourced foods - it really is the perfect blend of classic and contemporary hospitality.”

The Faculty House LEED Gold Certification comes on the heels of the LEED Silver Certification of the Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building, the University’s first project to earn LEED Certification.
Columbia University Facilities is spearheading efforts to make Columbia a model environmental citizen. Below are some recent efforts to reduce energy consumption, limit our greenhouse gas emissions and incorporate environmental and energy enhancements in new construction projects.

With its renovation completed, Faculty House will now focus on providing the highest quality green meetings and events. Some current practices include catering with silverware, glass and china, water pitchers and glasses instead of bottled water, recycling receptacles at every event, and customized local and organic menus available upon request.

-- Photos by Tom Crane

**SCUP Conference Highlights**

**Facilities’ Renovation of Knox Hall**

**Campus Planning with a Sustainability Focus**

Sustainability is not only one of Columbia University’s key initiatives, but also a topic that is sparking many discussions, as was the focus of the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) 2010 North Atlantic Regional Conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on March 25, 2010. The event featured a panel entitled “Well, Well, Well-One Approach to Sustainability Master Planning” which included Joe Mannino, AIA, Associate Vice President of Capital Project Management at Columbia University Facilities.

Viewing sustainability as a driver for future campus planning, the group gave insight into sustainability policies and approaches and ways that institutions can benefit from the use of geothermal wells, such as the ones recently installed at Columbia University’s Knox Hall. Mannino discussed how these wells can assist with financial and space savings, historic preservation, and noise abatement. Knox Hall is registered under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. It was also awarded a Chairman’s Reception Award by the Greater New York User Council (GNYCUC) (see page 9 for more information).

Panelists at the SCUP NA Regional Conference included from left to right, Boston College’s Marc LeBrun, PE; Haley & Aldrich’s Paul Ormond, PE; Columbia University Facilities’ Joseph Mannino, AIA; and Helpern Architects’ David P. Helpern, FAIA, who organized and moderated the panel.

**Save Energy This Summer**

Each summer, as the city faces high heat and humidity, our Facilities team works hard to reduce energy consumption across campus. You can continue to help Columbia conserve by following these easy steps:

- Turn off air conditioners when a room is unoccupied
- Set air conditioner fan speed to the lowest setting possible
- Keep exterior doors, windows, shades and blinds closed as much as possible
- Turn lights and appliances off when not needed
Awards and Accomplishments

Knox Hall Honored By the Greater NY Construction User Council

On June 15, 2010, Knox Hall was honored by the Greater New York User Council (GNYCUC) during its annual Chairman’s Reception. Knox Hall was awarded in the “redevelopment” category. The event was hosted by Jonathan D. Resnick & Sons Inc., chairman of the GNYCUC, and held at The Green Roof. Facilities project team members, including Associate Vice President Joe Mannino, Associate Director Mike Iorii, and Project Manager Ed McArthur, proudly accepted the award.

Knox Hall, located on the campus of Union Theological Seminary, is the new home of Columbia University’s Departments of Sociology, MEALAC, Middle East Institute, South Asia Institute and the Africa Institute. Construction began in the winter of 2008 and was completed by the fall of 2009. The project includes four (4) geothermal wells as part of an overall sustainable design effort.

Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building Wins Excellence in Sustainable Design Award

The Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building won an award of merit at the America Institute of Architects (AIA)’s fifth Integrated Design/Integrated Development (IDID) Excellence in Sustainable Design and Development Awards. The winning projects which were announced at an April 16-17, 2010 conference at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH.

Juror comments on the Comer Building included: “A beautiful building with a clear and simple parti. The subtle division of spaces reinforces the sustainability goals and also successfully creates interesting dynamic spaces. [The] presentation—balanced design and technical information—[are] quite well. This project is a great example of how to approach an integrated design process and can quite easily be seen as a model for similar development.”

The IDID Awards Program is managed by the America Institute of Architects (AIA) and honors architecture, landscape architecture, planning, or historic preservation projects that demonstrate a high level of sustainable principles and excellence in design. Projects of all scopes are solicited, and winners are based on the project’s beneficial impact to the physical environment and its positive effect on the cultural landscape.
Awards and Accomplishments

More Than a Dozen at CU Facilities Graduate with Master’s Degrees

During the week of May 17, 2010, Morningside campus was marked by a sea of blue and white caps and gowns, as Columbia University celebrated its annual Commencement and subsequent Class Day activities of the 256th academic year. Among the degree recipients—more than a dozen outstanding Facilities team members. The newly crowned masters in their fields completed studies in a variety of disciplines that include: real estate development, construction administration, and negotiation and conflict resolution.

A few of the graduates came together for a celebratory group photo and were joined by Facilities Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso, who happily congratulated the excited group on their achievements and newfound skills.

Standing from left is Assistant Project Manager Raphael Lynch (Campus Operations), Project Manager Keith George (Capital Project Management), Director David Dewhurst (Campus Operations), Assistant Director Anna Fu (Residential Operations), Associate Vice President La-Verna Fountain (Construction Business Services and Communications), Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso, Project Coordinator Sheena Jones (Construction Business Services and Communications), Administrative Coordinator Henry Faulkner (Real Estate), Assistant Project Manager Elizabeth Short (Capital Project Management), Project Coordinator Raymond Jimenez (Residential Operations), and Assistant Engineer Barbara Miller (Campus Operations).

University Chaplain Honors Facilities’ Outstanding Commencement Efforts

Each year, members of Columbia University Facilities work around the clock to ensure that Commencement Week runs smoothly. Hundreds of people worked for weeks placing 38,000 folding chairs, laying 12,000 feet of cable, assembling eight bleachers where bluerobed students from 18 different schools and affiliates come together for the only time in their academic careers. Facilities staff power-washed bricks, trimmed hedges and planted flower beds timed to bloom during the week-long festivities.

University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis honored Facilities team members on June 16, 2010 with a luncheon in the Choir Room at St. Paul’s Chapel. Among the honorees were Facilities’ cleaners, carpenters, plumbers, and electricians. Facilities Executive Vice President Joe Ienuso and Assistant Vice President for Campus Operations Don Schlosser were among the speakers who thanked the team for helping to make this year’s Commencement, despite the rain, one of the best ever for over 12,500 graduates and their families.

Columbia University Facilities congratulates the Class of 2010!
Public Safety News

Public Safety Sports All-Hybrid Fleet

Although it sports a white exterior, Columbia University Public Safety’s patrol fleet is now completely green on the inside. In May 2010, the last of the patrol’s Ford Crown Victorias was retired, completing the transformation to an all-hybrid fleet of Ford Escapes and Nissan Altimas. The new vehicles - there are 14 in total at the University’s Morningside Campus and Medical Center - will reduce the University's carbon footprint by minimizing exhaust emissions and maximizing fuel efficiency.

“This is a success for us on many fronts,” said Vice President of Public Safety Jim McShane. “We’ll not only continue working to keep the community safe, but also ensure that the air quality in our neighborhood will be cleaner.”

Awards & Acknowledgments at Annual Barbecue

Awards were distributed and softball was the game of choice during the annual Public Safety barbecue held in June 2010 at Columbia’s Baker Field. Public Safety team members and NYPD affiliates were acknowledged for their outstanding work during the course of the year, which continues to help safeguard our campuses. Above, Public Safety celebrates a second place finish against the University's local NYPD precincts.

Congratulations to THREE TIME Champion Brian Tesseyman, Winner of the 2010 Public Safety Biggest Loser Weight Loss Contest

Brian Tesseyman
Senior Investigator
Lost 39.4 pounds = 15.85%

2nd Place Winner

Ramon Martinez
Sergeant
Lost 30.6 pounds = 11.26%

3rd Place Winner

Ken Finnegan
Director
Lost 19 Pounds = 9.54%

Congratulations to all who participated. You are all winners!
Organizational Update

After over three years of service, Vice President of Operations Matthew Early will be leaving Columbia to accept a position as Vice President for Campus Services at Emory University in Atlanta. Under Matthew’s leadership, the University’s operations became more sustainable, efficient, and client-focused. Facilities and the University community appreciates Matthew’s outstanding efforts and wish him all the best in his future pursuits.

Frank Martino has been appointed Interim Vice President for Operations. Frank, who was previously Columbia’s Assistant Vice President for Plant Engineering and Utilities, is a mechanical engineer and valued member of the Columbia University Facilities team. He holds more than 18 years of experience in his field.

A Celebration Of The Life Of Janet Averill McCrohan

The University community gathered on June 22, 2010 at St. Paul’s Chapel to celebrate the life of our dear friend and colleague, Janet Averill McCrohan, who passed away on June 6, 2010. Janet will forever be remembered as a devoted mother, wife, and friend, who strongly believed in the success and development of her colleagues and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the McCrohan family: Janet’s husband, Seamus, and children, including 13-year-old Niamh and 11-year-old triplets Sorcha, Seamus, and Connor.

Janet Averill McCrohan’s talent and vision will forever be remembered through many of Columbia University Facilities’ projects, such as the renovations to Hogan Hall (above).
Employee Profile: Ricky Morales

**WHO HE IS:** Manager for Crime Prevention Programs

**YEARS AT COLUMBIA:** 25 Years

**WHAT HE DOES:** Morales develops programs that promote a safe environment for Columbia students, faculty and staff. He oversees seven crime prevention programs, including PC and MAC Phone Home, a free downloadable software program that tracks and locates lost or stolen computers, bike registration, and ID card engraving. Working with the Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center, Morales also organizes free self-defense classes twice a year to all students, faculty and staff. He gives crime prevention lectures at orientations for new students and employees and constantly updates the New York City Police Department on crime trends. He is the University's point person for Safe Havens, a program in which local businesses near campus assist students, faculty or staff who need help. Morales is currently fine-tuning a new equipment-recovery program, like the one for PCs and MACs, but for iPhones and iPods.

**BEST PART OF THE JOB:** “I love the interaction with people, with staff, faculty, students and also people in the community—everyone I come across,” said Morales. “The job is all about helping others. I like to see that the programs we have in place work, and that they really help people. I also enjoy working with the people in Public Safety. I believe we are the best team in the Ivies.”

**BEFORE COLUMBIA:** Born in Brooklyn, Morales was raised primarily by his older sisters after his mother died when he was 8 years old. They “made sure that the negative peer pressure on the streets of New York City didn’t take me, and [taught me] that hard work will always be rewarded.” At age 18, Morales got a job at Merrill Lynch, processing electronic security and card access for employees. His supervisor told him about job openings in the Columbia security department. He started as a uniformed security officer on the Morningside campus, patrolling residence halls and campus buildings. Since joining Columbia’s Department of Public Safety in 1985, Morales has been a sergeant, a lieutenant, a captain, an assistant manager of crime prevention, and, most recently, the crime prevention manager.

**MEMORABLE MOMENT:** Celebrating President Barack Obama’s inauguration with the campus community in 2009. “There was a lot of excitement in the air. It was great being part of history,” he said. Also, being the first recipient of the Crime Prevention Award, established in 2007 in his honor. The award is given annually to a member of the department who displays outstanding commitment to public safety and to maintaining a safe campus community.

**IN HIS SPARE TIME:** Morales volunteers at the Westside Crime Prevention Program, which promotes mutual respect and understanding between the police and residents of the Upper West Side, with an emphasis on teaching young adults about conflict resolution. A Bronx resident, he has coached Little League for the past 10 years and enjoys mentoring and teaching the players about the sport, life and, yes, crime prevention. “I am a strong believer that crime prevention starts with young kids, and both programs help make a difference in the lives of kids today.” Morales likes to relax with his wife, Bonnie, 15-year-old son Ricky, daughter Carmelita, 12, and two grandchildren by oldest daughter Jessica.

**FAN CLUB:** Ricky brings fresh enthusiasm to his job every single day,” said Vice President for Public Safety James McShane. “He is constantly creating new initiatives and developing new ideas to make our campus safe. He’ll do anything that needs to get done, and he’s good at it. He’s such a public figure around here that he’s become the face of public safety.”

**MORALES’ KEY CRIME TIP:** Always trust your initial feeling. If something seems wrong or suspicious, go with your gut.

**Fond Farewell**

In June 2010, Irma Rodriguez retired from Facilities after 27 years of service. Irma has been the sole custodian of the Casa Italiana building for many years. Francesca Nespoli, Residential Operations Coordinator, once worked at Casa Italiana from 1999 to 2003. She says, “Irma was the gate keeper and the confidant of all the staff. Irma’s dedication and sensitivity went beyond the mission of keeping the space clean. A warm host, Irma welcomed and cherished every one of the people who passed by Casa Italiana. Irma is irreplaceable.”

–Courtesy of The Record

**Share your News!**

If you have questions or comments about this issue and/or would like to submit information (announcements, story ideas, questions, etc.) for the next issue of Off the CUF, please send your submissions to rw2154@columbia.edu
Sights in the Heights

Trying to figure out what to do around campus this summer? There are many sights in Morningside Heights that are just waiting for you to explore. They include:

**Religious/ Spiritual:**
Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine
112th Street and Amsterdam Avenue (one block east of Broadway)
Enter a portal to spirituality and inner peace. Feast your eyes on the grandiose, magnificent, and classic pillars and glass paintings of vivid images from the Bible.

**Historical:**
General Grant National Memorial
West 122 Street and Riverside Drive
Take a trip to the past. Visit the second largest mausoleum in the western hemisphere, honoring Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th President of the United States of America and Civil War commander.

**Recreational:**
Riverside Park Tennis Courts
West 96th Street and Riverside Drive
Practice volleying on ten public red clay tennis courts. For more information call (212) 978-0277 or visit www.rcta.info.

**Food/Dining:**
Tom’s Restaurant
112th St. on Broadway
Eat, drink, and be merry. Owned by the Greek Minasizoulis family since 1950’s, Tom’s incorporates homey food at an affordable price. It's most notable as Jerry and his friends’ ultimate hangout spot in the sitcom, Seinfeld.

Night-Out
The Heights
2867 Broadway, 2nd floor and roof
Hit the town. Enjoy the best frozen drinks/ margaritas and lunch specials. The icing on the cake is the open rooftop during warmer days and nights. For more info call 212-866-7035.

Hope you enjoy your trip to the venues above! Have a great summer!