The construction of the new Campbell Sports Center and the Boathouse Marsh will provide Columbia University student-athletes with state-of-the-art facilities while increasing public access to the waterfront, restoring and extending the area’s native marshland adjacent to Inwood Hill Park, and creating an opportunity for increased educational and recreational activities for the community.

**Project Scope**

The Campbell Sports Center, designed by award-winning local architect Steven Holl, will be a five story, 47,700 square foot facility built on the corner of West 218th Street and Broadway. It will house spaces for football and varsity coaches, strength and conditioning, and meeting and study spaces for student-athletes. The Center will be at minimum LEED Silver certified. Construction is expected to be complete by fall 2012.

The Boathouse Marsh, designed by James Corner Field Operations, lead designers of the High Line, will create new public access and amenities on the waterfront, provide seating and passive recreation areas, restore and extend the area’s native marshland, and extend the educational offerings of Inwood Hill Park by creating an environment for learning about wetlands and living herbarium of the plants species that once flourished in the area. Construction is expected to be complete by fall 2012.

**What to Expect**

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming month:

**Campbell Sports Center**

- On-site mobilization for excavation work to begin the week of July 25th (pending permit approval and issuance.) This work will include the installation of site fencing, delivery of excavation equipment to the site and survey work.
- Partial sidewalk closing along the project site on West 218th Street and Broadway. Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- The main roadway into Baker Field will be closed. Pedestrian traffic into Baker Field will be re-routed to the Class of 1905 Gate near the football stadium
- Regular work hours: 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Please note that certain construction equipment may be delivered during off-hours pending DOT oversize load requirements

More specific information about construction impacts can be found in our weekly construction updates at [http://facilities.columbia.edu/projects](http://facilities.columbia.edu/projects). Please note that construction activities are subject to change based on field conditions. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these projects.
Recent News

Young Latina Gets Full Ride Scholarship to Columbia

Inwood native Othanya Garcia will attend Columbia University in the fall after winning a full ride scholarship.

Written by Gloria Pazmiño
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It’s graduation season and just like any other typical high school senior, Inwood native Othanya Garcia, 17, has spent the past few days preparing for prom, booking hair and makeup appointments, and coordinating a much anticipated after party.

“I can’t decide which dress I want to wear,” said the senior at Aquinas High School in the Bronx. “I’ve been trying to coordinate the party and looking forward to it for so long, I’m very excited about prom night.”

But Garcia is not quite so typical. Her smile and contagious energy come loud and clear through the telephone. She’s got the spunk of a talented and intelligent teenager and for that, she has started to reap the benefits.

Early this spring, Garcia received the surprise of her life after being awarded a full scholarship to Columbia University where she hopes to pursue a law degree. “The most rewarding thing is always the hardest to accomplish,” says Garcia, with a mature tone beyond her years, and an exactitude that commands attention.

Garcia, born to Dominican parents, has already begun to sharpen her political and community organizing skills serving as president of the Washington Heights and Inwood Youth Council, a leadership organization that works to empower and spring young people into action through workshops and positive support.

“The things we are concerned about are the alarming rate of teen pregnancy and underage drinking in our community,” Garcia said.

The weekly Friday night meetings focus on education, youth, and providing them with a different outlet for socializing, expressing themselves, and making connections beyond the street.

Garcia’s community service resume doesn’t end there. She has also volunteered to with senior citizens at the YM/YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood and served on the Reach Project, an AP Test prep program that takes place on Saturdays where students are encouraged to score high in exchange of financial compensation. Garcia credits her Columbia University scholarship not just on her academic excellence but also her community involvement.

Describing it as a very “emotional and overwhelming time” in her life, Garcia said that getting into college is a dream come true in the face of adversity and unexpected tragedy.

Last year, Garcia lost her mother to cancer.

“I feel like I’ve made this dream come true, I’m living the dream my mother wanted me to have,” said Garcia. “I’ve become more dependent on myself and learned to exploit my full potential.”

“I feel that I’m a step closer to making my small contribution to the world,” she added.

When asked about her advice to fellow classmates and local youth, Garcia said that they must learn to manage their time and be organized, plan ahead, and remain focused.

“College should not be the goal; it should be the result of the hard work we put in through school in order to get there,” she said. “We are the captains of our ship, and we can steer it towards where we want.”

Contact Information

Should you have questions about construction activity, call the Columbia Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222 or e-mail projx@columbia.edu 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also find updated project information and sign-up for our e-mail updates at http://facilities.columbia.edu/projects

For any other community issues, please contact your community liaison, Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President for Government and Community Affairs, at 212-305-6539 or sh533@columbia.edu.