

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

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Week In Review



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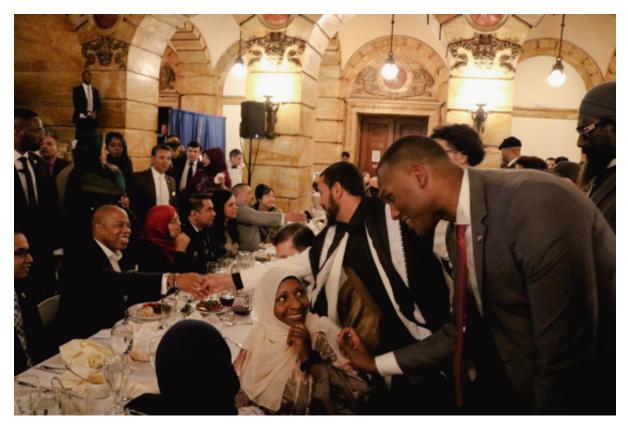
silive.com Three Curtis High School students win prestigious award with full four-year c... The three students will attend Yale, Columbia, and Boston College.

It was a true pleasure to stop by Curtis High School and recognize these students for being the recipients of the Questbridge Scholarship. They are some of the brightest minds that Staten Island has to offer. Immensely proud of them.

Full story here: https://www.silive.com/education/2023/03/three-curtishigh-school-students-win-prestigious-award-with-full-four-year-collegescholarship.html



Took some time this week on Palm Sunday to stop by First Central Baptist Church, Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, The Church of Pentecost USA, Trinity Baptist Church and Reach Out & Touch Ministries. Thank you all for having me.



It was an honor to join the Muslim communities of New York City with Mayor Eric Adams for a Ramadan Iftar this week. The focal point for peace, unity and action is timely now and always.



My staff was happy to stand in solidarity with everyone at 1199SEIU this week calling on the state to support fair pay for our nursing home care workers!



I'm so thankful that my brother and colleague in the State Legislature, Assemblyman Clyde Vanel is here with us after enduring a life threatening situation weeks ago. It was great holding a 'Celebration of

Life' collectively with our colleagues in his honor.



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Wishing a happy, joyous and fulfilling Passover to our Jewish brothers and sisters. Chag Pesach Sameach!



Happy Autism Acceptance Month. I am committed to always working to support every individual with autism and to make sure they have the services and resources they need to thrive in our society.



Please join us on April 20th as we honor and celebrate our first responders from the NYPD and FDNY during our Annual Community Iftar Dinner.





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Please join me, Governor Kathy Hochul, Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Councilman Owusu Anane, Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy for an Iftar Dinner in celebration of the Holy Month of Ramadan on April 17th at the Empire State Convention Center.

Governor Hochul Announces \$2 Million Expansion of CUNY Apprenticeship Offerings

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a \$2 million State investment to add 12 apprenticeship programs at the City University of New York for its associate degrees starting in the Fall 2023 semester, a large expansion of CUNY's offering of for-credit apprenticeships in indemand industries. The additions build on the five existing apprenticeship programs embedded within CUNY associate degree programs in software engineering, consulting, finance, risk management and cybersecurity.

"Apprenticeships are a critical launching pad for good-paying, impactful careers and we're proud to build a robust program for CUNY students," Governor Hochul said. "With this additional \$2 million investment, we're able to expand apprenticeship programs for associate degree programs and open up new opportunities for New Yorkers across the state."

New apprenticeship offerings will launch at <u>all 10 CUNY colleges</u> <u>which offer associate degrees</u>; in addition to the seven <u>CUNY</u> <u>community colleges</u>, two-year degrees are offered at College of Staten Island, Medgar Evers College and New York City College of Technology. Employers hosting the apprenticeships will pay students, and the students will earn nine course credits.

City University of New York Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "Apprenticeships have always been a great path for young people to break into fields, offering them hands-on-work until they were ready to do the work unassisted. Students need experience and connections to the workplace beyond the classroom more than ever so they have clear pathways to careers when their education ends. I'm grateful to Gov. Hochul for investing in our students, and we extend our appreciation to the employers welcoming our students in two-year degree programs to high-demand jobs in their offices as we collaborate to strengthen our workforce."

Students will be placed in companies like JPMorgan Chase, EY, Citi, American Express, Deloitte, AIG, Mastercard and Wells Fargo, which are all part of the New York Jobs CEO Council. The Jobs Council is a <u>coalition</u> of CEOs from some of the city's largest employers with the goal of employing 100,000 low-income and diverse New Yorkers — including 25,000 CUNY students and graduates — by the end of the decade.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said, "As a graduate of CUNY, I know how many opportunities this institution provides to New Yorkers. Apprenticeship programs provide students with real-world skills and experiences that help them develop their interests and puts them on the road to a brighter future. With Governor Hochul's \$2 million investment in CUNY's apprenticeship program, all students, especially our Black and Brown students, will have more opportunity to find good-paying jobs in finance, technology, and other fields."

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "I thank Governor Hochul for continuing to be such a strong supporter of apprenticeships, which are providing New Yorkers with the skills they need to thrive in successful careers. Apprenticeships are a home run for workers, for businesses, and for New York State's economy."

New York Jobs CEO Council Executive Director Kiersten Barnet said, "These programs are game-changing for both students and

employers. Students get work-based learning opportunities that double as direct pathways into competitive entry-level roles. Employers get access to a wider pool of talent that reflects the rich diversity of our city."

Borough of Manhattan Community College Student Benjamin Abraham — who already participated in an apprenticeship at the professional services firm EY — said, "The networking has been super helpful, where we can just approach a person in the halls and ask them about their service lines, about the work that they are doing. Coming into such a big company feels like such a huge mountain to climb, but this has been a smooth experience with a down-to-earth team."

Abraham and his fellow apprentices at EY sit beside program facilitators during the four days of the week that they are on-site. In addition to being placed on specific teams, the apprentices are visited by guest speakers at least once a week; the senior leaders who visit them speak about how they have progressed in their own careers and lecture about their industries.

EY Metro New York Office Managing Partner Alysia Steinmann said, "As a large New York employer, embracing college apprenticeships has been eye-opening, forcing us to challenge our current hiring standards and question why, for certain roles, we have required a four-year college degree. In our rapidly changing world, we must quickly adapt to new technologies, and we should bring this thinking to hiring, too. By expanding our hiring pipeline to include skilled students from CUNY schools, we were able to access a broader and more diverse talent pool that, frankly, has exceeded our expectations."

The expansion will create apprenticeships for hundreds of students. Most of them are in associate of applied science (AAS) degree programs, two-year programs designed to prepare students to directly enter a career after graduation, in comparison to the more foundational associate degree which more traditionally lead students to transfer into a bachelor's degree program.

CUNY has prioritized the expansion of workforce development initiatives for its students and graduates. Such efforts include growing public-private partnerships with a \$16 million investment in the <u>CUNY</u> <u>Inclusive Economy Initiative</u>; training students for financial careers through <u>CUNY Futures in Finance</u>; and placing students in public sector and nonprofit jobs over the summer via <u>CUNY Career</u> <u>Launch</u>. Chancellor Matos Rodríguez currently serves as the co-chair of the City's Future of Workers Task Force, which was charged by Mayor Adams to explore ways to build the workforce, including expanding apprenticeship opportunities.

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