

Sophie Davis Continues to Grow

The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education of the City University of New York Medical School began 30 years ago with the goal of providing medical and health training to minority youths. In the five year program, a traditional undergraduate curriculum is combined with the first two years of medical school. After receiving a B.S. from



Sophie Davis students at work.

CCNY, Sophie Davis students sign a pledge to practice for two years in underprivileged areas when they complete their training. After making this promise, students move on to any one of six medical schools in New York State for the rest of their training. Those schools are: SUNY at Stony Brook, and Syracuse, Albany, New York University, and New York Medical College.

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CCNY President Dr.
Gregory H. Williams.
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Simple Mistake Becomes Happy Accident

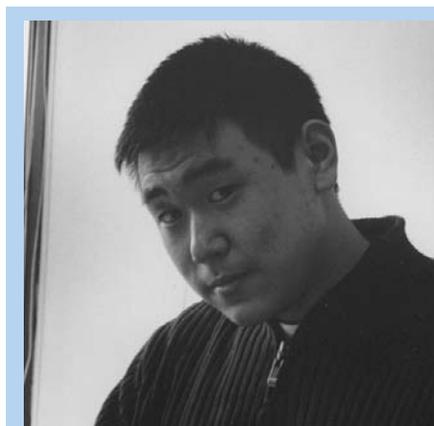
If it weren't for a slight misunderstanding, it almost never would have happened. Former Bronx Science student

David Shiu would never have discovered how much he likes City College. David accidentally applied to the College's Honors Program at the same time that he applied to the Sophie Davis program, mistaking one for the other. He was disappointed when he was rejected by Sophie Davis, but surprised to be accepted into the Honors Program. Considering the burden of future debts from other schools, David turned down Carnegie Mellon, Boston and Cornell Universities, and Brooklyn Polytechnic to study at City College.

At first, it bothered David a bit that his friends were going to Ivy League schools. But he quickly found CCNY to be a second home. Now, the upper junior raves about how friendly and helpful his professors and peers are. Happy with his decision to study at The City College, he declined an opportunity to transfer to Cornell in his first year.

The biology major and pre-med student has been active on campus as treasurer of the Beaver Billiards Club, and is a

Colin Powell Fellow in a program that gives tuition awards to outstanding students with leadership skills. He is also a senator in the student government and has been a member of Project Sunshine, a club that visits children



CCNY Honor's Student David Shiu

Photo by Olga Mikhlina

dren at hospitals once a month.

While at Bronx Science, David was just as active. He was a member of the Ping Pong Club, Arista, and the track and field team. He also took part in the Intel Science Competition.

David's father is a retired chef, and his mother works for a brokerage firm. His younger brother Daren, 14, is currently applying to Bronx Science, which likely pleases his parents. During the dinners that the family share with each other every night, David is sure to have mentioned the wonderful opportunities that Bronx Science and City College have to offer. In the near future, Daren may be the next Shiu family member to attend both schools. And that will be more than just a happy accident.

Bronx Science and the City College: *A Perfect Match*

It was an inevitable combination, as anticipated and satisfactory as the pairing of peanut butter and jelly. Last year, the intellectual legacies of Bronx Science High School and a rejuvenated City College worked together to introduce students to an academically comfortable and beneficial environment as they pursue higher education. Thanks to the well-publicized renaissance of City College, Bronx Science students are becoming aware of all that CCNY has to offer.



Scienceites relaxing between classes.

While public education has suffered much criticism over the past 20 years, in all that time, the Bronx High School of Science has always maintained a high standard of excellence and remained one of the best high schools in the nation, both among private and public schools. For example: how many high schools can say they have alumni who've won the Nobel Prize? How many schools have more than one?

Well, Bronx Science has six; not only more than any other high school in the nation, but more than any other high school in the world! Since Bronx Science's inception in 1938, six of its alumni have gone on to win the Nobel Prize in Physics. Likewise, City College is also the proud alma mater of a number of Nobel Prize winning scientists; eight total alumni have won for their discoveries in fields such as chemistry and physics.

Current Bronx Science and CCNY students are keeping pace with their predecessors. For example, on January 5th of this year, the Intel Corporation announced the semi-finalists of their annual Science Talent Competition. Bronx Science had not just one student on the list, but six! Becoming a Bronx Science student is an achievement in itself. Students who wish to attend Bronx Science must take the Specialized Science High School Admissions Test (SSHSAT). 21,000 students vie annually for the 2,500 slots available at New York City's three science high schools (the other two being Stuyvesant and Brooklyn Technical High School).

City College students are part of a diverse and stimulating academic environment. CCNY has the largest undergraduate research program in all of New York City; it is home to more than 12,000 students, who come from 147 countries, and speak 91 different languages. CCNY students have won numerous awards: just this year, CCNY senior Lev Sviridov won a coveted Rhodes Scholarship. One major reason CCNY is now attracting students of Bronx- Science's caliber is its inspiring faculty. This includes 23 Distinguished Professors, more than any other CUNY school, all of whom have risen to the top of their fields. And students will continue to be led by the example of 53 new full time professors.

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As of 2007, students will also have the option of enrolling in Dartmouth Medical School, located in New Hampshire.

Dartmouth is the country's fourth oldest medical school, and the first Ivy League school to accept Sophie Davis students. "This is a good option for students at both schools" says Dr. David Nierenberg, Dartmouth's Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education. "It's a great opportunity for DMS to have this infusion of talented and diverse students transferring into the third year to enrich our student body. It broadens DMS as a school."

Only 18% of applicants are accepted into the Sophie Davis program's small classes. More than 85% of Sophie Davis students complete medical school, compared with 50% of students in pre-med programs of other four year colleges and universities.

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Rush of Bronx-Science Grads Shows Academic Strength at CCNY, President Williams Says

When President Williams begins discussing the academic revival at City College, he can't help but glow with enthusiasm. And with good reason. Contemplating the rapid growth of the CCNY Honors College, City President



“We’ve had a 20% increase in enrollment in the past three years and that’s since we’ve raised our standards. The higher our standards become, the more Honors students want to be here.”

Gregory H. Williams leans back in his chair with evident satisfaction.

Dr. Williams is now starting his fourth year as president of City College. It is clear that the College is moving forward in many ways under his leadership. Even while academic standards are going up, admissions are up substantially - a counterintuitive situation.

“It’s not really surprising,” Dr. Williams explains. “The improving standards are talked



Bronx Science

about, and are bringing in many more applications, especially at the higher end. The freshman students tell their friends in high school. It’s one of these situations where success really does breed success.

“Our School of Engineering, School of Architecture, and Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education have excellent reputations. A student recently transferred from Harvard to the biomedical education program.

“Look at the faculty we’ve recruited. Look at the students we’re bringing in. This is not smoke and mirrors. It’s solid achievement.”

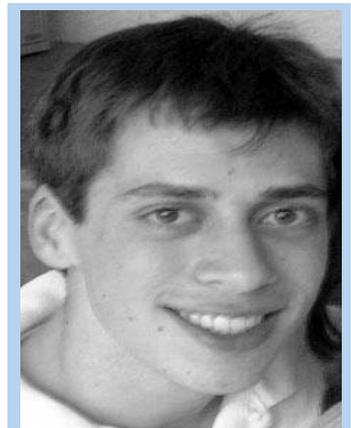


CCNY's Shepard Hall

Potential Beavers Ready to Build Their Future

Pharmacy. Theatre Arts. Architecture. Writing. Aviation. Culinary Arts. Six distinct fields that require a particular set of skills and talents; but some of the current applicants to the CCNY Honors program want to tackle all of them. In addition to building their own houses and theaters.

“Two long term dreams of mine are to own (perhaps even build) my own theater and to become a pilot,” says current Bronx Science senior Thomas Colicino. “Through my experiences at Bronx Science, I’ve found a love for theater and writing.”



Senior Thomas Colicino

The kinds of diverse interests and talents mentioned above are a testament to the kind of student that the Bronx Science-CCNY Scholarship Project is attracting.

“My top choices for studying in college are Pharmacy and Architecture. Totally different, but they both seem enjoyable as a career,” says Michelle Yun. Like many students, Michelle is concerned about the financial burdens that a college education can place on a person. Because of this, she wants to at least remain in the state. Like her fellow applicant

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Newest Mascot Leaner, Meaner Still a Beaver!



On Thursday, September 2, 2004 CCNY President

Gregory H. Williams unveiled a new, hip and wily symbol for the resurgent athletic program. The new mascot has a ferocity and tenacity that should make CCNY's rivals cringe.

"It's very hip, very 21st Century and, we feel, the nicest looking logo in the CUNY Conference," said Robert Coleman, CCNY's Athletic Director.

The new mascot's unveiling coincides with the return of baseball to CCNY eight years after the program was discontinued for lack of funds.

The team's home field will be Roberto Clemente State Park in the Bronx. Games begin in March!

Play Ball!

A Perfect Match

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They include: a Grammy Award winning jazz bassist, a patent holding research chemist who is also a member of the National Research Council, and a renowned architect who won the 2003 Rome prize from the American Academy in Rome.

The legacy and rejuvenation of City College has attracted luminaries from all walks of life. Among those who have visited CCNY in the recent past are: former president Bill Clinton, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell, and Bill Cosby.

All of this shows why the partnership of CCNY and Bronx-Science is such a natural fit. The level of education a student receives at CCNY is equal to most Ivy League and private schools, and in some cases even surpasses them. And the partnership between the two schools will help both remain at the forefront of education for years to come.

Building the Future

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Thomas, she is also interested in building.

"I want to build my own home for my family," Michelle says, certainly something her architecture studies would help out with. She says that afterwards, she's possibly interested in attending a culinary school. With this kind of ambition and know how, Michelle might certainly fall into the classic category, "Jack of all trades."

"This might be a bit too much for a person to accomplish in a lifetime," jokes Michelle. But when you consider the accomplishments of past Bronx Science students, both Michelle and Thomas can achieve their diverse dreams with perseverance and industriousness. Those traits, along with the desire to control your own environment (build a house, build a theater) bring to mind the symbolic qualities which are often associated with CCNY's mascot, Benny Beaver.

Coincidence? We'll let you be the judge of that.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

PLEASE CHECK

- I'd like to attend an event at City College.
- I'd like to visit and tour Bronx Science.
- I may be able to host an event at my home.
- I am interested in being a mentor for a Project Scholar.
- I've enclosed my check payable to:
The City College Fund/Bronx-Science.

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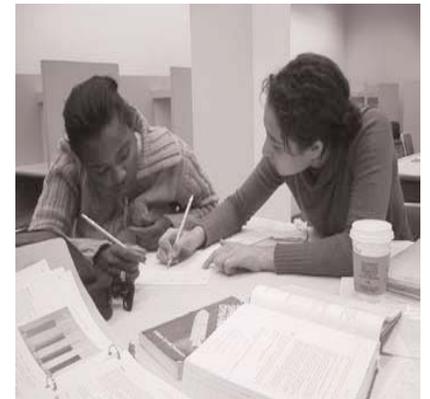
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