



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

February 21, 2020

Updates from Albany

New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus Conference

Staten Island was well represented at the 49th New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Legislative Conference! As the first representative from Staten Island to join the NYS BPHA Legislative Caucus, it was truly my honor to co-sponsor the 2020 Youth Summit. I was able to host over one hundred Staten Island youth at the summit, including participants of the North Shore Youth Assembly through my joint initiative with UAU, representatives from New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID), members of the Staten Island NAACP Youth Council, La Colmena and the NYS My Brother's Keeper initiative. The goal of this year's summit was to educate our youth on important issues facing them in today's world - including the 2020 Census- and to empower them with tools and confidence to get civically engaged.

Along with the Youth Summit, it was wonderful to host Method Man and Redman for a 'Shaolin Night' concert. I want to extend a special thank you to Speaker Heastie and Caucus Chair, Assemblywoman Latrice Walker for their assistance in supporting this event. I look forward to the opportunity to host more youth and facilitate more Staten Island participation at the 50th BPHA Legislative Conference.





District 61 News

Celebrating Black History Month

Senator Diane Savino and I are hosting a Black History Month celebration, recognizing black movers and shakers in the community. **Join us next Saturday, February 29 from 3-5pm at Reach Out & Touch Ministries, 51 Cottage Place.** All are welcome to attend. **Contact my district office at 718-442-9932 or email Agosas@nyassembly.gov to RSVP!**

Assemblyman
Charles D. Fall
and
Senator **Diane Savino**

Celebrate
Black History
in the Making:
Recognizing Black Movers
and Shakers on Staten Island

Saturday,
February 29, 2020
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Reach Out & Touch
Ministries
51 Cottage Place
Staten Island, NY 10302

Join us for
an uplifting
afternoon of food,
community and
entertainment
as we honor
community
leaders,
entrepreneurs
and advocates.

*This event is free and
open to the public.*

For more information on this or any community concern,
or to RSVP contact the office of
Assemblyman Fall at 718-442-9932
or **Senator Savino at 718-727-9406.**

The Staten Island Hunger Task Force Legislative Breakfast

The Staten Island Hunger Task Force held its 9th Anti-Hunger legislative breakfast to bring awareness to the thousands of food-insecure families on Staten Island and growing concerns of cuts to SNAP benefits. The Staten Island Hunger Task Force advocates for the needs of food-insecure families and individuals, as well as not-for-profit emergency feeding programs to meet all hunger needs on Staten Island. We must work together to advocate for the resources needed to ensure that no Staten Island resident goes hungry while also creating easier access to healthy food options.

Click here to locate a food pantry or soup kitchen in your area.

Representatives from the NYC Census were also in attendance to speak on the critical importance of filling out the 2020 census. The US Census has direct ties to funding opportunities for free school lunch programs, improvements to hospital resources, health care programs and much more; all of which affect our quality of life on Staten Island. Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive an invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. **Click here to receive census updates from the United States Census Bureau.**



Scholarships, Internships, and Career Opportunities

- **Applications for the National Council of Negro Women- Staten Island, High School Achievers Award are open!** NCNW-SI is seeking high school students, grades 9-12, with a history of community involvement and academic achievement to apply. **Applications are due by March 1. [Click here to download an application](#) or contact Dr. Janet Leslie at 917-692-3000.**
- **The office of Comptroller Scott Stringer is accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Internship Program!** This is a paid, 9-week program (June 8th to August 6th) and it is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. **[Interested applicants should click here to apply!](#) The application will close on March 6th.**

 OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER



2020
Summer Internship Program

The Office of the New York City Comptroller will accept applications for 2020 summer internships for its various bureaus from January 2 - March 6, 2020.

Interns participate in hands-on departmental projects as well as an enrichment program that includes networking opportunities, professional development programming, and community service activities.

QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program for the Fall 2020 semester.
Successful candidates will have excellent communication and research skills and relevant education and experience.

COMPENSATION
Undergraduate interns will receive an hourly salary in the range \$15.50 - \$18.50, based on college year level.
Graduate and Law students will receive an hourly salary in the range \$19 - \$22.50, also based on year of study.

PROGRAM TERM
Program term is 9 weeks, from June 8 to August 6, 2020.
Interns work 28 hours a week on a Monday - Thursday schedule.
Application period opens from January 2 - March 6, 2020.

[To Apply, visit <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program>](https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program)

- **The Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) is offering a People's Memorial College Scholarship** to support first-time college students with their career path by offering a monetary incentive to cover qualified college expenses such as partial tuition, school books, school equipment, and relocation expenses. **The People's Memorial College Scholarship awards two prizes of \$1,000.** This scholarship application is open to members and non-members of LES People's FCU. **Applications must be submitted no later than March 31, 2020 at 4pm. Completed applications can also be submitted via email to aportada@lespfcu.org. [Click here to download an application!](#)**
- **Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union is also seeking a Media Communication and Outreach Associate.** LESPCU is a non-profit financial cooperative organized in 1986 that promotes economic justice and opportunity in NYC neighborhoods, including the North Shore of Staten Island. **[Click here to learn more about this job opportunity!](#)**



Community Resources

- The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs advises NYC residents to **call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge"** if you have any questions or concerns about how the 'public charge rule' may impact you. **Click here to stay informed on all Public Charge updates.**

Concerned About Public Benefits & Immigration?

 **Don't stop using public benefits unnecessarily.** Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge" if you have any questions or concerns about how the rule might impact you.

 **It is important to know:**

- The "public charge" rule does not change eligibility requirements for public benefits.
- The "public charge" rule does not affect everyone. There is no "public charge" test for green card holders who apply for citizenship.
- Free legal help is available. If you have questions or concerns, consult a free, safe immigration legal service provider. **Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge."**
- If you are sponsoring a family member abroad, or will be travelling abroad to apply for a green card or visa, call ActionNYC for free, safe immigration legal services to understand how "public charge" might impact you.
- The City will keep fighting to stop the "public charge" rule. **Stay up to date at NYC.gov/PublicCharge.**

- **Every Saturday from 5pm to 9pm H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths** hosts free soccer lessons for youth ages 8-18 years old at **I.S. 49 at 101 Warren Street. Please contact Heather Butts at 347-489-3060.**



- All spring, Staten Island residents can **receive up to ten 40 lb. bags of free compost** from the **NYC Department of Sanitation Staten Island Compost Facility**. Advanced registration is required. Registration links will be posted to DSNY'S 'Get Compost' page one month prior to each event. **[Click here to register!](#)**
- Apply now for the **NYPD Citizens Police Academy**. The Citizens Police Academy was established to provide members of the community with a background and understanding of NYPD policies and activities, as well as the structure and limit of police power. This is a 10-week program that runs week, at the NYC police academy in Queens starting on March 16th. The NYPD transports candidates to and from the academy, meeting at the 121st precinct. **Apply by today, February 21 by contacting Community Affairs Officers P.O. Jacobson or P.O. Sibal at (718) 697-8777.**
- **NYC Service** is hosting its inaugural **NYC Mayoral Service Recognition Awards**. The Awards will honor organizations, businesses, and individuals who have dedicated themselves to service in 2019 and are creative thinkers leading their communities in strengthening NYC with people power. **Nominations are accepted until February 28**, in the following categories:
 - Partnership Impact Award
 - Community Impact Award
 - AmeriCorps Alum Impact Award
 - Youth Impact Award**[Click here to learn more and submit a nomination!](#)**
- **Beginning on March 1, 2020, a new bag waste reduction law will take effect in New York State.** All plastic carryout bags (with limited exceptions) will be banned from distribution by anyone/business required to collect New York State sales tax. In NYC all businesses covered by the ban will be able to charge a \$0.05 fee on paper bags. I encourage shoppers to BYOBag- Bring Your Own Bag to avoid any frustrations and help the health of our communities by reducing our plastic use. **With the help of NYC Sanitation, my office will provide free reusable bags that will help you avoid fees while shopping and support the effort to reduce waste!**
[Click here to learn more about the Bag Waste Reduction Law.](#)

Community Events

- **The Staten Island NAACP Youth Council** is inviting all youth to join them for their **Black History Month Open Mic/Freestyle Lyrical Slam on Saturday, February 22 from 3pm to 6pm at 208 Bay Street**. Join them in celebrating 111 years of the NAACP!

Saturday
February 22, 2020
3pm to 6pm
Everything Goes Café
208 Bay Street, Staten Island

- ❖ Celebrating 111 years of the NAACP
- ❖ Voters Registration!
- ❖ Brief General Meeting!
- ❖ Intro of our youth warriors!
- ❖ Community service hours available!

CALLING ALL YOUTH!
EXPRESS YOURSELF AT OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPEN MIC/FREESTYLE LYRICAL SLAM! OR IF JUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY... SPIT IT ON THE MIC!

NAACP
STATEN ISLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

- **CUNY Citizenship Now** is hosting a free **'Know Your Rights When You Encounter ICE'** event on **Monday, February 24 from 1pm- 3pm at the YMCA of Greater New York, 285 Vanderbilt Avenue**. An attorney from CUNY Citizenship Now will be present to answer questions and provide information on where residents may find free immigration legal services. **Call 646-664-9400 to save your spot, registration is required to attend.**



Know your rights when you encounter ICE

Monday, February 24, 2020, 1:00-3:00 pm

Call 646-664-9400 by February 20, 2020 to save your spot.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

This is a free event.

YMCA of Greater New York
285 Vanderbilt Avenue
Staten Island, N.Y. 10304

For directions, call the MTA: 718-330-1234

Find out more about CUNY Citizenship Now! at cuny.edu/citizenshipnow

Join our mailing list, text **CitizenshipNow** to: **22828***
*Message and data rates may apply

A seminar to learn about your rights when you encounter officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). An attorney from CUNY Citizenship Now! will discuss:

- What to do if you encounter ICE at home, at work, or on the street
- Developing a family emergency plan

The attorney will be available to answer questions and will also distribute a list of our centers' locations for those who need free immigration legal services.



cuny.edu/citizenshipnow [facebook.com/citizenshipnow](https://www.facebook.com/citizenshipnow) [@CUNYCitizenship](https://twitter.com/CUNYCitizenship) [instagram.com/citizenshipnow](https://www.instagram.com/citizenshipnow)

- **Richmond University Medical Center** will be hosting **Breast Cancer Screening Day** for members of the **United Federation of Teachers (UFT)** on **February 22 and February 29 from 8am to 2pm**. Please call **(718) 818-1161 to set up an appointment**. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. No matter your family history, it is important to get screened today!

BREAST CANCER SCREENING DAY
 Exclusively for the
 United Federation of
 Teachers Welfare Fund




**3D
 MAMMOGRAMS**

How To Prepare:

- Obtain your prior mammogram images. If you are unable to, we can assist when you come in for your appointment.
- Have a referral, or the name of your physician to receive your results.
- Refrain from wearing deodorant, lotions, and perfume.

February 22 & 29 | 8am - 2pm | 1161 Victory Blvd.

*Copayments are waived for all NYC health plans.

For appointments
 please call
 (718) 818-1161



Rachel Anne DeFalco
 Chief Breast Surgeon
 Breast Center - Surgery



Michael D'Amico, M.D., F.A.C.S.
 Director of Breast Imaging
 and Biopsy
 Breast Center - Imaging




Dana Hayes, M.D., M.A.S.C.
 Breast and General Radiologist
 Breast Center - Imaging

Richmond University
 Medical Center
 Breast and Women's Center


- On Thursday, February 27, members of the African American community and the JCC Beacon Program at I.S. 49 will host a Black History Month Celebration for Unsung Community Service Leaders to shine a light on the work of change-makers in Staten Island. The event will take place at I.S. 49, 101 Warren Street from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. All are welcome to attend! Contact Dorcas Meyers at 917-406-7736 or email ran@rocanatural.com for more information or to learn how you can participate.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
 Celebrating Unsung
 Community Leaders
 Making A Difference


Hostess of Ceremony
 Professor Debbie Ann Paig
 Public Education Professional Development




Jack Johnson
 Community Service Award



Robert Perkins
 Regional Manager / Supervisor
 Edge Foundation
 Outstanding Service
 Outstanding Advocacy



Elijah Scott-Pyle
 President N.A.A.P. Youth Council
 Outstanding Service
 Outstanding Attitude



ERaye Means
 Owner / Designer of
 Magenta Element
 Outstanding Service
 Outstanding Attitude

Hosted by and in Collaboration with
 The African American Community and JCC Beacon Program at I.S. 49
 Thursday, February 27th, 2020
 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 Admission Free
 VIRT AND SHOP AT OUR BEACON AFRICAN MARKETPLACE
 MUSIC BY DJ ERIC HIGGS

For more information contact Dorcas Meyers at 917.406.7736 or email: ran@rocanatural.com

- Richmond University Medical Center will host their monthly lunch and learn event on Thursday, February 27 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at 355 Bard Avenue in the Sipp auditorium. Medical practitioners will be in

attendance to discuss advances in joint replacement. **RSVP to Kadeogun@rumcsi.org or call 718-818-2040.**

Lunch and Learn
Current Advances in Joint Replacement



Featuring RUMC's
New Orthopedic Surgeon
Dr. Mikhail Khaimov
Residency at Northwell Health Plainview Hospital
Fellowship Northwell Health Lenox Hill
Hospital- Trained in adult reconstruction
and joint replacement.



Thursday, February 27, 2020 • 11:30am-1:00pm
Light lunch served at 11:30am followed by the seminar at 12:00pm
Sipp Auditorium
355 Bard Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310
Can't attend? Watch live on our Facebook page:
[facebook.com/RichmondUniversityMedicalCenter](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondUniversityMedicalCenter)
Limited Free Valet Parking
RSVP to kadeogun@rumcsi.org or 718.818.2040

355 BARD AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10310
844-934-CARE | WWW.RUMCSI.ORG

Richmond University
Medical Center

- **The Staten Island Family Justice Center will offer an Overdose Prevention Training** facilitated by **Planned Parenthood on Friday, February 28 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at 126 Stuyvesant Place.** Participants will learn how and when to administer Naloxone, an antidote that can reverse the fatal effects of an opioid overdose and potentially save a life. All participants will receive a free Naloxone kit after completing the training. **[Click here to register.](#)**
- **On Thursday, March 12 the NYPD will host an Active Shooter Training at the Christian Pentecostal Church, 1020 Targee Street. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the training to begin at 7pm.** The primary focus of this presentation is to teach community members how to identify potential threats and tips for improving security within a facility. The NYPD strongly encourages representatives from all houses of worship, sensitive locations and publicly accessible facilities to attend this training. **For more information and to RSVP email PBSI@nypd.org or call (718) 667-2219.**
- North Shore residents are invited to the second **Downtown Revitalization Initiative Community Open House** scheduled for **Thursday, March 12 from 5pm to 7pm at 55 Richmond Terrace, in the Empire Outlets VIP Suite on level 3.** Come learn about the DRI process and provide opinions on the proposed projects. Free parking is available to those who **RSVP by Wednesday, March 11 at Info@jmtmedia.nyc.**



Sincerely,

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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