

Dear Colleagues:

As we well know, every experience at college impacts our students' satisfaction and success. From the day they register for classes, to their first interaction with a faculty member, to their first student leadership conference, to their first visit to the career center to explore career options, their encounters with staff, faculty, and other students from all areas of campus affect the quality of their higher learning.

Students do not learn in silos. Therefore, we cannot work in silos. The need for productive collaboration among Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and other areas within institutions of higher education has become a prominent theme in our profession. Student success requires a holistic approach by those of us who create and implement the policies and practices that shape our students' college experiences.

That approach is reflected in the theme of the 2008 CUNY Student Development and Enrollment Management Conference: "We've Got CLASS: **Collaborations for Leadership, Achievement, and Student Success.**" This year's conference, at York College on Friday, May 2, 2008 focuses on the leadership role that we must take in forging partnerships with our colleagues across divisions and disciplines. The conference offers an excellent opportunity to learn about best practices within our colleges that are facilitating student achievement and success.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Thank you,

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