

York College Foundation Board
Academic Affairs Report
Academic Year 19-20

The division of Academic Affairs would like to welcome the Board and provide a status update as we begin the new academic year 2019-2020.

The first day of classes for the Fall 2019 term was August 27, 2019'. York college students and full time and adjunct faculty returned from their summer activities. The usual preparatory training and orientation workshops took place for faculty (adjunct, chairs) with approximately one hundred adjunct faculty attending and all the department chairs. New students received an orientation workshop on August 14, 2019. More than 700 new and transfer students, their families and friends visited the campus and participated in the workshops. The division of student development planned, organized and hosted the orientation with great success.

The Summer Research Programs for undergraduate and high school students were completed with poster presentations on August 8, 2019. More than 60 high school and undergraduate students participated. In addition, more than 100 high school students participated in robotics academy organized by Dr. J. T. Amenyio. The summer research program and robotics academy are externally funded by the US DOE. Student researchers were mentored by York College faculty members and presented their work on August 8 at the conclusion of the program. Other students participated in summer internship programs at the NYC DEP, or in other countries (Greece, Moldova, Brazil, France) through the study abroad program and college support. More than 100 students participated in study abroad activities through York and CUNY programs. York students visited and studied in India, New Zealand, Greece, Moldova, and many others.

While the college has accomplished this successful outcome, activities and operations put in motion continued to sustain and support process and procedural successes.

- a) In addition to the two MS programs launched in Fall 2016 (MS in Physician Assistant Studies and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences), MS in Social Work 2018 York has launched the Clinical Trials Management program 2019. The Aviation management program has been registered by the NYSED will be launched in the coming terms.
- b) The MS in Nursing Education program is pending NYSED approval. York will be recruiting students to launch the MS in Nursing Education (after state registration).
- c) Academic departments completed faculty searches to appoint 12 new faculty in the academic ranks in the departments of Accounting and Finance, Biology, Chemistry,

Health Professions, Nursing, Health and Human Performance, Social Work, Teacher Education.

- d) President M. V. Keizs stepped down as president after 14.5 years of service on August 31, 2019.
- e) Dr. B. Johnson Eanes was appointed interim president by the CUNY chancellor and BOT effective September 1, 2019.
- f) In collaboration with student development and spearheaded by the advisement center York college with external funding has expanded its extended orientation workshop for all new first year first time and transfer students.
- g) After a year of in depth faculty, student and community engagement York College prepared and submitted on March 1, 2019 the required monitoring report to the MSCHE. The report was followed by a small team visit. The small team reported back to MSCHE. At its June 2019 meeting the Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaffirmed the college's accreditation and it was removed from the warning list having met and exceeded standard V and requirements of affiliation 8 and 10 (pertaining to assessment). York College will submit a second monitoring report on March 1, 2020 without the need for team visit. York college continues the work that started on June 2018 establishing a culture of assessment and best practices.
- h) The College calendar of activities has been growing and major events are planned during the academic year. During the fall term faculty seminars are scheduled as well as the Arts and Science exhibition day in December and lectures and scholarly activities by individual departments and programs.
- i) The official start of the academic year will be on Thursday September 12, 12pm with the College Convocation taking place in the Health and Physical Education complex.