MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Students,

As we conclude the spring semester, it is essential to pause and reflect upon all that you have accomplished during the 2015-2016 academic year. So many of you have been involved in making NYUSPS an educational community where students from all walks of life and every corner of the globe can learn together, build lifelong relationships, and truly make a difference.

This year, students were more engaged than ever before. Part of the WeAreSPS campaign (see page 2), Spirit Week was a smashing success and created a sense of excitement and pride that ignited NYUSPS with positive energy. Each day was packed with new ways to get involved. I had the pleasure of running alongside many of you during the NYUSPS Finish Line 5K and was deeply impressed by your dedication to participate in a race that would ultimately help to fund the education of those who require monetary assistance in completing their degrees.

Global Village, which was part of Spirit Week and Global Village 2.0 (see page 4), which occurred this spring, were wonderful events that provided the opportunity for members of our student body to celebrate the diversity of their classmates. The colors, sights, and scents of the day transformed our lobby at 7 East 12th Street into a cultural melting pot of good will.

This was the inaugural year for the Graduate Dean’s Scholars (see page 3)—a group of incredibly dedicated students who were recognized for their community service and academic achievement. I’ve had the privilege of getting to know them and of working with them on numerous projects and initiatives, one being the newly created Discover Program. Modeled on the recently launched Aspire Program, a college preparatory immersion program for students in underrepresented communities in the New York metropolitan area, Discover expands the reach of this opportunity to students across the country.

As the academic year closes, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of our student government leaders for their outstanding service. To those of you who are graduating, I offer heartfelt congratulations and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. I hope you all enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you again in the fall as continuing students or as new alumni.

Dennis Di Lorenzo
Harvey J. Stedman Dean
NYU School of Professional Studies

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Spring is in the air, the trees are in bloom, and the NYUSPS Office of Student Affairs is busy wrapping up the semester. We’ve had a wonderful Spring 2016! Our student councils and clubs have held informative panel discussions that have allowed participants to expand their networks; community service events that have made a difference; and fun social events—including our end-of-the-year Spring Gala—during which students mixed, mingled, and let loose! In April we held our Global Village 2.0 event (see page 4), which was a testament to the diversity we all enjoy at NYUSPS. We began our diversity and inclusion campaign this semester, an important project that will continue through Fall 2016 and beyond. And there is much more ahead!

During the upcoming Convocation ceremonies (see page 9), we will bid farewell to those students who are moving on with their professional careers. It’s a bittersweet occasion, but there are so many ways to remain involved in the NYUSPS community. The School’s 30,000 alumni live and work across the nation and around the globe. They enjoy the networking opportunities and the camaraderie of events held at the program level, as well as at the School level, on a local, national, and international scope. We encourage all of our alumni to stay in touch. The Office of Student Affairs is here to ensure that your experience during your time at NYUSPS and beyond is positive, rewarding, and memorable.

Enjoy the rest of the semester and here’s to a happy and productive summer!

Anna Condoulis
Associate Dean
NYU School of Professional Studies
Student Affairs, Alumni Relations, and Events
WE ARE SPS!

The WeAreSPS campaign, which was created by the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils last year to highlight and celebrate the diversity of the NYUSPS community, continues to generate an unprecedented level of energy and enthusiasm. The campaign culminated in Spirit Week, November 16–22, a week-long series of events produced with the assistance of the Office of Student Affairs. Each day featured a special activity: a school-wide group photo in Washington Square Park; the International Club’s Global Village, featuring the foods and cultures of other countries; Professional Day with LinkedIn workshops; and a community service project for the New York City Rescue Mission. Several events were so successful that they are set to become beloved annual traditions. Global Village 2.0, the spring semester version of the above mentioned fall event, was held on April 8 and was double the size of the November festivities. Spirit Week for the 2016–2017 academic year is scheduled for the week of October 24–30, 2016. Be sure to save the date for the Second Annual Finish Line 5K, which will occur on October 30!

Spirit Day
On the first day of Spirit Week, students, faculty members, and administrators gathered at the Washington Square Arch to show their school spirit.

Community Service Day
As part of Spirit Week, students put together hygiene kits as part of a community service project that aided the New York City Rescue Mission.

Unity Day
Students joined together at 7 East 12th Street and presented the dean with a time capsule that was assembled by the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils.

Finish Line 5K
In November 2015, students, alumni, faculty members, and administrators took part in the NYUSPS Finish Line 5K, a run along the Hudson that helped to raise funds for NYUSPS scholarships.
Reflections from NYUSPS Students

Rene Rismondo
BS in Sports Management, NYUSPS Tisch Institute for Sports Management, Media, and Business

What did Spirit Week mean to you?
Spirit Week meant so much because it finally felt as if we were all united, and we were establishing a tradition together in what seems like such a nontraditional university environment. It was great to hear NYUSPS mentioned throughout the University. So many students don’t know what NYUSPS is and the opportunities it offers, but after such a successful Spirit Week, they sure do now.

What surprises if any did you have?
We are nearing the end of the spring semester, and I still see so many students wearing their purple NYUSPS Spirit Week shirts around campus, posting photos on social media, and reminiscing in the classrooms. What started as a hashtag has taken on a new meaning. I refer to the people with whom I shared this great week as a part of my #WeAreSPS family, and that has had such a lasting impact on me.

Why should we do this again?
It was such a success that it only makes sense to do it again! Our first Spirit Week was so much fun and so memorable, I cannot wait to see what unfolds for next year’s. There were activities for everyone to involved.

Leigh West
BS in Real Estate, NYUSPS Schack Institute of Real Estate

What did Spirit Week mean to you?
It was a way to come together and unite in being NYUSPS students. Community Day especially meant a lot to me because it was a chance for NYUSPS students to give back to the community.

What surprises if any did you have?
I was really surprised to see how quickly the #WeAreSPS took off from the start of Spirit Week. There is a ton of school pride as well as NYU pride within NYUSPS.

Why should we do this again?
It’s a good way to build relationships and to build pride in being an NYUSPS student.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE INAUGURAL GRADUATE DEAN’S SCHOLARS GROUP

Being selected as a Graduate Dean’s Scholar involved a rigorous application process through which participating students were required to demonstrate leadership, persistence, proactivity, and involvement with the School. A few weeks after the process was completed, we were thrilled and honored to be notified that we had been chosen to take part in this amazing program.

As Dean’s Scholars, we’ve had the privilege of working closely with Dean Di Lorenzo and with his chief of staff, Fiona Jaramillo, as well as with other scholars and faculty members. Additionally, the fact that we all come from different countries and backgrounds has made this program even more appealing and interesting. By sharing our personal stories and experiences, we have created a unique bond and invaluable friendships.

Being a Dean’s Scholar has meant serving as a role model to our fellow students, participating in numerous committees and brainstorming sessions, opening up and sharing our experience at NYUSPS with prospective students, collaborating with our community by creating the Discover Program, and—above all—working hard to demonstrate that we were the right body of students for this program.

The newly created Discover Program is a college preparatory immersion program for high school students from underrepresented communities across the United States. Our goal for this program is to have a lasting effect on high school students from across the country in an effort to facilitate and support their path to college access. In order to do so, among other initiatives, we created a fundraising program, through which NYUSPS apparel was sold online and the net profits were used for the benefit of the program.

We feel honored and humbled to have been chosen as the inaugural Graduate Dean’s Scholars group. Meeting individuals who have diverse personal and professional backgrounds has helped us to become better students and well-rounded people. We are truly proud to know that the work we’ve done will have a lasting impact on NYUSPS and the community.
EXPLORING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT NYUSPS

Diversity is an important topic that is at the very forefront of conversations taking place on college campuses nationwide. At NYU it has been the driving force behind significant new initiatives and the impetus for NYUSPS to reaffirm and reevaluate diversity and inclusion within the School.

In November 2015, NYU held a Town Hall listening event during which students from across the University were invited to share their experiences, concerns, and expectations. Their observations were passionate, articulate, and deeply moving. View the event at events.nyu.edu/#event_id/85977/view/event.

A significant outcome of that meeting was the formation of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Task Force, which is dedicated to “advancing the University’s efforts to embrace its diversity and promote a culture of inclusion for all NYU students, faculty and staff members, and administrators.” For more information on the Task Force, visit bit.ly/1WKVcfX.

Students who are interested in the topic also can visit the University’s comprehensive website on student diversity at nyu.edu/student-diversity, where they can read about the crucial role played by The Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, as well as the NYU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Student Center, led by Monroe France, assistant vice president for Student Diversity at NYU.

At NYUSPS, acceptance, inclusiveness, and respect are the hallmarks of embracing diversity. We understand that individuals are unique beings, celebrating their differences and similarities through a spectrum of defining influences such as race, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, age, religion, beliefs, and backgrounds. Members of our community strive to create a safe, welcoming, and tolerant environment in which each person can thrive and be valued, appreciated, and recognized.

“Our core mission is to provide students with opportunity and access to a rigorous, quality education that might otherwise be unavailable to them,” said Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo. “In essence, diversity and inclusion are the cornerstones of NYUSPS.” In recognition of that commitment, the dean asked that a student-led diversity committee be established. This mandate resulted in the formation of the NYUSPS Student Diversity Committee, which is supported by the Office of Student Affairs.

In November 2015 during the NYUSPS Spirit Week Global Village 2.0, students celebrated the culture, food, and music of countries from around the world. Here they gather at the Southeast Asia table. Photo Credit: ©NYUSPS/Sue Wais
Associate Dean Anna Condoulis remarked, “Working with the Committee has been inspiring. Members are dedicated, insightful, thoughtful, and creative. Addressing concerns that range from protecting student confidentiality to ensuring that the entire NYUSPS student body is being reached, committee members went from classroom to classroom, to ensure that all students were aware of the opportunity to share their experiences—positive and problematic.”

Committee member Michael Caligiuri, secretary of the NYUSPS Undergraduate Student Council, volunteered to serve because, “for me, diversity acknowledges all of the different aspects of culture and life that exist in our society, here at NYU and around the world. I wanted to be part of the Student Diversity Committee to help expand our commitment to the richness of customs and heritage at NYUSPS.”

Information gathered by the Committee will be sorted and categorized to ascertain which issues predominate. The dean also has held faculty roundtables to discuss diversity and inclusion. The findings from students, faculty members, and administrators will form the basis for a series of focus groups, which will explore these issues and begin to find solutions.

At times the topic of diversity may seem to focus solely on what needs to be fixed, but diversity and inclusion also can be joyous and festive. A perfect example of this occurred on April 8, when NYUSPS students held Global Village 2.0—a newly established tradition that was instituted during last fall’s Spirit Week. With representation from almost every program at NYUSPS, the international student body transformed the lobby and mezzanine floors of 7 East 12th Street into a celebration of culture, food, music, and performances from 17 countries. Over 200 students, faculty members, and administrators gathered to witness, partake in, and appreciate the diverse cultural backgrounds that enrich and sustain our community. Some of the countries represented were Bangladesh, Egypt, Peru, the Philippines, and Thailand. “We feel proud of our culture,” said Jay Zhou, president of the International Club and a student volunteer representing China. “We’re excited to be able to share it with the students and faculty members who make up our school.” NYUSPS Graduate Student Council President Jordan Zolan stated that Global Village 2.0 was the perfect opportunity to get to know his peers. “It is incredible how many people from different backgrounds I’ve met…. I will look back and remember this forever.”

The NYUSPS environment is conducive to forming lifelong relationships with fellow students. These ties reach across borders and across time. As of Fall 2015, international students accounted for 38% of the School’s graduate and undergraduate student body, with students hailing from countries around the globe including Brazil, China, India, Nigeria, Taiwan, and Mexico. Domestic students come from 38 US states and one commonwealth.

Carlos Sinde, vice president of the NYUSPS Graduate Student Council, joined the School’s Student Diversity Committee “to gain a better understanding of effective communication methods with my fellow colleagues that include being conscious of their views, values, and how they culturally identify. This is a goal we all share.”

As we continue this campaign, we look forward to hearing from you and how you experience diversity and inclusion. We know that the shared wisdom and knowledge we gain will strengthen NYUSPS, our community, and our mission. If you have any questions or comments, please email spsdiversity@nyu.edu.
NYU PRESIDENT’S SERVICE AWARDS

Each year, students and student organizations that go above and beyond the call of duty to improve the NYU community, our neighborhood, and the world at large, receive the President’s Service Award. The NYUSPS students and organizations listed to the right have made a positive impact by building community, volunteering, and demonstrating civic responsibility. Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients!

Individuals:
Michael J. Gamber (Community Service and Civic Engagement)

Organizations:
All-University Games Committee
Events Committee
Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils
International Club
Society for Human Resource Management NYU Chapter

The School’s Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils were presented with the NYU President’s Service Award for utilizing the successful #WeAreSPS campaign as a rallying point to unite the student body and for creating a video to encourage new students to engage in student organizations.

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(From left to right) Tatiana Ting, Eunice Wong, Isha Kembhavi, and Claudia A De La Guerra accepted the NYU President’s Service Award from NYU President Andrew Hamilton on behalf of the NYUSPS All-University Games Committee, which was recognized for successfully bringing together NYUSPS undergraduate and graduate students in the spirit of competition and enriching the School’s community.

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(From left to right) Students Wei-Chun Ma, Shabaz Singh, Aziza Kaisarbekova, and Jay Zhou were presented with the President’s Service Award by NYU President Andrew Hamilton. As members of the NYUSPS International Club, they were recognized for creating Global Village 2.0, which featured the culture, music, and food of 17 different countries, representing the diversity of the NYUSPS international student population.

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(From left to right) Elizabeth Ildefonso, Annabelle McKenzie, NYU President Andrew Hamilton, Zachary Tranter, and Camille Ake posed together on stage after accepting the President’s Service Award on behalf of the NYUSPS Events Committee, which was recognized for establishing the School’s Spirit Week.

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NYUSPS TISCH INSTITUTE STUDENTS WIN DIAMOND DOLLARS CASE COMPETITION AT SABR ANALYTICS CONFERENCE

A team of students from the NYUSPS Tisch Institute for Sports Management, Media, and Business placed first in the Diamond Dollars Case Competition at the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) Analytics Conference in March 2016. The four-person team, which was escorted by Academic Chair Wayne McDonnell, won the undergraduate division of the competition. The contest involved formulating the makeup of a 2016 bullpen from scratch for any given National League team, focusing on that team’s quality of starting pitching, defense, home ballpark, and division opponents, among other factors.

The NYUSPS team members, all students in the BS in sports management program, were Tyler Ackerson, Cheng-Young An, Nadav Lev Friedmann-Grunstein, and captain Eli Nachmany.

The Diamond Dollars Case Competition is the first national competition of its kind focused on baseball analytics. In two competitions—one for graduate and professional programs and another for undergraduate programs—students from across the country prepare presentations and analyses of the types of operational issues that a team’s general manager and staff confront over the course of a season.

NYUSPS SHRM TEAM WINS 2016 STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

The NYUSPS Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) student team, which was comprised of MS in human resource management and development students Prachi Khanna, Marissa Patton, Cholda Techamani, and Qin Wan, won the Student Case Competition–Central Division in Omaha, Nebraska in April 2016. The team was awarded $2,500, which will go toward funding a trip to the national SHRM conference in Washington, DC this summer.

The SHRM student chapter also was recognized with the NYU President’s Service Award for its dedication to diversity and its work providing a bridge between the classroom and the office and helping NYUSPS students to leverage their degrees and find meaningful work upon graduation.
A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH IZAKI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

The NYUSPS International Student Support Center (ISSC) provides the support and the resources needed by international and multinational students for success. It connects them to internal and external communities that ease their transition to life in New York City and to their studies at NYUSPS.

As an international or multinational student, you will benefit from academic workshops that are offered through the Center, which equip you with the necessary skills to navigate the NYUSPS environment. A tutoring program (see below for details) and a variety of extracurricular activities, including clubs and social events, also are available. I invite you to visit the Center and to become acquainted with all that it has to offer.

I look forward to meeting you and encourage you all to make the most of all of the services we provide at the ISSC. We are here to help you succeed!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Izaki
Assistant Director
International Student Support Center
NYU School of Professional Studies

Office of Student Affairs
TUTORING SESSIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

What is it?
The International Student Support Center (ISSC) provides free, one-on-one support for NYUSPS international students to discuss their writing and language issues. Qualified tutors are on hand to meet with students and to work on improving the quality of their assignments for any NYUSPS degree-related courses. Individual appointments can address a wide range of needs, including grammar and writing; pronunciation concerns; and strategies for success in reading, listening, or speaking. Students are able to reserve one 50-minute session per week or walk in during tutoring hours to check tutor availability. Normal tutoring hours are Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

How do I refer a student?
Faculty members should encourage NYUSPS international students to contact the ISSC for academic support, especially those students who seem to be struggling in class. Students can schedule a tutoring session by calling the Center at 212-992-3208, sending an email to sps.gradtutor@nyu.edu, or dropping by the Center during normal business hours.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
The ISSC is located in the NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd Street, Room 1009.
Phone: 212-992-3208
Email: sps.isssc@nyu.edu
Website: sps.nyu.edu/issc

Please help us ensure our students receive the assistance they need!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016!

Below you will find information about the 2016 NYU Commencement Events.

Convocation for Undergraduate Students
Sunday, May 15, 2016
Grand Hyatt New York
109 East 42nd Street, Park Avenue at Grand Central Terminal
3:00–5:30 p.m.
For more information, visit sps.nyu.edu/convocation

NYU Grad Alley
Commencement Eve Celebration
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Washington Square Area
5:00–8:00 p.m.

NYU 184th Commencement
All NYU Students
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Convocation for Graduate Students
Friday, May 20, 2016
Radio City Music Hall
1260 6th Avenue, between 50th and 51st Streets
3:30–7:00 p.m.
For more information, visit nyu.edu/commencement

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EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

All-University Games

In February 2016, the NYUSPS team—consisting of undergraduate and graduate students—won third place at the 2016 All-University Games, an intramural athletic competition among schools, administration, and faculty teams at NYU.

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Halloween Bash

In October 2015, graduate students spent a spooky night dancing and competing at the Halloween Bash, an event sponsored by the Graduate Student Council.

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Winter Ball

In December 2015, students danced the night away at the Winter Ball, which was held at Marquee New York. The event was cosponsored by the NYUSPS Office of Student Life and the NYUSPS Undergraduate and Graduate Student Councils.

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NYUSPS STUDENTS TRAVELED AROUND THE GLOBE DURING SPRING BREAK

Studying away allows students to gain firsthand experience in their subject area and to apply the skills they are learning in the classroom in a different context and environment. Many NYUSPS graduate students had the opportunity to travel abroad during spring break to countries such as Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Japan, and Mexico in order to engage in field studies, attend conferences, and meet international industry leaders.

The NYUSPS Schack Institute of Real Estate organizes an annual trip to MIPIM, the world’s premier real estate finance conference held every year in Cannes, France. Students attended presentations and lectures and met with local and international developers, investors, and finance professionals, among others.

Students from the NYUSPS Schack Institute of Real Estate learned about new business ventures and opportunities for entrepreneurship during their study tour in Mexico City. They met with leading local banking and real estate development companies, including Fibra Uno, a Mexico-based commercial and industrial real estate investment group.

Students from the Center for Global Affairs conducted a field-based conflict assessment at a UNESCO World Heritage Site—Parque Internacional La Amistad on the border of Panama and Costa Rica. Students attended site visits with a diverse range of stakeholders, including indigenous community members, local NGO leaders, and National Park Rangers.

Students from the NYUSPS Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism traveled to different regions of Cuba as part of the Center’s field intensive on Cuba’s hospitality and tourism industries.

During a six-day trip, students from the Schack Institute of Real Estate visited a number of real estate development projects and financial institutions that are making major investments and sustaining market growth in Tokyo, Japan.
SAVE THE DATE FOR
THE SECOND ANNUAL
SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL
STUDIES 5K RUN

Sunday, October 30, 2016
Hudson River Park, Pier 46
9:00 a.m.

Don’t wait until the fall, start limbering up now! Last year’s 5K was so successful, we’re doing it again! Walk, run, or cheer from the sidelines with other students, faculty members, administrators, friends of NYUSPS—and Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo and family! Be sure to join the fun!

(If you’re inclined to celebrate Halloween a tad early, you might want to start thinking about running in costume.)

Over 300 students, alumni, friends, faculty and staff members, and sponsors participated in the inaugural NYUSPS Finish Line 5K at Hudson River Park Pier 46 in November 2015. The brainchild of Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo, an avid runner, this event raised funds to support scholarships at NYUSPS to help students to complete their education and get off to a running start.

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