

GOCOR, PAHS, and PAPD Engage with Local Community

Representatives from Government and Community Relations (GOCOR), the Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS), and the PAPD recently built connections with Washington Heights community members as they hosted a booth in the Juan Pablo Duarte Foundation's (JPDF) 2024 Festival Del Boulevard. The Port Authority's participation in the event on Saturday, June 1, represented a continuation of the agency's longstanding commitment to supporting community members and local businesses in Washington Heights and throughout the areas we serve.



Caption: Jeffrey Velasquez (GOCOR), Marilyn Feliz (PAHS President), Elizabeth Lopez (PAHS Secretary), PO Idanny Vargas, and PO John-Patrick Natiku

GOCOR and PAHS kept the celebratory energy of the festival going by handing out Port Authority-branded swag while sharing with the community the work the agency

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NBE Supports Local Students with Juneteenth Bake Sale

While the treats the Network of Black Employees (NBE) will be selling at its Juneteenth scholarship fundraising sale will be sweet, even sweeter is the opportunity to support NBE's **Carl Creque Book Scholarship**, which benefits local students. Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 20, when NBE will be selling delicious baked goods and stunning succulents at 4 World Trade Center to honor Carl's memory, celebrate Juneteenth, and support local students in furthering their education so they can become future community leaders.



A previous NBE bake sale

The Carl Creque Book Scholarship was established in 2007 to honor the memory of **Carl Creque**, a 30-year employee of the Port Authority who worked his way up from a toll collector to landside duty manager at JFK Airport. According to Carl's stepson and Port Authority employee **Jamaal Cox**, Carl was known for his courage and commitment to using his voice to stand up for his coworkers and community.

Since its establishment in 2007, the Carl Creque Book Scholarship has aided

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Pillars Awards Nominations Now Open

As announced in a [PA Broadcast](#), the nomination period for the ninth annual [Pillars of the Port Authority Awards](#) is now open!

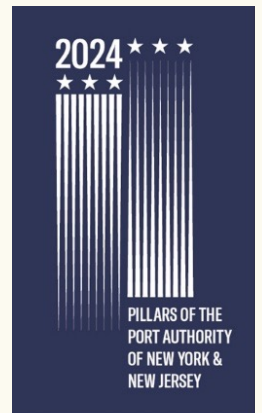
The Pillars Awards were created in 2016 to honor the memory of the colleagues we lost on September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993. The Awards recognize current

employees who embody the following qualities that made our fallen colleagues such valuable members of the Port Authority family:

- Commitment to Public Service
- Industry Expertise
- Strength and Resilience
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Ethics and Integrity
- Civic & Community Engagement

We encourage all employees to consider nominating colleagues

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NBE Supports Local Students

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dozens of standout students in our local communities. The scholarship program exemplifies NBE's continued commitment to community outreach. This year, six students will receive \$1,000 scholarships. **Audrey Dagnachew**, former Scholarships and Fundraising Chairperson of NBE, hopes that the recipients find the scholarship impactful in allowing them to pursue their educational goals.

NBE welcomes you to support this worthy cause by visiting the fundraising sale in-person on the 15th Floor Corridor of 4 WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20. All funds raised will benefit future students through the Carl Creque Book Scholarship. In addition, monetary donations are welcome. [See the flyer](#) to learn more, and for any questions, contact NBE@panynj.gov.

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who embody one or more of the six qualities mentioned above.

To submit a nomination and for more information on eligibility, submission guidelines, and upcoming information sessions, **please visit the [Pillars Nomination webpage](#)**.

All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

WORKING ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Port Authority employees and retirees can take advantage of hundreds of discounts at stores, theaters, theme parks, and more through Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner. Visit www.workingadvantage.com and use the PA Member ID number, 405042634.



Employee Engagement Facility Visits Connect Employees to Resources

Over the past few months, representatives from various agency departments have been visiting Port Authority facilities to connect with employees face-to-face on the issues that matter most to them, ranging from employee benefits to the upcoming launch of an all-new employee portal.



A facility visit at PATC in early June

The facility visit program started in the fall of 2022 after employees expressed a desire to learn more about agencywide initiatives and programs. Since then, hundreds of employees from across agency facilities have learned about the resources available to them and had their questions answered at regularly scheduled engagement events. Employees have also gotten a sneak preview of the new employee portal while [voting on its new name](#).

In recent months, representatives from the Human Resources Department, Employee Communications, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Office of Ethics and Compliance, the Office of the Inspector General, and TEC have connected with employees at events held at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, 2 Montgomery, and the Port Authority Technical Center.

Stay tuned to the Broadcast Express to find out when the Employee Engagement Team will be at your facility. Over the coming weeks, visits are scheduled at several facilities, including at JAMS and JFK Airport. For more information, contact [Becca Rivera](#).

What's Going on at the World Trade Center Campus

From live music and dancing, Cricket World Cup viewing parties, discounted food and drink, and much more, there's something for everyone at the World Trade Center campus this summer.

Looking for a dinner with a view? Wine and dine at [Metropolis by Marcus Samuelsson](#), located inside and on the terrace of PAC NYC. **Save 20% with code "TERRACE"**. You can even enjoy free, live performances at the PAC's [Lobby Stage](#).

Don't forget, also coming up this month at the WTC campus are [Pride Month celebrations](#), live ICC Men's T20 [Cricket World Cup](#) screenings, [Wellness Wednesdays](#) health and fitness activities, as well as the [Greenmarket](#) farmers market and [Smorgasburg](#) food market. Learn more on the [WTC events calendar](#).



3rd Grader Goes to the Beach for Winning PATH Poster Contest

Originally published in [Now Arriving](#), written by Scott Ladd.



This year's poster contest winners, Miriam Rasul, Grayson Best, and Sienna Hyman, each with PATH Deputy Director Sanchita Banerjee-Jimenez and Senior Marketing Analyst Phil Silvestro.

Miriam Rasul loves to draw, can't get enough of the beach, and enjoys riding on PATH — an unbeatable combination that marshalled her creative talents and earned her selection this year as grand prize winner in PATH's annual Hoboken summer poster contest.

Miriam's depiction of a train riding the crest of an ocean wave was the perfect summer illustration, beating out hundreds of other entries across three age categories of Hoboken students. Like the judges who chose her poster, the Wallace Elementary School third-grader knew she had created something special.

"I knew it was good," said the aspiring biologist with a laugh. "I didn't know it was THAT good!"

First held in 2018, the summer poster contest has become a popular annual collaboration between PATH and the Hoboken Public School District. At the celebration in the Hoboken Terminal main waiting room, 25 finalists were recognized for exceptional poster-making. Keep reading in [Now Arriving](#).

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does to keep the region moving. They also educated festival attendees about the wealth of career opportunities available at the Port Authority.

PAPD officers were also in attendance at the festival, where they had meaningful conversations with community members about the important work they do in keeping the region safe, demonstrating PAPD's continued commitment to community engagement. They also shared information about the application process for joining the force for those interested in pursuing a career protecting their community.

The JPDF is a community partner located at the George Washington Bridge Bus Station (GWBBS) and is one of the beneficiaries of the GWBBS Redevelopment program. This year's festival celebrated 25 years of JPDF's service to the local community and in creating opportunities for recent immigrants. The festival took place along St. Nicholas Avenue from 181st through 186th Streets. The streets were filled with local businesses and organizations promoting the services they provide to the community, as well as fun, family-friendly activities including face painters and bouncy houses. The Port Authority's presence at the event allowed for many meaningful interactions with the community throughout the joyous celebration.

CALENDAR

APNG: Monthly Roundtable

Wednesday, June 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Join the Administrative Professionals Networking Group (APNG) for its monthly virtual roundtable discussion. This month's topic is Admin to PM: Navigating the Path to Project Management, where panelists will share valuable insights, challenges faced, strategies for success, and how administrative professionals can seamlessly transition into PM roles. Discover how to leverage your existing skills and expand your career horizons. Members will receive an invitation. Non-members can RSVP to PA_APNG@panynj.gov.

PA PRIDE: NYC Pride March

Sunday, June 30 at noon. Join PA Pride to march together in the annual New York City Pride March. This year marks the first time the agency is marching under its own banner. The general meeting space is 26th St and 5th Ave. Official meeting spot is TBD. [RSVP here.](#)

NBE: 'Grown Woman Talk' Virtual Book Club

Thursdays, through October 3, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Teams. The Network of Black Employees (NBE) invites employees to attend its 'Grown Woman Talk' virtual book club in honor of Women's Health Month. Grown Woman Talk (Your Guide to Getting and Staying Healthy) by Dr. Sharon Malone is available on Amazon. Open to all, [registration is required to participate](#). For more information contact NBE@panynj.gov or **Audrey Dagnachew** at 646-660-5368. Book Club Meetings will not be recorded.

GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

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